



City Administrator Report – February 22, 2022 City Council Meeting

The City of Montgomery started the year primed for a busy year ahead. Residential development is preparing to accelerate with construction this year in both Town Creek Crossing and Hills of Town Creek. Commercial construction is in the process of moving forward in multiple parts of the City as well. Multiple City projects are also progressing at this time, which will be discussed by the City Engineer during the meeting.

Incoming City Secretary Nicola “Nici” Browe accepted the offer of employment. She will begin working full time with the City on Monday, February 28, 2022. Deputy City Secretary Diana Cooley is currently covering most of the tasks previously performed by Ms. Hensley, with other staff covering part of those tasks as well. We look forward to welcoming Ms. Browe to the Montgomery family and working with her towards as smooth a transition as possible.

The Capital Improvement Planning documents have been distributed and the City Engineer will give an overview presentation on these items at the City Council Meeting. If needed, we can schedule a separate agenda item for the March 8, 2022, City Council Meeting or a Special City Council Meeting to more fully discuss and review these items.

The Montgomery Economic Development Corporation’s January Meeting included seating new terms for returning members Byron Sanford and Dan Walker, as well as for new member Wade Nelson. The Board of Directors approved using unspent funds related to Christmas events for purchases of additional barricades (requested by Police Chief Anthony Solomon for event safety) and for updating Christmas decorations (as identified by Public Works Director Mike Muckleroy).

Charlie Diggs presented a check for \$2,200 to the MEDC. In October the MEDC approved an \$8000 sponsorship of the Fall Festival put on by Charlie Diggs Entertainment. The MEDC approved \$200,000 to go towards the Clepper Sidewalk Project. I will coordinate with the City Attorney for the proper actions to take on this money being used by the MEDC for a City project. There are specific posting and approval requirements for the expenditure of project-related funds by an EDC. The MEDC formed a committee to review opportunities to use tax increment financing for incentives along the 105 and 149 corridors. Ultimately, this may result in a recommendation to City Council for future actions, such as creating a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) to benefit economic development. Finally, the MEDC approved converting the contracted Events Coordinator position to a full-time staff position (Special Events Manager). This was subsequently also approved by City Council with modification and returned to the MEDC.

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

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