

MINUTES OF REGULAR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE/VIDEO MEETING

August 11, 2020

MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sara Countryman declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present:	Sara Countryman	Mayor
	Kevin Lacy	City Council Place # 1
	Randy Burleigh	City Council Place # 2
	T.J. Wilkerson	City Council Place # 3
	Rebecca Huss	City Council Place # 4
	Tom Cronin	City Council Place # 5

Absent:

Also Present:	Richard Tramm	City Administrator
	Susan Hensley	City Secretary
	Alan P. Petrov	City Attorney

INVOCATION

T.J. Wilkerson gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

Any citizen with business not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the City Council. Prior to speaking, each speaker must be recognized by the Mayor. City Council may not discuss or take any action on an item but may place the issue on a future agenda. The number of speakers along with the time allowed per speaker may be limited.

Mr. Tramm stated he has two comments that were sent to him and he will save them for the appropriate agenda item.

Mr. Tramm said we have Dr. Morrison present with us from the Montgomery Independent School District.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Matters related to the approval of minutes of July 28, 2020, Regular Meeting.
2. Consideration and possible action to call a Public Hearing regarding the City of Montgomery 2020-2021 Proposed Operating Budget to be held on September 8, 2020 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Rebecca Huss moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. T.J. Wilkerson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

3. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS,
AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 2020-01 AND NO. 2020-02 THAT CALLED THE
GENERAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020, WHICH GENERAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL ELECTION
WERE POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-
03; EXTENDING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD; EXTENDING THE PERIOD TO
DELIVER A MARKED MAIL BALLOT PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING ELECTION DAY;
PROVIDING FOR ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS AND EARLY VOTING
POLLING LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE;
PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Tramm said the adoption of this Ordinance makes revisions to extend the early voting period and the mail ballot delivery period as provided by Governor Abbott's July 27, 2020, Proclamation and revises the early voting polling locations as provided by the Montgomery County Elections. Mr. Tramm said the City Attorney has reviewed the item. Rebecca Huss said there is nothing controversial here and we are just following the recommendation of the State Governor and what Montgomery County is providing to us in terms of voting locations. Mr. Tramm said correct. Randy Burleigh asked if this is going to have a mail-in ballot. Mr. Tramm said yes, it is a normal part of the County's process. Randy Burleigh stated he never received

one in the mail before. Mayor Countryman said she believes you must request it. Mr. Tramm said that is correct. Mr. Tramm said for Montgomery County and the State of Texas, you need to request from your County or the actual election agency to receive a mail-in ballot and there is a qualification for that. Mr. Tramm stated it has been this way in Texas for quite some time.

Rebecca Huss moved to accept Ordinance 2020-07 as previously read by Mayor Countryman. Kevin Lacy seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

4. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 64 "PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, AND VENDORS" OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; REPEALING ALL OTHER CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AFTER PUBLICATION.

Mr. Tramm said there are two items which were discussed before regarding the donation vendor boxes and the food trucks. Mr. Tramm said as they were working together between staff and the attorneys, they realized they both are different types of vendors and they were able to solve both of them by putting them into Chapter 64 of the City's Code of Ordinances. Mr. Tramm said the amendments to this Ordinance are intended to improve the vendor permit process, remove the permit requirements that are not beneficial, specifically the \$1,000 bond requirement, provide a framework for festival permits and vendors, allow the City flexibility to designate where mobile food vendors may operate, and create regulations for donation and recycling vendors which are the unattended donation bins we have previously discussed. Mr. Tramm said these revisions will have the effect of improving the quality of the Ordinance, optimizing staff resources, and improving the service to City residents and businesses. Mr. Tramm said the current Ordinance text is in black, the red text has the proposed revision amendments, and the highlighted text is a point of note that they want City Council to take note of. Mr. Tramm said this is presented to Council for consideration to solve both the issues that have been previously discussed.

Kevin Lacy asked if we were doing away with the \$1,000 bond. Mr. Tramm said yes, we have had vendors who chose not to register and bring their truck location into the City because that

was a financial impediment and they didn't see they would make enough profit off of their time here so we are trying to remove the impediment. Mr. Tramm said as they have looked around other areas, not every city out there has such a requirement and the vendors already must have insurance so there already is a framework to recompense from them. Rebecca Huss said this type of bond also covers fraud and illegal business, not necessarily bad food and that type of thing so it is a type of insurance we do not require for brick and mortar businesses. Rebecca Huss said it is an impediment to those types of businesses coming here and it is set up to impede competition which is not the purpose of government, the government's purpose is for the safety of the residents and that does not achieve the goal of government.

Mr. Tramm said this is the item where he received the following comments and with Council's consent he will read the comments received. Mayor Countryman said yes. Mr. Tramm said the first comment received was from Ms. Hillary Dumas and reads:

"We noticed that the food truck discussion is once again on the agenda for tonight. As operators of Ransom's, we support a reasonable food truck license/permitting process and believe they can be an asset to Montgomery in various ways. We have even considered a Deacon Baldy's type concept near Ransom's. The typical person they attract is looking for variety or quick food and I don't believe it takes away from our business. The old adage about gas station on 1 corner does x but add a second gas station and they both do x + y applies to food trucks and business in general. The more reasons people have to come here, the better!"

Mr. Tramm said the second comment from Ms. Kambra Drummond of HMBA reads:

"I wanted to make sure that I sent in my opinion on having food trucks in town. HMBA uses food trucks in all the events we sponsor in town. These trucks are a great addition to the events and are a huge foodie trend. Most have their own followers thus bringing new people in to visit to town. These businesses we feel do not take away from the other eateries in town, they add to the experience that is Downtown Montgomery."

You do not see the other small towns with food truck courts arguing about them impeding on others businesses. The other towns businesses embrace them and understand what a benefit additional people coming to town means for every business in the long run.

I understand that there is also some debate on the sales tax being paid to the City when they (the food trucks) are set up at a location or event within the City limits. I am not sure why this is debated since most do not charge a sales tax to their customers in the first place. Not my rule, that comes from the State/County and is determined by the manner in which their prepared food is served to the customer.

I know that for most food trucks it is very expensive to come to Montgomery. They are on a tight profit margin to begin with and here they must have the County permit and then purchase one for operating within the City limits every month. Honestly, it makes no sense to me.

If the food trucks in town bring new visitors to town that normally would not come don't you think that when the visitors see all Montgomery has to offer they will come back? I DO!

I know it is a fact from the visitors I have in my shop.

Montgomery can either be a town that is growing with the times or we can be left in the dust of yesteryear. We must keep up and grow to survive."

Mr. Tramm said they have discussed and will be implementing the permitting process to make sure those applying for permits acknowledge any sales taxes due the City of Montgomery be properly noted and paid to the State. Mr. Tramm said that is something staff can be checking through reports from the State Comptroller's Office.

Rebecca Huss said regarding the text of the Ordinance concerning the hours, her personal preference would be to have a slightly wider range that covers at least the Sip & Stroll hours of operation, which is 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. whereas the current one is to 7:00 p.m. or that is what the current Ordinance says, and longer hours on the weekends. Rebecca Huss said she knows some times the food trucks that are parked in Jim's parking lot are sold out by 6:00 p.m. so it is not a problem, but sometimes it is longer and people do stay out longer and she thinks it would be nice to have weekend hours. Rebecca Huss said the Ordinances that restrict our brick and mortar businesses she thinks would be the ones that would apply most heavily, and

they would all have to abide by. Mr. Tramm said this Ordinance is presented as a starting point and from a staff point of view, we would be open to an amendment such as extending the time if Council wanted to approve it that way. Mr. Tramm said one of the things they weren't originally trying to address but thinks it is a point that is pertinent these days is there are people out there who are reluctant to come together in groups as there are restrictions and there are people who may have some reluctance to eat in a restaurant these days, this allows, whether it be food trucks or even a change an existing business may want to make, the ability to provide service to people who may not want to enter a restaurant. Mr. Tramm said he looks at that as being a way they are trying to provide for businesses to provide their services that we have in Montgomery. Mr. Tramm said because of restrictions that are in place right now, people are not traveling as far as they might have been, and he thinks this helps us bring more options available to the people within Montgomery. Rebecca Huss said as Ms. Drummond said, the food trucks themselves have followers and you might be able to mix the followers and get some local traveling and you obviously won't get a food truck that goes 1,000 miles from their base, but you might get one from the west side of the City to come up to Montgomery. Rebecca Huss said you might be able to combine marketing to say come to Montgomery for the weekend and their followers might be willing to come which could potentially be a couple of hundred people in the City for the weekend that would not normally come here. Rebecca Huss said it is an interesting thought that we have local tourism again and something MEDC has talked about no longer looking at regional or statewide tourism base, but it is day-trippers and local people coming here for a safe, easy trip. Mr. Tramm said along with Rebecca Huss' comments, he had not considered that their existing fan base as additional levels of attraction, but he agrees with the point because he knows just from a number of his friends who follow some of these locations on social media, they take note of those places and those are some of their favorite places and they go to those points. Mayor Countryman said Cousins Lobster has quite a following when they are here at Jim's parking lot and it is a huge attraction.

Randy Burleigh said in Section 64-04 on page 37 of the Agenda Pack, the red text that states located within the City that is not a City-designated location and asked if we have City-designated locations for these trucks. Mr. Tramm said we don't at this time and the Ordinance as it was wasn't specifically allowing any type of use of public property and yet the City would designate it for festivals and other events and this is putting into the Ordinance that they can't operate on City property unless the City is designating and permitting. Randy Burleigh said it

is a reversal of what he was thinking because on the parking lot on the north side the City's property is the Community Center, but that would be designated. Mr. Tramm said that was correct.

Rebecca Huss said for residential solicitation, she assumes Mr. Tramm is thinking that 9:00 p.m. is a bit late for residential solicitation hours. Mr. Tramm said that is one reason they wanted to bring it to the attention of Council if it is something that ultimately you would want us to revisit and look into or if it is something you might want to amend. Mr. Tramm said it is a different time and you might want to consider codifying all to the same amount of time or the same hours of the day. Randy Burleigh said especially after dark. Mr. Tramm said there was a comment made earlier about opening the hours a bit more on the food trucks. Rebecca Huss said food trucks are a business which is related more to business-type activities and she doesn't know if they limit business hours, but solicitation is a business too, but if we are regulating that in terms of knocking on peoples doors then if someone just said sunset, she would be fine with that because after dark does seem like a safety issue. Mr. Dave McCorquodale, Assistant City Administrator, Director of Planning and Development, said regarding an article he read, one of the things cities balance is the reasonable restrictions piece of all our Ordinances and thinks that in the past, that is probably where the 9:00 p.m. like you said, he thinks a lot of people might feel like that is too late and thinks that the balance is finding something that is reasonable, but not later than what you actually want to have. Mayor Countryman said festivals usually tend to wrap up around 10:00 p.m. and thinks 9:00 p.m. is a reasonable time, but if there is no business after 7:00 p.m. the food trucks can always leave before 9:00 p.m., they don't have to stay but it gives them the ability. Mr. McCorquodale said one clarification on the 9:00 p.m., that is for the door-to-door solicitation. Mr. McCorquodale said the food trucks right now are slated to cut off at 7:00 p.m., but the door-to-door ends at 9:00 p.m. Randy Burleigh said for Buffalo Springs last year they were checking with the City about getting those soliciting signs in the neighborhood as it is a sore point in the neighborhood where people come and knock on your door after dark is an issue. Mr. McCorquodale said we may want to ask Mr. Petrov, City Attorney if dusk or dark is a reasonable cutoff when you are talking about something like door-to-door solicitation. Kevin Lacy said they need to put an hour such as 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. on there and those hours need to be reversed, food trucks until 9:00 p.m. and door-to-door no later than 7:00 p.m. Mayor Countryman said she agreed with 7:00 p.m. for door-to-door as well. Mr. Petrov said you do see dusk used sometimes in Ordinances like that for door-to-door solicitations, and he agrees that dusk is a moving target

and it is much better to have a fixed time. Rebecca Huss said she would agree that dusk is difficult to pinpoint, but feels much less comfortable with someone showing up at her house at 7:00 p.m. in the winter when it is dark than 7:00 p.m. in the summer when there is still two hours of daylight left. Rebecca Huss said she is fine sticking with 7:00 p.m. Rebecca Huss said if 7:00 p.m. is reasonable like Mr. McCorquodale said, she is fine with that and easy for the police to enforce is a priority. Randy Burleigh said he is good with that. Kevin Lacy asked if they agree then on extending food truck hours just on the weekends or seven days a week. Rebecca Huss said she was good with seven days, but they must stick with the noise ordinance as well as they are not exempt from that at 6:00 p.m. Kevin Lacy agreed. Kevin Lacy asked Mr. Tramm if they could make those two changes. Mr. Tramm said for the Residential Solicitation 64-5 we will be replacing 9:00 p.m. with 7:00 p.m. and for the food trucks, we will change the end time to 9:00 p.m. Rebecca Huss said she appreciates all the thought that went into this to make this more clear and useful. Mr. Tramm said thank you as it was certainly a group effort involved and Mr. McCorquodale did a bulk of the work. Mr. Tramm said he has the requested changes and staff would be happy to amend them changing the endpoint of residential solicitation from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and with the food trucks change the end time to 9:00 p.m. seven days a week. Rebecca Huss said the only caveat would be if there is a festival and we have it permitted to run until 10:00 p.m., she certainly would not expect their vendors to have to roll up shop before that. Mr. Tramm said since those festivals are permitted and come to Council, then Council always has the prerogative of overriding the Ordinances and they can do that on a case by case basis. Rebecca Huss asked Mr. Tramm if he could make sure we recognize that is part of the process when they get those permits that we either need to explicitly do it or it is explicitly included because she is assuming we won't be having any festivals at least in the next few months. Mr. Tramm said then we can add number three which is to include the times on the food trucks may be modified from City Council upon permitting for an event and asked if that was satisfactory. Rebecca Huss said yes.

Rebecca Huss moved to approve the adoption of the amendments to Chapter 64 as presented with the three amendments as discussed regarding the hours of solicitation, the hours of food vendors, and the modification to food vendor hours with the permit for street festivals. Kevin Lacy seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

5. Discussion regarding possible alternatives to current high-speed internet services in the City of Montgomery.

Mr. Tramm said this is an item that had some discussion both locally and the most recent conversation with Councilman Cronin and following that conversation, he wanted to bring it up to City Council. Mr. Tramm said he knows there is growth in fiber internet coming out with higher speed and hopefully more consistent services to wider areas and has been following the City of Oak Ridge North involved in a similar process. Mr. Tramm said they recently had an RFQ which went out and he is waiting to see how that turns out but thinks it might be time to begin a dialogue in this area and see what knowledge and thoughts there are on Council and if there are any questions for our Attorney on directions forward.

Mayor Countryman said she brought this up a few months ago to Mr. Tramm when Suddenlink was having internet outages for multiple days and we were trying to do online school and at the time Mr. Tramm was going to find leadership so we could build a relationship between Consolidated and Suddenlink. Mayor Countryman said to her recollection, Mr. Tramm found some Consolidated leadership and she is assuming that Suddenlink goes to the 800 number and it is hard to find a face there. Mr. Tramm said they have had trouble getting a good response and he does not know how to better quantify it because when you reach out and come up empty it is hard to have a good answer. Mayor Countryman asked at this point then, is it safe to say the only kind of City relationship we have is with Consolidated out of the two providers. Mr. Tramm said yes. Mayor Countryman asked to open internet services, do we just open a franchise or what did Oak Ridge North do. Mr. Tramm said at the moment they are still in review of the RFQ process and it is something that he is following as he hasn't received any input back because they haven't taken any public action going forward so he is going to continue to monitor that, but he did think it was worthy of a conversation here as well as an opportunity that if there are questions, the City Attorney might be able to contribute to. Mr. Tramm said let it be known publicly that the City of Montgomery is interested. Randy Burleigh asked if Mr. Tramm was referring to getting another contractor like Tachus as they are right outside our City limits. Mayor Countryman said Tachus has great feedback. Tom Cronin said friends that live in Harbor Side utilized Tachus and said it is about half the cost of Suddenlink and you are not forced to bundle anything, the service so far has been great and it's fiber optic so that maybe something to consider. Mr. Cronin said he thinks we should extend an olive branch and see what it takes as his understanding with Tachus is they just want to see how many people in a certain geographical area express interest and then they will crunch the numbers and see if it would work for them. Randy Burleigh said he called them because their HOA was looking for the last year and he has contacts and a lady's name and phone number but when you

first check them out they want your address so they can put it in their computer system and they can tell if they are available in that particular area. Mr. Tramm asked Randy Burleigh since he has some of those contacts if he would not mind forwarding them to him when he has the opportunity and maybe that will give us a bit of a head start to at least begin a conversation. Mr. Tramm said they could take that initiative whether it ultimately leads into a relationship with that company or because there is competition generated and another company comes forward, that kind of competition is beneficial to the people of Montgomery and that is ultimately what they like to see.

Rebecca Huss asked Dr. Morrison if he has noticed there are problems with internet connections and speed for their business. Dr. Morrison said he must step outside of the MISD district office sometimes to get a connection to send an email or receive texts, so yes he has noticed it. Rebecca Huss asked Dr. Morrison if he would be interested in partnering with the City to try and encourage this problem to get solved more quickly. Dr. Morrison said most definitely.

Randy Burleigh asked if the Comprehensive Plan had something regarding Wi-Fi available in certain places downtown at one time. Mayor Countryman asked like a City Wi-Fi. Randy Burleigh said yes he thought that was around a year or two ago or longer. Rebecca Huss said MEDC had plans to invest in that a long time ago, but people don't really like public Wi-Fi because it is not safe, so there is no point in investing money in something that people are not going to use. Mayor Countryman said she did not think the ROI (Return on Investment) made sense and does not think a lot of cities have adopted that or stopped because now individual businesses like restaurants, boutiques, and hair salons have their own Wi-Fi. Mayor Countryman said while you are using their services, they allow you to use their connection which is much more standard now than it was even five years ago. Randy Burleigh said probably safer. Mayor Countryman said yes. Mr. Tramm stated they didn't mention this was a major action item, but knowing that the interest in City staff looking to at least start the conversations and begin pursuing that, we can go ahead and take these comments to heart and go ahead and start doing that. Rebecca Huss said she somewhat commented about MISD off the cuff since we have Dr. Morrison as a captive audience, but it might not be the worst idea to leverage and look around and see who else we have who are big employers. Rebecca Huss said surely the Bunker has some of the same issues or maybe they have already solved it and if we can look there, let us see what they are doing. Mayor Countryman said they have all their own equipment. Rebecca Huss said if it is that close, how hard is it to get here and what are they doing to get uninterrupted internet service there and how can we get that here. Rebecca Huss said if they will not tell us anything then we will go somewhere else. Randy Burleigh said that Tachus is located at the Bunker. Mr. Tramm said he certainly has no problem with us being that central point between

the local businesses, local employers, and the internet provider and helping to show the focus of vying for a company like that wanting to come out here. Kevin Lacy asked if we have spoken with any companies like Sandler Partners, folks like that who come to meet with us, find out what our needs are and they go out and they get the coverages to compete for our business. Mr. Tramm said not yet as he wanted to have this conversation with Council before he started doing anything like that on behalf of the City and with the name Tachus who is already out in the Community being in the general area who is the obvious place to start, doesn't mean we shouldn't look at other options.

Mayor Countryman said before they go into Executive Session, she would like to allow Dr. Morrison the opportunity to introduce himself to City Council and tell us a little bit about himself.

Dr. Morrison thanked Council for giving him time to be on the Agenda to come forward and introduce himself. Dr. Morrison said he is the very proud new Superintendent of Montgomery ISD and he comes in the spirit of partnership and collaboration as they are your public education school district and as part of being a public education district, he has always felt that it is very important they partner with other entities on behalf of creating a greater community. Dr. Morrison stated they are the largest employer and thinks they have one of the most important responsibilities which are to educate the children of this district and they do that better when they work in partnership with other people who are tasked to lead and govern our community. Dr. Morrison said he has already had an opportunity to have some great conversations with Mayor Countryman and has enjoyed those conversations, discussions, and ideas about where that partnership can occur and has especially enjoyed the opportunities and had numerous meetings with Mr. Tramm regarding how can they collaborate their resources, what can they do in partnership and what can they do to make a better Montgomery.

Dr. Morrison said he has led larger school districts in the past, and he had another Superintendent say to him from the great State of Texas who leads a very large school district, Montgomery is a good school district, but why. Dr. Morrison replied we have 617 teachers in Montgomery ISD, and he has the opportunity over the next year to get to know each one of them, visit their classrooms and see how he can serve and support their important work. Dr. Morrison said he has 10 Vice Principals and every school district across the country is trying to think about how to deal with COVID-19 where in his previous districts he would have a meeting and an audience with his Principals and has been able to sit with his District Administrators and Principals and talk about how they are going to return students to school safely and to keep quality instruction at the top of what they do. Dr. Morrison said he could not be happier and pleased to be in Montgomery ISD and

he came because of this community and because of this Board of Education who is hyper-focused on educating every child and making sure we are the premier school district and not a premier, but the premier school district in Texas. Dr. Morrison said a lot of their instructions have been in the past that they have not partnered, asked for help, or contributed to the greater community spirit and that is what they have tasked him to do. Dr. Morrison said he believes that leadership is service, and he cannot wait to start serving this community in the capacity of Superintendent. Dr. Morrison said he knows Council has long evenings and important responsibilities and he does not want to overstep his time, but he just wanted the opportunity to come forward even if doing so remotely. Dr. Morrison said he is excited to be here and looks forward to the work they will do together on behalf of Montgomery ISD and this community. Mayor Countryman thanked Dr. Morrison and said they look forward to working with him. Rebecca Huss said she looks forward to collaborating with the school district and there are a lot of interesting things they can do to work together and Montgomery ISD has some great teachers who have done some great things both with history and with the students and they are really wonderful people. Dr. Morrison agreed.

Kevin Lacy asked if this was Dr. Morrison's second Montgomery. Dr. Morrison said he spent some time in Montgomery County, Maryland which is a larger district outside of our nation's capital and was an area Superintendent there and so he has an affinity for Montgomery County's as far as education programs. Dr. Morrison said it was a great district and arguably the best district in the State of Maryland and that is their goal with this Board of Education and their Superintendent to make this the premier school district in the State of Texas. Mayor Countryman thanked Dr. Morrison and said she looked forward to seeing him around town.

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.

6. Adjourn into Closed Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in the following:
 - a) Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney); and
 - b) Section 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property).

Mayor Countryman adjourned into Closed Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

Reconvene into Open Session.

Mayor Countryman reconvened into Open Session at 7:22 p.m.

POSSIBLE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7. Consideration and possible action(s), if necessary, on matter(s) deliberated in Closed Executive Session.

Rebecca Huss moved to authorize the City Administrator to continue negotiations regarding real property as previously authorized. Tom Cronin seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Huss moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Kevin Lacy seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Submitted by: _____ Date Approved: _____
Susan Hensley, City Secretary

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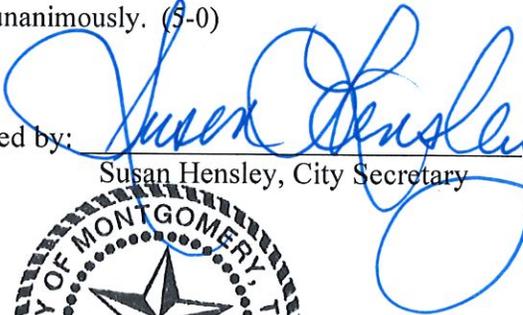
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08/25/2020




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