

MONTGOMERY CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT (MCCPD)

TEMPORARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 3, 2024, AT 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by City of Montgomery Police Chief Anthony Solomon at the City of Montgomery City Hall Council Chambers, 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery Texas 77316.

2. INVOCATION

City Councilmember Stan Donaldson gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Police Chief Anthony Solomon 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, Lt. Joel Gordon, City Councilmember Carol Langley, Mayor Pro Tem Casey Olson, and TJ Wilkerson

City Staff present: Police Chief Anthony Solomon, Corinne Tilley

5. CITIZENS/VISITOR FORUM

There were no public comments.

6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. Consideration and possible action on the election of the Presiding Officer of the Temporary Board.

Action: A nomination was made by Carol Langley to elect Joel Gordon as the Presiding Officer of the Temporary Board. The nomination was seconded by Casey Olson. The nomination passed unanimously (6-0).

- B. Schedule the next meeting of the Montgomery Crime Control and Prevention District (MCCPD) Temporary Board.

Discussion: Chief Solomon said we are looking at the 17<sup>th</sup> to schedule the next meeting. We've done the creation and the directors so where we are now is that we just did the officer tonight and that is within 15 days. Joel Gordon asked how often do you think the board will be meeting, once a quarter, once every two months? Chief Solomon said it is hard to say that right now because here is what we are trying to do. We are trying to get you guys up and running on

your own with a secretary. We have some steps to follow according to the State Legislature to get you to the point that once the election is over, then you, as the board, can start scheduling your regular board meetings, but we have to get through these steps first. And we're following it right now, pretty good.

So, what you also have in front of you is the draft of the Crime Control and Prevention District Strategic Plan. At your next meeting, on the 17th, you will also receive the 2-year budget, a final copy of the draft, a copy of the State Legislative Ordinance, and the City Ordinance. We are trying to get you guys up and running on your own and then get the permanent district working. We have a timeline to follow, and we have already started discussion with the County elections person. She has been in contact with Gary and Ms. Goode and emailing them so that we can stay on track with the timeline, in line for the November ballot. That's why we are trying to keep with the exact timelines and we don't miss anything. We only have so many days and right now we are days and days ahead of it. So, if there's any "slippage" we should be fine.

Joel Gordon verified, so June 17 at 6:00 p.m. will be our next meeting here.

Chief Solomon said yes sir.

- C. Present the draft of the Montgomery Crime Control and Prevention District Strategic Plan.  
Discussion: Chief Solomon continued that the third thing is to review the presented draft of the Montgomery Crime Control and Prevention District Strategic Plan.

## 7. GENERAL DISCUSSION / INQUIRY

Mayor Countryman asked if there is anything you need for us to do in the meantime.

Chief Solomon said not anything right now because we are getting all the advertising/informational flyers going and once we start putting that information out, we'll have things for you to do.

Joel Gordon asked if this is the taxing district?

Chief Solomon said it is not a tax increase on the citizens. It's a reallocation of funds. It's a quarter of a percent. Casey Olson clarified it's a quarter of a whole or half of a half. Mayor Countryman said that it is coming out of MEDC funds, coming from that bucket.

Carol Langley said, I guess at the MEDC meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>, I guess it's on our agenda to discuss it or do you know. Chief Solomon said I don't know. I've not looked at the MEDC agenda. Mayor Countryman asked if MEDC needs to approve it? Carol asked if its enough time? Chief Solomon said it's enough time but once you guys have voted on making it happen then it's really ... cuz its like with this board here, somebody asked today, how does it work? We get with this board. We say ok these are the things that we may need. If they approve it, the approval still has to go through council. Mayor Countryman said so MEDC doesn't get to say no we don't want to do that. Chief Solomon said in agreement, no. Casey Olson said no, they don't get a choice. Mayor Countryman said I'm just making sure cuz she said is it going to be posted on MEDC's next agenda? I don't think they have a say. Casey Olson said that as long as the people vote on it, they don't have a choice. Mayor Countryman clarified the people, the residents, the taxpayers. OK. Chief Solomon said once you guys have approved it and the people vote on it, then that's where it's at. Mayor Countryman added that just so we know if we're asked, someone

think's that there's a "hood wink", we can say that MEDC didn't have to approve it, council approved it. Make it happen and then it just has to go to the taxpayers in November.

Joel Gordon asked does a portion of MEDC funds come to this or all of MEDC funds. Mayor Countryman said no, half, half. Chief Solomon said half. A reallocation. Casey Olson said we would split that. Mayor Countryman said that its like MEDC made almost 1.3 million last year. Well half of that would come here so its 680 something thousand and that's... MEDC has a healthy fund so its ok to bring some money over here and I've talked to a couple of police chiefs that they thought this would be good. Casey Olson said within 18 months, they won't even notice it was taken out because of the tax increases. Mayor Countryman said in agreement that ... and currently that money isn't "earmarked" for anything right now so we aren't taking away from something at all.

Joel Gordon asked what the people on MEDC feel about this. Carol Langley said they haven't discussed it yet. That's why I was asking. Mayor Countryman said, they don't have to. They don't have to approve anything. Joel Gordon said, the voters do. Chief Solomon said yes the voters do. Joel Gordon said I was thinking in the long term of any potential push back down the road. Mayor Countryman said not everybody on the EDC live in the city either. Carol Langley said but they have control of it. Mayor Countryman said for sure. Joel Gordon said that they can still influence the voters. Mayor Countryman said absolutely. There still needs to be a discussion. Casey Olson said they may not be on the board long if they run against this. Mayor Countryman asked what did he say. Carol Langley said he didn't say anything. Casey Olson said I am saying it. Look, get on board or get off the train. Carol Langley said he's saying if you're not going for it you won't be on the board very long. Casey Olson said we are going in one direction. We're not going to have this split cuz nothing will happen.

Chief Solomon said so that's all we have for tonight. Does anyone have anything else cuz we're ready to adjourn. Mayor Countryman said I'm good. Others in agreement. Mayor Countryman said yup, it's 6:09.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Montgomery City Hall Council Chambers, 101 Old Plantersville Road, Montgomery Texas 77316.

Minutes submitted by: Corinne Tilley, MCCPD temporary board secretary

Minutes passed and approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
Joel Gordon, Presiding Officer of the Temporary Board