AMENDED MEETING MINUTES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 14, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
100 E Main Street, Room 103
(Montgomery County Courthouse)

The May 14, 2019 Montgomery County Council Meeting was held at 9:00 am at the Montgomery County Courthouse. In attendance were Council President Terry Hockersmith, Councilmen Gary Booth, Don Mills, Greg Morrison, and Mark Davidson. Auditor Jennifer Andel and Attorney Rob Reimondo were present, as well as Commissioner President Jim Fulwider, Commissioner John Frey and Attorney Dan Taylor.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Hockersmith called the meeting to order. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then a Prayer given by Councilman Don Mills.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the April 9, 2019 minutes as made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 6-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEMS: None.

IV. MONEY MATTERS

A. Additional Appropriations

1. $680.30 COGEN (REIMBURSEMENT) – Jail – Institute & Medical (1000.30118.380)
    a. Sheriff Needham explained this is a reimbursement from the DOC for housing and medical costs. A motion to approve Line 1 was made by Councilman Mills, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 6-0.

2. $50,000.00 COGEN – Commissioners – County Administrator (1000.112XX.0068)
    a. Commissioner President Fulwider discussed the proposed funding for a new County Administrator position. This request is intended to cover the salary for the balance of 2019. Council President Hockersmith shared the job description with the Council via email prior to the meeting, but Councilman Mellish stated he did not receive it, leaving him with questions. Councilmen Booth and Davidson were in agreement with the need for the position, but wanted the description to include "must be revenue neutral" and "subject to annual funding". The commissioners were in favor of making those changes. Councilman Morrison stated his main concern was that there were other department heads needing to expand and having difficulty finding the funding. Auditor Andel suggested adding centralized ordering to the job description, as it would be a big step towards making the position revenue neutral. Councilman Booth asked if the Commissioners would agree to reducing the Cum Bridge rate from 0.075 to 0.070 in 2020 to help offset the added cost to the County General budget. Commissioner President Fulwider agreed to present that request to the Commissioners. The Commissioners also agreed to alter #9 of the job description to include the Council. Councilman Mellish made a motion to table the vote until next meeting so he would have time to review the description. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mills and carried 6-0.

3. $2,912.00 – COGEN – JAIL – Multiple Pay line adjustments (from January meeting)
    a. See Line 7.

4. $90,634.00 – Cumulative Bridge – Small Culvert Replacement (1135.60004.0529)
    a. See Line 7.

5. $68,000.00 – CCD – IT (1138.30128.0068)
    a. See Line 7.

6. $859,500.00 – Highway – Wheel & Surtax Lines (Multiple)
    a. See Line 7.

7. $659,678.00 – Highway – Bituminous (1176.20016.0529)
    a. Auditor Andel explained she is resubmitting Lines 3-7. These requests which were previously approved by the council in the January meeting, but denied from the DLGF due to an error with the advertiser. Councilman Mellish made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 6-0.

8. $1,000.00 – CO Share Dog Tax – Special Appropriation (4936.30081.0002)
    a. Auditor Andel shared this is to cover the expense for loss of livestock due an animal attack, which is one of the acceptable expenses from the Dog Tax fund. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve, stating he was familiar with the case and felt the amount was fair and appropriate. Councilman Mellish seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Transfers:
   1. $200.00 from COGEN – Superior 1 – Law Clerk (1000.30057.0201) to Equipment Repair (1000.30500.0201)
      a. A motion to approve Line 1 was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Council President Hockersmith. Motion carried 6-0.

   2. $2,564.11 from COGEN – Council – Special Legal (1000.32100.0061) to GR Match Dollars (1000.30154.0061)
      a. A motion to approve Line 2 was made by Councilman Mills, seconded by Councilman Booth. Motion carried 6-0.

   3. $7,315.40 from Highway – Operations Manager (1176.0529.11085) to Assistant Highway Director (1176.11018.0529)
      a. See Line 4.

   4. $37,829.60 from Highway – Assistant Highway Manager (1176.111281.0529) to Assistant Highway Director (1176.11018.0529)
      a. Auditor Andel explained Lines 3 and 4 were to correct pay lines. A motion to approve Lines 3-4 was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 6-0.

   5. $4,000.00 from Supplemental PD Svcs – Public Defender (4923.11821.000.0271) to Building Lease 3rd Floor (4923.37070.000.0271)
      a. Bryan Donaldson, Public Defender, stated his office has outgrown the 2nd floor of their current building, but that the 3rd floor of the same building is available and would accommodate current and future growth. The monthly lease would increase from $1000 to $1800, but they would be under no commitment over a one-year lease. Councilman Mellish made a motion to approve the funding for the new lease, seconded by Councilman Mills. Motion carried 6-0.

V. New Business:
A. IMPA Solar Park Abatement (at 150 S & 250 E) – ERA Designation – Resolution 2019-6
   a. Emily Williams, IMPA Project Manager, presented a request for an ERA designation for a proposed Solar Park near 150S and 250E. If approved, they would be seeking a Personal Property Abatement on the equipment only, not the land. Phil Goode, from CEL&P, spoke in favor of the park and thanked Council President Hockersmith for his help in bringing the county forward with sustainable energy. Councilman Davidson made a motion to declare the designated area as an ERA, providing the property is zoned appropriately. Councilman Mills seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-1, with Councilman Morrison abstaining as his company is representing the property.

B. CDPL Library Board Appointment – Lucy Brooks
   a. This is a four-year term, ending in 2023. Councilman Davidson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried 6-0.

C. Animal Kill Reimbursement – Moore
   a. See IV.A.8.

D. Body Scanner – Sheriff Needham
   a. Sheriff Needham is requesting to use current Public Safety funds to acquire a body scanner for the jail. There would be no need to retrofit the building and would be used for intake, as well as court. Councilman Mills made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Davidson. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Public Defender Office Lease – Bryan Donaldson
   a. See VI.B.5.

VI. Old Business: None.

VII. STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:
A. Dan Taylor, County Attorney, announced that applications were being accepted for the 911 Manager through noon on May 20, 2019. He also wanted to thank Councilman Booth and Council Attorney Reimondo for their teamwork and assistance in developing the new administrative position.
B. Auditor Andel passed out fund balances and shared there has been heavy foot traffic in her office this tax season. She is in the beginning phases of rolling out the new financial software to department heads and thanked Lori Dossett for being the first to learn. She also announced the tax sale will be help on September 11th this year. Lastly, she and her Chief Deputy will be attending conference May 21-24. Upon return, they will be ready to start the spring settlement process.
C. Treasurer Laffoon stated she had completed her first quarter reports.
D. Sheriff Needham invited everyone to attend the annual memorial service to honor fallen

officers. It will be held on May 15th, with graveside services to begin at 3:00 pm at Oak Hill North Cemetery, followed by a memorial at the Jail at 5:00 pm.

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
A. Health Department Manager, Amber Reed, requested a meeting with the ERPS committee.
B. Public Defender, Bryan Donaldson, would also like to meet with the ERPS committee.
   a. Gary Booth, member of ERPS committee, responded saying they will set a date and let them know.

IX. FUNDED ORGANIZATION REPORTS:
   a. Monica Nagele, Purdue Extension Office, presented her 2018 4th Quarter report.

X. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:
   a. Councilman Mellish shared he had visited the Health Department and attended their Board Meeting.
   b. Councilman Booth wanted to publicly share his disappointment in the recent negative ads and stated they needed to stop immediately.
   c. Council President Hockersmith agreed with Booth and doesn't care for the nastiness, sharing he didn't feel it was indicative of our great county.

XI. CLAIMS: None.

XII. INSERT: Next regular Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Montgomery County Jail Training Room.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:
   a. Miriah Mershon, Franklin Township, shared she heard the negative ads were paid for by being(s) outside the county.

XIV. ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Booth, seconded by Council President Hockersmith. Motion carried 6-0.

Terry Hockersmith, President

Gary Booth, Vice President

Greg Morrison, Councilman

Don Mills, Councilman

Tom Mellish, Councilman

Mark Davidson, Councilman

Mark Smith, Councilman

Attest:

~~Jennifer Andel, Auditor~~ Mindy Byers, Chief Deputy Auditor