

MONTGOMERY CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT (MCCPD)

TEMPORARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 17, 2024, AT 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by MCCPD Presiding Officer Lt. Joel Gordon at the City of Montgomery City Hall Council Chambers, 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery Texas 77316.

2. INVOCATION

MCCPD Director TJ Wilkerson gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MCCPD Presiding Officer Lt. Joel Gordon led the pledges as also recited by attendees.

4. ROLL CALL

Temporary Board of Directors (Board) present: Mayor Sara Countryman, Nelson Cox, City Councilmember Stan Donaldson, MCCPD Presiding Officer Lt. Joel Gordon, City Councilmember Carol Langley, Mayor Pro Tem Casey Olson, and TJ Wilkerson

City Staff present: Police Chief Anthony Solomon, Corinne Tilley

5. CITIZENS/VISITOR FORUM

Joel Gordon said now we have our citizens and visitors forum and since no one is here to talk, I'd like to take a moment to introduce Mr. Michael Ghutzman, who is one of our City of Montgomery residents and also an Assistant District Attorney with the District Attorney's Office here in Montgomery County.

Casey Olson announced that he will be resigning from this board. Mr. Olson added that he would like to nominate him (Mr. Michael Ghutzman). So we'll get it on the agenda for council next week. Sara Countryman acknowledged ok.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Matters related to the approval of the June 3, 2024, Montgomery Crime Control and Prevention District Meeting Minutes.

Action: A motion was made by Sara Countryman to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Stan Donaldson. The motion passed (6-0).

- B. Present Board Members with MCCPD Binders.

Discussion: Joel Gordon said we have our board members binders today and we have a draft of the fiscal year 25, 26 budget proposal.

(At the podium, pointing out the draft budget) Chief Solomon said we'll go over some of these with you here. The first one you see is the funding for the crime control prevention district. This is what we'll be using once we have a number because we've been talking to the lady at the county about the election. She (county) last spoke with the city secretary (James Green) on Friday. We are trying to get a cost for that (referring to the county election). Chief Solomon said that she (county) said the cost is between 15 thousand and 30 thousand. Chief Solomon said I'd like to direct your (board) attention to your binder and the State Statute Sec. 363.062 Financing Creation of District. What it says is, a municipality creating a district shall pay the entire cost of creating the district. If a district is created, the district shall reimburse the municipality. So, in another words, if the municipality pays for this election, and once this district is put into place, that first year, the money would be paid back to the city in the general fund from the district money.

Sara Countryman said I have a question about that. We talked about that at the last meeting, not this meeting but a different meeting about having a separate item for city council on the election as well. So would it be 50/50 would that be split or 100% because the crime district is going to be coming out of that pocket too. Chief Solomon asked so you said having an election for both? Sara Countryman clarified that we (city council) had talked about extending the terms and putting it out for vote. So Gary (city administrator) said that we could do that on the November election. And so since that is a city thing and this is a CCPD, is that a split cost? Chief Solomon said that I would think you would have to keep the two separate. Whatever the cost is for the district, that would be reimbursed by the district. Carol Langley said, but it's not a budgeted item from the beginning. Chief Solomon said no ma'am, it's not a budgeted item from the beginning.

Chief Solomon continued with the crime control plan. You had the draft of the crime control plan and this is the actual crime control plan (referring to the plan in your binders), so you'll need to read over that and see if there is anything in there that you have questions about. And then you'll see the budget, the budget that you received on Friday or whenever you got that budget. I looked at it this morning and I had Ms. Goode make some changes to it because when we first started talking about the creation of this board when we met with each council member, the part of this budget was to be used in buying a new facility. So we put that in the year 25. In the year 26, we put in another budget. This is a draft of the budget. I talked with the city finance person (Maryann Carl), she is on vacation. We'll have her make some changes to the budget. The amount of money should stay the same but we'll make some changes to the numbers. In talking to Stan (Director Donaldson) before the meeting started. And, he brought that to my attention. I told him we thought about that this morning and we made those changes. So you guys will be able to make another change to the year 26 budget if that is another part of that budget that you'd like to go towards the new facility then that could happen as well. So the numbers won't change and we did that as a projection of the money that came in this year. Because it was 1.1M which would have been at \$550K. So we did that as a projection because we don't know what's going to coming in the next time around. Joel Gordon asked, that's not counting any of the new businesses that are going to open up or

anything. Chief Solomon responded, no. That's not counting any of the new businesses. We hadn't projected any of those new businesses or anything coming in.

- C. Present draft of FY25 & FY26 MCCPD Budget and schedule a Public Hearing to be held on June 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Chief Solomon continued stating, our next meeting on June 25th at 5:00 p.m., that's when we'll have a public hearing for anyone who wants to talk about this. At that point, then you guys can adopt the budget and the strategic plan. Once you adopt the plans, we'll have to come back because within the next 10 days from then, we have to take that (if you adopt the plans) to city council and we have to do it within 10 days. And so, more than likely, I'll have to talk to Gary (City Administrator Palmer) about calling in a special city council meeting, because if we go until the next regularly scheduled council meeting, that's going to be 14 days and I'm not sure what we have to do if we go passed those 10 days. So somewhere in there, about day 7 or 8, we'll be putting out a notice where we'll have the special council meeting for you guys to present that you adopted the budget and crime control plans. So, we'll do that. So, on the 25th is the public hearing. That's June 25th at 5:00 p.m. And that's probably going to be the only thing on your agenda that day.

Carol Langley asked if that is going to be advertised in the Courier, this public hearing? Chief Solomon responded with yes ma'am, we advertised with the Courier. We have put it out there, I think last Wednesday. So it'll be in the Courier and so the people will know. That's why we went ahead and put together the advertisements that will be out there. We'll be able to give this to people and they can read it. I think this explains it very good about what this district is and how it's going from the general fund and not cost tax payers any money. No taxes will be increased because of it. So we'll always be here to answer any questions. We'll give them a line to ask any questions.

Joel Gordon asked if there are any questions.

Sara Countryman said good job Chief.

Chief Solomon added that you guys have the ordinance. If you haven't read it, take a look at it again.

Chief Solomon continued. I'd like to direct your attention. Lets go to 363.151. This will you guys an idea of your powers and duties. That'll be a good thing to get an understanding of. That is in 363.151. (pause) That's all I have unless you have any questions. June 25th, 5:00 pm.

Sara Countryman asked, Chief, did you take this ordinance and take it from what other cities do, just to make sure there's nothing that we're missing? Chief Solomon responded yes, we looked at what other cities did and also we had sent it over to our city attorney, Caleb (City Attorney Villareal) to take a look at it. He made some changes as to what he thought should be in there. So yes, this ordinance has been very well vetted before we put it in.

Joel Gordon asked if there is any other business tonight?

(no response)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Joel Gordon asked if anyone would like to make a motion to adjourn?

Sara Countryman made motion to adjourn.

Stan Donaldson seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Corinne Tilley, MCCPD temporary board secretary

Minutes passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Joel Gordon, Presiding Officer of the Temporary Board