

MONTGOMERY CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT (MCCPD)

TEMPORARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2024, AT 5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by MCCPD Presiding Officer Lt. Joel Gordon at the City of Montgomery City Hall Council Chambers, 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery Texas 77316.

2. INVOCATION

MCCPD Director TJ Wilkerson gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MCCPD Presiding Officer Lt. Joel Gordon led the pledges as also recited by attendees.

4. ROLL CALL

Temporary Board of Directors (Board) present: Mayor Sara Countryman, Nelson Cox, City Councilmember Stan Donaldson, MCCPD Presiding Officer Lt. Joel Gordon, City Councilmember Carol Langley, Mayor Pro Tem Casey Olson, and TJ Wilkerson

City Staff present: City Secretary James Green, City Administrator Gary Palmer, Police Chief Anthony Solomon, Corinne Tilley

5. CITIZENS/VISITOR FORUM

There were no public comments.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing regarding the MCCPD proposed two-year (FY 25 & FY 26) budget and crime control plan.

Presiding Officer Gordon opened the public hearing asking if anyone would like to speak during this public hearing.

There were no public comments.

Presiding Officer Gordon closed the public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Matters related to the approval of the June 17, 2024, Montgomery Crime Control and Prevention District Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: Presiding Officer Gordon asked if anyone had a chance to look at those. Carol Langley said I only got the packet today at lunch so I have not had time to review them but I would think they were okay. Presiding Officer Gordon said they looked pretty comprehensive to me when I looked at them.

Action: Sara Countryman said yes, I'd like to make a motion to accept the minutes item #2 as presented. The motion was seconded by Stan Donaldson. The motion passed (6-0).

- B. Approval of the informational flyer describing the MCCPD and the proposed funding via a reallocation of funds.

Discussion: Casey Olson asked if anyone has a copy of the flyer. Chief Solomon (from the podium) said there is a copy in each one of your binders. Presiding Officer Gordon said I looked at both of them and its clear, concise, to the point, pretty simple. I liked it.

Casey Olson asked. If someone asked you what quality of life projects you were referring to, what will you to tell them?

Chief Solomon responded. When we are talking about quality of life, we're talking about the crime prevention programs that we're putting into place. As a matter of fact, in a couple of weeks we've been asked to talk to 45 people about crime prevention and how we'll be handling crime prevention. And also not only about that but coming into homes and businesses and doing inspections on what to do to make their places safe.

Sara Countryman asked. Chief, would this district host like a self-defense class or was that something you would do through the city?

Chief Solomon responded. It would go through the city. Through our training. Like RAD. Sara Countryman said. Okay. I had someone ask me and I wasn't sure if it was through the city or this. Okay. Thanks.

Carol Langley asked. How will this flyer be distributed?

Chief Solomon responded. We're going to be looking at several ways to do it. One will be our website. Also once this starts to come out to the voters and we get our numbers and all other things we need for the election, we'll also be posting on the city website. We will also be giving one of these to each one of our employees because they're going to start getting questions and as they get those questions they'll be able to give people one of these. And we're going to get set up with HOAs. If anyone has issues, problems, or wants to come out and talk about this, we'll do that.

Casey Olson asked. What are we calling the proposition? What's its actual?

Chief Solomon responded. We've not been given a proposition number. We've been in touch with the election clerk at the county but we've not been given a proposition number yet. I think we talked about that last week. We talked about between 15 and 30 thousand dollars but

under this district we directed you to the financial page about the district will pay that money back to the city general fund.

Casey Olson said. So you know when they define the proposition, they give it a brief definition in the voter booth? We need to make sure that the first thing on the first line on there should be, not a raise in taxes or not affecting your citizens. Does that seem okay cuz people are going to ask.

Sara Countryman added. A reallocation of funds.

In agreement, Chief Solomon said, that's what we'll lead with because that's the most important thing for people ... is it going to raise their taxes.

Sara Countryman asked. Do we get to pick what that says on the ballot?

Carol Langley responded. Yes, the city does.

Chief Solomon said we'll make sure it does.

Carol Langley asked. Are there going to be any town hall meetings?

Chief Solomon responded. Yes, that's another thing we'll do. Gary and I had talked about that weeks ago about the town hall meetings and we added the HOA meetings.

Sara Countryman asked. Are you looking at putting some in the water bill too?

Chief Solomon said we hadn't made that one of them but that's a good idea.

Casey Olson, in agreement, said ya put one of this right in the water bill.

Carol Langley added. See how much that would cost to put it in there.

Presiding Officer Gordon said. We're looking for a motion to approve the informational flyer.

Action: Casey Olson motioned to approve the flyer with no change. The motion was seconded by TJ Wilkerson. The motion passed (6-0).

Carol Langley asked. When can we get some copies? Will you start making copies soon?

Chief Solomon responded. We'll start getting those out to you soon as we get that proposition number that way the proposition number is on there as well.

Casey Olson said that would be great.

Carol Langley asked. Did she (referring to county election clerk) have a timeline?

Chief Solomon responded. We spoke with her and she was going to be in touch with the city secretary (James Green). So we've been communicating between him and Ms. Goode when she makes contact with him. If we don't hear from her in the next couple of weeks, we'll give her a call.

James Green (city secretary) spoke. For the record, I haven't received any word from her yet.

Carol Langley said ya, she's busy with the bigger elections. And there are some cities that have their elections in November instead of May. So we're going to have to call her. You're going to have to ...

Chief Solomon said, we'll stay on her (continuing to refer to the county election clerk).

Carol Langley added, she's real easy once you get her and she's okay.

James Green said, let me clarify that. I haven't heard from her after my initial email when she relayed the price.

Sara Countryman said we had talked about adding the terms on the ballot too so maybe there's a cost share one and two. I don't know if you all are working simultaneously with election central or not, but maybe, instead of silos.

Gary Palmer said ya we're going to talk about that this week.

Casey Olson requested, before we move to item three, I'd like to request a brief recess. 5 minutes?

Presiding Officer Gordon said okay. Let's take a brief 5 minute recess.

Presiding Officer reconvened the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

- C. Consideration and possible action on approval of two-year (FY25 & FY26) MCCPD budget and two-year crime control plan.

Discussion (budget plan): Casey Olson asked. Carol (Langley) did you get a chance to look at it. Carol Langley responded yes sir. Casey Olson asked. Are you good with it? Carol Langley sure. I'm okay.

Presiding Officer Gordon said I guess we can give a brief overview of it. Chief do you want to give it or do you want me to do it?

Chief Solomon (from the podium) said we looked at the budget and in the last meeting you guys indicated that you wanted to use those, at least the first two years on a new facility (referring to a possible new PD building/facility). So what we did was we looked to make sure that that was possible. I gave you a copy of your power and duties, in 363.151, it talks about limitations on expenditures. The district may finance all the cost of a crime control and crime prevention program including cost of personnel, administration, expansion, enhancement, and capital expenditures.

Sara Countryman asked. And once we approve this then it can still be modified though?

Chief Solomon responded. Yes what we did is the first two years that came from the request of the board and not knowing where you want to go after that, that's why we came up with future goals that way we understand there are future goals and the first two years are open on that category of expenditures.

Carol Langley said. What you are asking for Sara (Countryman) is that we approve this tonight and then council approves it, can it be changed?

Sara Countryman responded. Yes, like an amendment or a change or is this all locked down?

Carol Langley added. Like an amendment probably.

Chief Solomon said that the board can amend it.

Sara Countryman said. These are the things we know today and there's things that we don't know, right, and so are we able to pivot if we need to.

Chief Solomon said there things we don't know, even what the amount is going to be the following year or the year after that. So sure you can make those amendments as it goes along.

Casey Olson (to Sara Countryman) so this is just today and the calculating. I'm just trying to understand this. This doesn't make sense. What is shown here and then these are over here.

Sara Countryman showing, so this is the facility.

Presiding Officer Gordon said, the way I'm reading it is, 25 is the facility and then they'll start the other stuff in 26.

Casey Olson asked so is that deal done?

Sara Countryman responded. No.

Casey Olson said cuz its going to be 2025. The budget starts September and we don't have anything.

Sara Countryman said we have to get this done now and allocate it now instead of sitting on it for a year. So its just like, presuming that all of this goes through.

Presiding Officer Gordon said, and if it doesn't go through we can always go back and amend it.

Sara Countryman said, ya, we have the foundation laid to move forward.

Chief Solomon added that we're going to put here in the budget that the district will pay back the funds we talked about.

Casey Olson asked, so that's going to be added to the budget?

Chief Solomon responded, yes.

Casey Olson said, we'll need to add that to the motion.

Presiding Officer Gordon said, so I think to keep it clean let's focus on the budget first and then we'll look at the actual plan secondary to that.

Casey Olson said, but we'll have to amend the budget to add the cost for the election.

Carol Langley asked what figure are you going to put in there?

Sara Countryman said, up to 30 thousand.

Chief Solomon said, they have said 15 to 30.

Casey Olson said, I would just say not to exceed 30.

Carol Langley said or just put 30 in there. You can't put "not to exceed" on a budget line item. Just put 30 thousand.

Action: Casey Olson motioned to approve the two year (25, 26) MCCPD budget contingent on an amendment to the budget repay the funds to the city of 30 thousand for all election costs. The motion was seconded by Sara Countryman.

Presiding Officer Gordon asked if there is any other discussion?

Carol Langley asked, and that's going to be a line item of its own? To pay back. With this 550 are you going to subtract that 30 thousand from that?

Chief Solomon said yes.

Sara Countryman said just to keep in mind this is also a very conservative number. We are anticipating it to exceed this number.

Carol Langley said, I have to go by what's written.

Sara Countryman said yes, I understand.

Presiding Officer Gordon asked if there's any further discussion?

With no further discussion.

The motion passed (6-0).

Presiding Officer Gordon said now to look at the plan.

Discussion crime control plan: Carol Langley asked did you change anything to the plan from our notebook?

Chief Solomon said the only change from your notebook is that what we did do is when you read that notebook you're reading a bunch of paragraphs so what we did do is we came up with a breakdown of each one of those sections. But any changes? No. No changes were made but just simplified and broken down.

Casey Olson asked, highlights?

Sara Countryman asked, cliff notes?

Carol Langley asked, does this plan have to go anywhere or does it stay with you.

Chief Solomon said, it doesn't have to go anywhere but as we move into a growth, that plan will change, that's why we talk about a two-year plan, that plan will change. There'll be some amendments made to that plan as we move into a growth period for sure.

Carol Langley asked, but you don't have to send the plan to the sales tax people or any of that? Chief Solomon said, no ma'am.

Presiding Officer Gordon said, I think it's an internal document to provide guidance.

Chief Solomon said, and we'll have a copy of the breakdown sent to you by tomorrow morning. And there's no change, just the breakdown to help you understand it better.

Presiding Officer Gordon said that I've looked the plan over and its pretty comprehensive. I think you've covered all your bases. I agree with everything, and with the growth, we're going to see some need for some additional stuff.

Casey Olson asked, Mr. Nelson (referring to Nelson Cox) what do you think? Do you agree with the plan? Do you like it?

Presiding Officer Gordon stated I'm looking for a motion to approve the two-year crime control plan.

Casey Olson said that's not on here.

Sara Countryman said I thought we just did that.

Casey Olson said we did the budget.

Presiding Officer Gordon said it's actually on there. It's on the same line, just broken out.

Casey Olson said okay. I didn't add the crime control plan to the motion so okay I'm with you.

Action: Sara Countryman motioned to accept the crime control plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Casey Olson. The motion passed (6-0).

8. ADJOURNMENT

Presiding Officer Gordon asked if anyone would like to make a motion to adjourn?

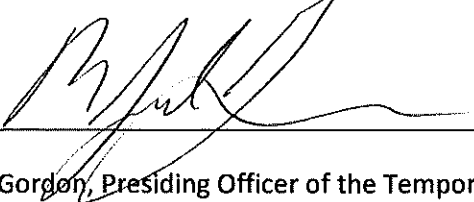
Casey Olson made motion to adjourn.

Sara Countryman seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Corinne Tilley, MCCPD temporary board secretary

Minutes passed and approved this 19th day of November, 2024.



Joel Gordon, Presiding Officer of the Temporary Board