



MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

November 19, 2024

A regular meeting of the Montrose City Council was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Elks Civic Building at 107 S. Cascade Avenue. Said meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

PRESENT

J. David Reed, Dave Frank, Judy Ann Files, Doug Glaspell, Ed Ulibarri, Bill Bell, Chris Dawsey, Greg Story, Lisa Del Piccolo, Briceida Ortega, Joshua Lamphere, Blaine Hall, David Bries, Tim Cox, Shani Wittenberg, Leeanne Whittaker, Greg Stunder, William Reis

GUESTS

Fernando Belair, Matt Goldasich, Ken Otto, Kendra Stucki, Lisa Thomas, Trisha Winslow, Chris Trujillo, Ron Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor J. David Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor J. David Reed delivered a message of gratitude and asked citizens to provide support and assistance to those less fortunate. Mayor Reed wished the community a happy, safe, and healthy Thanksgiving.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Otto spoke regarding the proposed Land Use Code updates. Mr. Otto spoke in opposition to allowing duplexes in the R-2, Low Density Zoning District.

Fernando Belair spoke regarding notification procedures for land use hearings. Mr. Belair spoke in favor of requiring notification of all residents within 2,000 feet.

Trisha Winslow spoke in favor of implementing a civilian code enforcement program as an option to expedite remediation of code enforcement issues. Ms. Winslow also spoke in favor of increased traffic patrol and improved response to noise complaints.

Lisa Thomas and Kendra Stucki, members of the Uncompahgre Valley Association, spoke regarding efforts of UVA to contact citizens before Election Day to explain the lodging tax increase ballot issue.

Chris Trujillo spoke in favor of placing a cairn in the center of the roundabout on N. 9th Street to mark the 250th anniversary of Escalante and Dominguez crossing the river near that location.

Ron Smith spoke regarding the construction of a new Public Works facility. Mr. Smith spoke in opposition to increased taxes and increased debt and requested an interactive public meeting.

Matt Goldasich spoke in favor of a public awareness campaign to encourage residents to remove junk from private property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council considered the minutes of the November 4, 2024, special City Council meeting and the November 5, 2024, regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Judy Ann Files, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2024, special City Council meeting and the November 5, 2024, regular City Council meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

2025 BUDGET APPROVAL

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg reported that a full presentation of the \$111 million budget for 2025 was given at the first reading of Ordinance 2674. Ms. Wittenberg stated that the meeting packet includes the Ordinance and a resolution formally adopting the 2025 budget.

Ordinance 2674 – Second Reading

City Council considered Ordinance 2674 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, providing and appropriating funds for defraying the expenses and liabilities of the City of Montrose, Colorado, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to adopt Ordinance 2674 on second reading as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-18

City Council considered Resolution 2024-18 adopting the 2025 Municipal Budget.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Judy Ann Files, to adopt Resolution 2024-18 as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2675 – SECOND READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2675 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, for the annexation of the Leonard Farm Addition.

Mayor J. David Reed recused himself from all Leonard Farm Addition agenda items due to a conflict. Mayor Reed left the City Council Chambers at 6:32 p.m.

Planner II William Reis reviewed the location of the 71.22 acres south of Ogden Road. Mr. Reis stated that the site is within the Urban Growth Boundary and within City of Montrose water and sewer service areas.

Mr. Reis reviewed the zoning of the surrounding area and the requested zoning of R-3A, Medium-High Density District.

Mr. Reis recommended approval of the annexation and proposed zoning stating that the proposal is consistent with state and local annexation laws, public health, safety and welfare, and the Comprehensive Plan.

Access to the site was discussed. Mr. Reis stated that additional access will be provided as development occurs.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Judy Ann Files, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to adopt Ordinance 2675 on second reading as presented. All present voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2676 – SECOND READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2676 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, providing for the zoning of the Leonard Farm Addition as an "R-3A," medium high density district.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Judy Ann Files, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to adopt Ordinance 2676 on second reading as presented. Ed Ulibarri voted no. All others present voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor J. David Reed rejoined the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Sales, Use, and Excise Tax Report

Sales Tax Manager Leeanne Whittaker provided a sales, use, and excise tax report for the month of September 2024. Ms. Whittaker reported that total sales and use tax collections were up 5.2 percent as compared to September of 2023 with a positive budget variance of 7.7 percent. Year-to-date collections were up 3.5 percent with a positive budget variance of 5.7 percent.

Third Quarter Budget Review

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg reported that with three-quarters of the year passed, 77.7 percent of budgeted revenues are collected and expended at 75.8 percent. Ms. Wittenberg stated that a complete report is included in the meeting packet, and all major funds have revenues that exceed expenditures with 75 percent of the year completed.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Youth City Council Coordinator Briceida Ortega reported that nine members of the Youth City Council attended the National League of Cities conference last week. Ms. Ortega said the Youth City Councilors engaged in interactive workshops, networked with other youth councilors, and heard inspiring speakers. Ms. Ortega thanked City Council for supporting the Youth City Council.

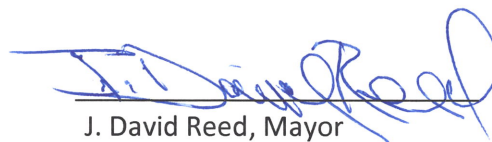
CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank reported that he recently traveled to South America on business and noticed the contrast in infrastructure and living conditions. Mr. Frank said he is thankful to live in a city like Montrose.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 p.m., the meeting adjourned with no further action taken.

ATTEST:


J. David Reed, Mayor


Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk

