

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 12, 2000**

Council met in a workshop session on February 12, 2000. The meeting was called to order by Mayor McCurley at 8:02 a.m.

Those in attendance were as follows: John McCurley, Dick Staten, Betty Davis, Tom Muennich, Charlene Pelfrey, and Jim Fox.

A general discussion followed on various aspects regarding the joint project with the Mason Board of Education. Items discussed included placement of the buildings on the available property, parking, size of facilities, and general land use items.

At 8:30 the entire group joined another group lead by the School Board members. Those in attendance were as follows: Russ Carter, Connie Yingling Jim Fox, Dick Staten, Eric Hansen, Scot Lahrmer, Earl Grossland, Jim Voorhis, Marianne Culbertson, Eric Kantor, Davis Lenert, Charlene Pelfrey, Kevin Bright, John McCurley and Tom Muennich. Peter Beck joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Earl Grossland presented some recent changes that have been suggested for the exterior design of the building in an effort to more clearly distinguish the school from the recreation center. These included different roof line and a description of possible uses of the same color of brick but used in a different arrangement on the exterior. Council agreed the appearance and identity are the concern not that it must be two separate buildings. It was suggested by the City that the arched window area by the pool be brought out further toward the driveway to balance the appearance of the building. Earl Grossland stated that could be done. Council also stated it was their preference to see the parking moved behind the building and the buildings moved closer to Mason-Montgomery Road. It was decided a more clear definition of what practice fields would be needed must be done before those decisions could be made.

Council expressed a concern for future growth in the new city building, parking and recreation center. The School Board expressed concern over necessary parking for the auditorium. Earl Grossland stated he will come back to this group with new plans reflecting the discussions that have taken place today. He stated we are in the concept stage and if the square footage does not match what was originally on the list, it will with the final plan.

It was agreed upon that the school and community use of the gyms must be separate. The community will have the use of two gyms during the day and four after approximately 5:00 p.m.

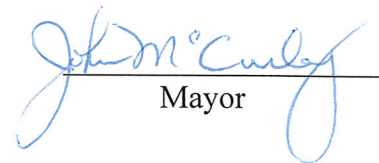
It was suggested by Council that residents will want to use the pool to swim laps. It was stated it would be possible to include two lanes in the leisure pool to accommodate that during the day. It was also mentioned there should be a half or partial wall between the two pools so that swimmers in the leisure pool do not have clear visibility into the pool used for physical education.

Fees were discussed in general. Council stated they felt the seniors should be able to use some of the facilities for free or a nominal charge for processing a pass. The school board stated perhaps fees should be recalculated in three years based on the inside millage collected. A compromise was mentioned that both parties put in more inside millage for the first few years until we get more accurate cost information. The City=s millage is already committed for this year but that could be done for perhaps two years prior to the recreation center being opened. It was agreed by all the fees should not be large to jeopardize the passage of the bond.

A community forum will be held on February 29, 2000 at the high school. Council and Boad of Ed should be there as well as the architects to answer any questions if necessary. It was stated an organizational chart should be shown to illustrate the number of citizens with input on this project. It was stated the history should be eliminated as it is getting redundant.

The meeting dismissed with the reminder the next meeting is to occur on Tuesday, February 15, 2000.


Clerk of Council


Mayor