

**Notice of City Council Regular Meeting
MINUTES**

August 23, 2022, at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byron Sanford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	Byron Sanford	Mayor
	Carol Langley	City Council Place #1
	Casey Olson	City Council Place #2
	T.J. Wilkerson	City Council Place #3
	Cheryl Fox	City Council Place #4
	Patricia Easley	City Council Place #5

Also Present:	Dave McCorquodale	Assistant City Administrator & Planning Development
	Nici Browe	City Secretary & Director of Administrative Services
	Alan Petrov	City Attorney

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

Stephen of H Wines spoke to Council regarding a Wine Fest, with an organization CAPA, he wants to work with people and wished to have permission to use the City of Montgomery and the logo. He believes he may also need to use a Police officer to be present. Event is November 12, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 9, 2022
Approval of the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting of August 10, 2022
2. Consideration and possible action regarding an Escrow Agreement by and between the City of Montgomery, Texas and Redbird Meadow Development, LLC. (Dev. No. 2206).

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Cheryl Fox seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0).

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

3. Consideration and Acceptance of the 2022 No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter Approval Tax Rate.

Ms. Tammy McRae, Montgomery County Tax Assessor presented to City Council and the Public the Taxable valuations, and the calculations used to come up with the next year's Tax Rates.

The No New Revenue Rate is \$.3171/\$100.

The Voter Approval Rate is \$.5674/\$100.

Councilmember Casey Olson moved to accept the No New Revenue Rate and the Voter Approval Rate as presented by the County Tax Assessor. Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0).

4. Discussion of the Tax Rate needed to fund the proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Debt Service (I&S).

Ms. McCrae also presented the M& O and the Debt Service Tax Rate.

No action was taken on this item.

5. Consideration of and Roll Call Vote on the proposed Tax Rates for 2022.

Mr. Dave McCorquodale, Interim City Administrator presented to Council on this item (Tax Rate to be came the same at \$0.40/\$100. and reminded them that upon the vote on any motion, it is to be a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilkerson moved to approve the proposed Tax Rate of \$0.40/\$100. Councilmember Casey Olson seconded the motion.

Mayor Sanford called a roll call for the vote:

Councilmember Carol Langley Position # 1 – FOR

Councilmember Casey Olson Position # 2 – FOR

Councilmember TJ Wilkerson Position #3 – FOR

Councilmember Cheryl Fox Position # 4 – FOR

Councilmember Patricia Easley Position # 5 – FOR

Motion Passes (5-0).

6. Consideration and possible action on calling a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2022 Tax Rate.

Mr. Dave McCorquodale informed council that the next procedure in this process is to call a Public Hearing on the Tax Rate. This is scheduled for September 6, 2022, at 6:00pm. He noted that Planning and Zoning is also on that evening, so this will occur right before P& Z commence their meeting.

Councilmember Carol Langley moved to call a Public Hearing on the proposed 2022 Tax Rate on September 6, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. Councilmember Patricia Easley seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0).

7. Presentation of Montgomery County Emergency Communication District's proposed FY 2023 budget by Executive Director Chip VanSteenberg.

Mr. Chip VanSteenberg from Montgomery County Emergency Communication District (MCECD) and presented their budget for the next fiscal year. He provided Council some background to what they do and provided details on some of the upcoming projects they will be undertaking during the next fiscal year.

No action was taken on this item.

8. (a) Presentation by Shelly Wahle and Lisa Burgett of Empower Financial Group on adding additional Voluntary Supplemental Health Coverage for employees to the existing benefits package.

Ms. Shelly Wahle and Lisa Burgett of Empower Financial Services introduced themselves to Council and stated that they had met with Mayor Byron Sanford and had explained the program to him, and he had felt it was a “no brainer” with savings for both the city and the employee.

Ms. Wahle introduced the program, a pretax paid for Supplemental Health Benefit program, she became an agent for this type of program after her son was diagnosed with cancer and the costs were so astronomical that this program had it been available would of allowed her to focus only on her son’s treatment rather than paying bills.

Lisa Burgett then explained how the Attentive Care Services pretax program worked and based on our current employees if all took advantage of its services the city would save in excess of \$38,000. She let council know that the employees would be assessed a \$35.00 fee but that is from their pretax amount so in essence they get all of the benefit and no drop-in take-home pay. She stated that in the packets they presented council with was an example of the City Secretary, Ms. Browe’s paycheck outlining the pretax savings and the net pay.

Ms. Burgett explained in detail the overall compliance of the program with the Internal Revenue Service and what other companies they have worked with.

Mayor Byron Sanford stated he felt this was a great program and a huge benefit to employees.

Councilmember Carol Langley inquired if this was part of the Affordable Care Act.

Ms. Wahle confirmed that it was.

Councilmember Carol Langley asked the ladies to confirm that the City would be out ZERO in fees.

Ms. Burgett confirmed that and went on to say that in fact the city would save money.

Councilmember Patricia Easley inquired how employees qualified.

Ms. Burgett explained that employees who are on a W2, and have major medical in place, and earn in excess of \$17,000 per year.

Councilmember Casey Olson asked the City Secretary to confirm that currently the city offers supplemental benefits under AFLAC.

Councilmember Carol Langley once again “are you sure there is no cost to the city”

Ms. Burgett responded that there was ZERO out of pocket to the City.

(b) Mayor Pro Tem TJ Wilkerson moved to approve adding the Supplemental Pre-Tax benefit to the city’s health package. There was no second.

Motion dies.

Councilmember Carol Langley moved to postpone this item until the next council meeting and let Anthony Lasky meet with their representatives and gain an understanding of the program and then provide council with assurance. Councilmember Cheryl Fox seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0).

9. Consideration and possible action on: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY ACCEPTING AND APPROVING AN ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE SERVICE AND ASSESSMENT PLAN AND ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR CITY OF MONTGOMERY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL INSTALLMENT OF THE ASSESSMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 372, TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Dave McCorquodale presented this item and providing Council with some background to the Public Improvement District.

Councilmember Carol Langley moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Councilmember Cheryl Fox seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0).

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

10. City Administrator's Report. This report will be provided at the meeting.
11. Utility Report.
12. Sales Tax Report.
13. Finance and Quarterly Investment Report.
14. Police Department Report.
15. Court Report.
16. Public Works Report.
17. Utility Operations Report.
18. Engineers Report.

Each Department Head provided an update and their report to Council. Mr. McCorquodale also informed Council that SGR has already received applications for the City Administrator position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the items listed specifically under this heading or for any items listed above in executive closed session as permitted by law including if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071(consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property), 551.073 (deliberation regarding gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices), and 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

POSSIBLE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session.

COUNCIL INQUIRY:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sect. 551.042 the Mayor and Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this Agenda. Responses are limited to the recitation of existing policy, or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place on the agenda of a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem TJ Wilkerson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Casey Olson seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT 7:15 PM

Submitted by: _____

Date Approved: _____

Nici Browe, City Secretary

Byron Sanford, Mayor

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