

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

May 9, 2022

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Present: Mayor Rusty Nix, Council Member David King, Council Member Lelia Mitchell, Council Member Kenneth Dukes, Council Member Sonya Swords, Council Member Martha Eisenberg. Quorum present.

Work Session called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Nix.

Discussion of New Business Items on Agenda:

Heritage Trace Rezoning Case No. SD22-001 Heritage Trace – Amended Master Plan: CITY OF MONTEVALLO ORDINANCE NO. 05092022-700, An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property From R2 - Special District to the Agricultural - Residential District – First Reading. Discussion Ordinance read by City Clerk Steve Gilbert.

Acceptance of Resolution SD22-006 Gardner Special District- R-2 to SD from the Montevallo Planning and Zoning Commission. Discussion.

Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Montevallo, AL and the Shoal Creek Park Foundation, regarding planned improvements to Shoal Creek Park and the Mahler Home. Herman Lehman and Chuck Kelly gave a presentation regarding Trails and Improvements to Mahler Home Site.

Approval of Shoal Creek Park Foundation Fund Raising Brochure. Discussion during presentation.

Approval of proposed Shoal Creek Park Trail Route Map. Discussion during presentation.

Adoption of Resolution 05092022- 337 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract Agreement with Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. for the purpose of purchasing a Pierce Enforcer PUC Pumper #958 Fire Engine.

Pledge of Allegiance

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6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Present: Mayor Rusty Nix, Council Member David King, Council Member Lelia Mitchell, Council Member Kenneth Dukes, Council Member Sonya Swords, Council Member Martha Eisenberg. Quorum present.

Council Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Rusty Nix. All Council Members present.

Approval and or corrections of the Minutes: 4.25.22 – Motion by Council Member Dukes, second by Council Member King, All Ayes, Motion passed.

Recognitions / Awards: MJCC Most Civically Engaged Member Award, Recognition of MJCC Seniors, Introduction of New MJCC Officers – Junior Mayor Olivia Gilbert presented awards to MJCC members;

recognized the most engaged MJCC members: 3rd place Julia Smith, 2nd place Karen Nolan, 1st place Blessing Adejumo; recognition of graduating seniors; new officers were introduced; Mayor Nix recognized Olivia Gilbert with nameplate from the dais for her leadership with the MJCC.

Opportunities for Citizens to speak to the Council:

C.P. Pierson 1131 Oak Street – Asked if a water fountain is included in the plans for park. Expressed Orr Park needs for restrooms.

Candidate for Shelby County Circuit Judge Jonathan Spann addressed Council and spoke on his career and qualifications.

Jane Hampton is a candidate for the Shelby County Board of Education (re-election) and addressed Council and asked for their vote.

Brian Boatman candidate for Shelby County Board of Education and is a Helena resident, Place #2. Question from Council Member Dukes on what Boatman’s stance is on underserved areas like Montevallo Schools and needing new facilities.

Amber Polk candidate for Shelby County Board of Education addressed Council that the BOE needs better organization and representation on the board to specific geographic areas.

Greg Reese spoke that the last two candidates that spoke are opposed to Critical Race Theory (CRT), social and emotional learning in our schools.

Joyce Lewis 310 Reonda Lane, Bench for Dr. Cunningham, changes have been made to design of bench and its location. It will be located at Parnell Library Garden. Please ask questions if you have them and about the project to raise funds.

Senior students in Susan Caplow’s Environmental Studies / Capstone Class gave their Senior Presentation to Council.

First student group’s presentation was on topic of Litter in Main Street Area. Several studies information how and why people litter. Access to more trashcans and more area cleanups (organized). Cigarette litter is a big problem and they’ve purchased a cigarette receptacle that is to be placed in the strip center where Pizza Hut is located on one end and CVS on the other. Rules and signs for Orr Park Pavilion area. Enforce by not allowing future rentals if not left clean.

Second group’s presentation was on Ecotourism of parks, marketing management and education to economic impact. Videos to be added to City Park and Recreation website. Conducted survey. Trail development. Better promotion. Sunday, May 1st event at Shoal Creek Park to promote visiting the park. Trails clean up, students learned litter issues on trails and in parks need to be addressed.

Mayor Nix called for Committee Reports - All Committee Reports were Presented During City Council Meeting

Council Member King called on Chief Littleton for the Police Department Report. Chief Littleton reported there were 88 Total Reports for April. See Appendix 1.

Council Member King called on Chief Davis for the Fire Department Report and he reported the Total Calls for April was 114. See Appendix 2.

Council Member King reported Planning and Zoning Meeting will be held on May 19 at 6 pm in Council Chambers.

Mayor Nix called on Council Member Dukes for Sustainability. Council Member Dukes called on Kirk Hamby, Public Works and he reported grass cutting and weed eating is ongoing. Potholes and repairs are ongoing. New trucks are now in use at the cemetery and Main Street areas.

Mayor Nix called on Council Member Eisenberg for Recreation, Preservation and Community Development. Council Member Eisenberg called on Shane Baugh for the Park and Recreation report. Shane reported youth baseball, soccer is wrapping up season. Montevallo High School 3 rounds of State Playoffs. Tremendous community support. Need additional restrooms at Orr Park. Girls softball is in round 2 of State Playoffs.

Mayor Nix called for Education, Arts, and Outreach. Council Member Mitchell called on Savannah Kitchens, Parnell Memorial Library. See Appendix 3.

Council Member Mitchell called on Sarah Hogan, Program Director Impact Montevallo. Sarah reported Camp Journey has extended the date to register until May 18. No printed reported submitted.

Council Member Mitchell called on Olivia Gilbert, MJCC Junior Mayor. Olivia reported Movie Night was a big success. The birdhouse project is underway. MJCC has ideas on youth projects for ARPA funds to make an impact in the community.

Council Member Mitchell reported schools will close for Summer on May 26 at 1 pm.

Council Member Mitchell reported the Boys and Girls Club Summer Programs are registering for the Summer sessions.

Mayor Nix called on Council Member Swords for reports on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism.

Council Member Swords called on Courtney Bennett, Executive Director, Montevallo Main Street. Courtney reported Friday Night's at the Cove is underway at Owls Cove Park. She reported seven board members will be attending the National Main Street Conference next week. See Appendix 4.

Council Member Swords called on Adele Nelson, Executive Director, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce. Adele reported the Golf Tournament was completed and they had 50 players. The Onion Sale was a huge success with the funds raised going to support the annual Montevallo Chamber Community Grant Fund. See Appendix 5.

Council Member Swords reported the MDCD Meeting will be held on May 16 at 1 pm in Council Chambers.

Public Health & Safety (Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Housing Abatement, Planning and Zoning) – Reported during City Council Meeting.

Sustainability (Streets & Sanitation, Recycling, Arbor & Beautification, ValloCycle, Environmental Preservation Initiatives, and Historical Commission) – Reported during City Council Meeting.

Recreation, Preservation and Community Development (Parks & Recreation, Youth Athletics, Trails, Annexations) – Reported during City Council Meeting.

Education, Arts & Outreach (Schools, Library, UM, Boys & Girls Club, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk, IMPACT) – Reported during City Council Meeting.

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber, Main Street) – Reported during City Council Meeting.

Consent to Pay the Bills

Mayor Nix asked for a Motion to Pay the Bills. Council Member King made a motion to pay the bills, second by Council Member Dukes, All Ayes. Motion passed.

New Business:

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Acceptance of Resolution SD22-006 Gardner Special District- R-2 to SD from the Montevallo Planning and Zoning Commission. Discussion. Motion to accept by Council Member King, Second by Council Member Swords, All Ayes. Motion passed.

Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Montevallo, AL and the Shoal Creek Park Foundation, regarding planned improvements to Shoal Creek Park and the Mahler Home. Motion to adopt MOU made by Council Member Dukes, Second by Council Member King, Vote: Ayes 5, Nay 1 Eisenberg. Motion passed.

Approval of Shoal Creek Park Foundation Fund Raising Brochure. Motion made by Council Member King, Second by Council Member Dukes, All Ayes. Motion passed.

~~Approval of proposed Shoal Creek Park Trail Route Map.~~ Per Mayor Nix and City Clerk Gilbert strikethrough as this item included in the MOU.

Adoption of Resolution 05092022- 337 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract Agreement with Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. for the purpose of purchasing a Pierce Enforcer PUC Pumper #958 Fire Engine. Motion made by Council Member Dukes to authorize Mayor Nix to enter into a Contract Agreement with Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. for the purchase of a Fire Engine, Second by Council Member Eisenberg, Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

Board Appointments: Julie Smitherman to the Design Review Committee. Term to Expire 05.09.25. Motion to accept Board Appointment made by Council Member Dukes, Second by Council Member King, All Ayes.

Other Business: MDCD Reappointment of Council Member Swords made by Council Member King, Second made by Mitchell, All Ayes.

Citizen Participation:

Joyce Lewis 330 Reonda Lane – Thanked the Montevallo Fire Department and Fire & Rescue for their service.

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Nix called for a Motion to Adjourn,. Motion made by Council Member King, Second by Council Member Mitchell, All Ayes. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Steve Gilbert
City Clerk / Treasurer