MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

March 31, 2015

MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Kirk Jones declared a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	John Champagne	Position # 2
	Kirk Jones	Position # 3 (Mayor Pro Tem)
	Rebecca Huss	Position # 4
	Dave McCorquodale	Position # 5
Absent:	Jon Bickford	Position # 1
Also Present:	Jack Yates	City Administrator
	Larry Foerster	City Attorney

Mrs. Sonya Clover announced that the owners of the Cozy Supper Club would be hosting a three course wine paring dinner for the patrons of Cedar Brake Park on Sunday, April 26 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Clover advised that tickets are being sold for $100 per ticket, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to Cedar Brake Park. The restaurant seats 64 people, which could give Cedar Brake Park $6,400. Chairman Clover stated that the pioneer woman statue was ready to be bronzed and would cost $25,000. Mrs. Clover advised that they would also be having a style show and luncheon in Walden, and they will be using the boutiques from Montgomery. Mrs. Clover advised that they needed approximately $25,000 for each of the bronze statues. The statues will be the pioneer woman, the cowboy, the rancher and the logger. Rebecca Huss asked whether the statues were insured. Mr. Yates advised that he would check on that information.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Presentation regarding Transportation Alternatives Project grant proposal.
   The presentation was made by Shannan Reid, Director of Economic Development. A copy of the presentation materials are attached for reference. Ms. Reid reviewed the Downtown Comprehensive Project List Overview, which included the following:

   - FM 149 Complete Streets Project
   - Park-to-Park Alternative Pathways Project
   - Business District Curb and Gutter Project
   - QR Code Self-Guided Tour Project

   Ms. Reid advised that TxDOT has already given a let date for the 149 Project of June 2016, which will move that project to the top of the list. Ms. Reid advised that last night the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation ("MEDC") voted for a not to exceed amount of $80,000 for the project, from their budget, which would leave the City a remaining balance of $12,000. Mayor Pro Tem Jones advised that MEDC's number was just an estimate and could be revised.

Rebecca Huss asked about the Park-to-Park Project, and what would happen if the final easements for the sidewalks did not come through, would the City get the 20 percent back if the project can't be completed for legal reasons. Mayor Pro Tem Jones said that they needed to check the property by the school.

Rebecca Huss asked about the ditch issue on Caroline Street. Mr. Yates advised that the project would only cover street lights on Caroline Street.

Rebecca Huss stated that while Park-to-Park sounds great, she does not feel that anyone would care that there is a sidewalk. Rebecca Huss advised that if MEDC has $80,000 to give up she would rather see it spent on upgrades to the FM149 sewage pumping station. John Champagne stated that access to downtown will be much greater from the parks, and he felt that it would be good and have a positive effect. Mr. Yates stated that this would be a way to get sidewalks, and if the City ever intended on working on Clepper Street, this would be the opportunity with 80 percent of the cost being covered.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones thanked Ms. Reid for the work and the presentation.

2. Presentation by City Engineer regarding scheduling of City infrastructure projects.
The presentation was made by Mr. Ed Shackleford, City Engineer. A copy of the presentation materials are attached for reference. Mr. Shackleford stated that the main purpose of the presentation was to show the modifications to the schedule of City infrastructure projects. Mr. Shackleford discussed the project timeline goals with Milestone and Kroger coming in.

John Champagne advised Mr. Yates that he had not received the following up from Frank regarding the water figures.

After discussion, Mr. Shackelford stated that the presentation covers the projects that need to occur in the next two years. Rebecca Huss asked about the Flagship Blvd. estimate, and asked if the City had a legal liability regarding the concrete. Mr. Shackelford stated that if there is rebar sticking up and puncturing tires, something needs to be done. Mr. Shackelford will take another look at the Flagship Blvd. Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked Mr. Yates to have Public Works put asphalt in the holes to keep them patched until something can be done. Mr. Shackelford advised that the asphalt needed to be an inch or two thick.

Mr. Shackelford advised that there were a couple things that were not on the list that they will need, as follows:

- Comprehensive Sewer Study, bare minimum cost of $30,000;
- Water Comprehensive Plan, cost of $30,000; and
- Water and Sewer Rate Analysis, cost approximately $5,000

Mr. Shackelford advised that he, Mr. Yates, and Mayor Pro Tem Jones had meet with Commissioner Riley a couple weeks ago. Commissioner Riley mentioned the need for a traffic analysis on the southern part of town. Mr. Shackelford advised there is a funding source called Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Project, where it would be an 80/20 split. Mr. Shackelford stated that Commissioner Riley was interested in a joint project. He thought that Commissioner Meador would probably join in, and then they could split the approximate cost of $40,000 three ways. Mayor Pro Tem Jones said that what that is potentially leading up to connecting FM2854

to FM149 to go through the City's ETJ, which might relieve congestion at the main intersection in town. Mr. Shackelford said that the other part of it was looking at a southern loop around the City, so SH105 would not have to be widened through town.

Rebecca Huss asked if the traffic study would also include suggestions, such as, a timer at the FM149 and SH105 interchange to give another thirty seconds to east bound traffic from 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jones advised Mr. Yates that maybe the Police Department needed to look into that matter to see whether or not it would be in our interest to direct traffic during the peak times.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked about the possibility of elevated water storage tank, because he has heard complaints from the apartments about water pressure. Mr. Shackelford stated that was a possibility. Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked if that would also include fire suppression. Mr. Shackelford advised that would be what they would need to satisfy their insurance. Rebecca Huss asked if the City had the legally required PSI on the City's side of the meter. Mr. Shackelford stated that they were getting conflicting information from Frank, so they need to review the information and visit with Frank. Rebecca Huss advised that they needed to address the PSI issue for the apartments.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated that they needed a drawing of the waterlines in the City for the Council Chambers. Rebecca Huss stated that she would like both the water and sewer lines included in the drawing. Mr. Shackelford advised that they could probably get them by next week. John Champagne asked that the projects be listed according to priority. Mr. Shackelford advised that they would do that and then bring that recommendation back to Council.

Rebecca Huss advised that the figures that she had for 2015 expenditures, included the following:

- $250,000 Control Structures
- $20,000 Flagship Blvd.
- $20,000 Waterline Extension
- $25,000 Permit Amendment
- $200,000 for the early part of the Sewage Treatment Plant
- $100,000 for Urgent Sewer Maintenance

Rebecca Huss stated that the total of the expenditures adds up to $615,000, which did not include the Pizza Shack money. Mr. Shackleford advised that they could defer the cost of the engineering for Pizza Shack until the beginning of the fiscal year. Mr. Shackelford stated that they needed to see what size would be the optimal size for the sewer plant. Mr. Shackelford advised that the projects that they would suggest that the City look at borrowing money for would be things like the sewer plant, control structures or utility lines. Rebecca Huss asked how fast cities can raise funds from the point of deciding that they need the funds. Mr. Yates advised it would take approximately 90 days. Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated that if they are going to have to borrow funds in 2016 they will need to start evaluating tax rates for the budget. Rebecca Huss stated that according to her calculations they would need $443,000 per year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by: _____ Date Approved: 04/28/15

Susan Hensley, City Secretary

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Mayor Pro Tem Kirk Jones