

**Special City Council Meeting
AGENDA**

May 15, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Present:	Byron Sanford	Mayor
	Carol Langley	City Council Place #1
	Casey Olson	City Council Place #2
	Cheryl Fox	City Council Place #4
	Patricia Easley	City Council Place #5
Absent:	T.J. Wilkerson	City Council Place #3
	Also Present:	Gary Palmer City Administrator
	Nici Browe	City Secretary & Director of Administrative Services

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byron Sanford called the Special City Council meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

INVOCATION

Mayor Byron Sanford provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Adoption of an ordinance canvassing the results of the May 6, 2023, City Election
Mayor Sanford read the certification of canvassed votes by Montgomery County for the May 6, 2023, Election. There was a total of **218** votes cast. The Official Canvass of returns of the General Election held on May 6, 2023, reflects that the following named persons received the number of votes for the respective positions as follows:

CITY COUNCIL PLACE 1

Carol Langley	179 Votes
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CITY COUNCIL PLACE 3

Sara Countryman	117 Votes
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Julie Davis	95 Votes
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CITY COUNCIL PLACE 5

Juanita Simmons	100 Votes
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Stan Donaldson	110 Votes
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The Certified Official Results of the General Election held on May 6, 2023, certify that the following persons were duly elected to their respective positions as follows:

Carol Langley – City Council Place 1

Sara Countryman – City Council Place 3

Stan Donaldson – City Council Place 5

Councilmember Cheryl Fox moved to approve the ordinance as presented. Councilmember Patricia Easley seconded the motion. **Motion Approved (4-0).**

2. Consideration and possible action on AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, AMENDING ITS MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS HEREIN, AS ATTACHED IN EXHIBIT A; CONTAINING FINDINGS AND A TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Gary Palmer, City Administrator presented this item. He informed the Council that there was an unanticipated vacancy in the Finance Office and while staff are holding things together the city needs help. He placed an advertisement for the position of Finance Manager after taking the opportunity to review and restructure the office within Finance. He has also reached out to SGR to assist with interim help while the city seeks a qualified candidate. The budget amendment is to facilitate that process as there aren't enough funds to cover the contract.

Councilmember Casey Olson inquired about the \$46,000.

Mr. Palmer responded that it is for approximately three months of interim help, covering all functions of the Finance Office, to include travel and housing. He added that this is for on-call service, and the contract can be terminated with fourteen (14) days' notice. The plan is to have a parallel process to get immediate help and continue the recruitment process.

Councilmember Casey Olson stated that for that amount of money the city could hire a good firm.

Mr. Palmer stated that the market for finance help is now hot, so this is the wisest move.

Councilmember Patricia Easley moved to approve the Budget Amendment #3 as presented and not to exceed \$46,000. Councilmember Cheryl Fox seconded the motion. Motion Passed (4-0).

3. Consider Approval of an Agreement for Professional Services with Strategic Government Resources (SGR)

Mr. Palmer advised the Council that this is the contract for which they just approved the budget amendment. Legal has reviewed it and there are no issues. Staff is recommending approval.

Councilmember Casey Olson moved to authorize the City Administrator to execute the professional services agreement with SGR for Interim Finance Director to not exceed \$46,000. Councilmember Patricia Easley seconded the motion. **Motion Passed (4-0).**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Cheryl Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Casey Olson seconded the motion. **Motion Passed (4-0).**

ADJOURNED: 5:42 P.M.

Submitted by: _____
Nici Browe, City Secretary

Date Approved: _____

Byron Sanford, Mayor