



## **City Administrator Report – March 22, 2022, City Council Meeting**

We are finally pulling past the colder winter weather here in Montgomery, with a busy year ahead. Commercial and residential development in the City continues to move forward as does City capital development with construction continuing to progress at Water Plant No. 3 and new project work preparing to begin on the north side of the City, including drainage and sanitary sewer improvements.

I expect by now you have all had the opportunity to meet the new City Secretary Nicola “Nici” Browe. If for some reason you have not yet had that opportunity, I encourage each of you to take to time to introduce yourselves to her. She has joined the City with many things going full speed and is already making an impact with the City.

The Capital Improvement Planning documents have been previously distributed and the City Engineer will lead a presentation of these items at a City Council Workshop at 6:00 pm, Monday, March 28, 2022.

City staff, primarily through the work of Anthony Lasky, has been working with the auditor on the City’s annual audit. We will have a final draft available for City Council to review ahead of the April 12, 2022, City Council Meeting. The auditing firm will also provide their presentation to City Council at that meeting.

We have started advertising for candidates for the open Planning and Zoning Commission (Place 3) position vacated by Allyson Clark. The open period to receive applications will be at least 30 days with the intent to have candidates available for City Council at the April 26, 2022, City Council Meeting for a possible decision in filling the position.

March events at the City got off to a big start with many residents and businesses participating this year. Once again Spirit of Texas Bank,

who cosponsored the event with the City, placed an enormous number of flags at their location. Also, coming up the last weekend of the month is the Montgomery Music & Mudbugs Festival, which will be near Ransom's Steakhouse on the City's east side.

Please see the Development Report for an update on development activities through February 2022, including an update on the most recent Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

The Montgomery Economic Development Corporation's February Meeting included approving a \$5,000.00 grant request for Reflective Life Ministries for their public showing of "Breaking Strongholds", Episodes 1 and 2, on April 16, 2022, at the City Community Center in the Historic Downtown area. They approved a proposal from Sterling Regard Photography for three professional photo shoot opportunities of historic locations in the City for use by the MEDC. The MEDC Board discussed the potential timing for Downtown Master Plan Development projects, which I expect to lead into a future RFQ for design services related to a portion of the project that would be funded by MEDC.

I look forward to seeing each of you at this upcoming meeting. If you have specific questions on items within the reports, please feel free to contact me or the appropriate department head prior to the meeting. Also, please let us know if you will be unable to attend this City Council Meeting on Tuesday night.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Administrator