

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 22, 2000**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McCurley at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council were present: Jim Fox, Dick Staten, Tom Muennich, Peter Beck and John McCurley. Betty Davis and Charlene Pelfrey were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, Council Workshop was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 8th Council meeting was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to amend the minutes from the May 15th Council Work Session was made by Councilmember Beck to include the comments by Councilmember Beck as follows: the fitness area is not large enough, the types of equipment must be clearly defined, the playground equipment should be ADA compliant and the number of offices must be finalized thus determining such things as the management of the recreation center being done in-house or by an outside firm. The motion to amend was seconded by Councilmember Staten. A motion to approve the minutes as amended from the May 15th Council Work Session was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mr. Bob Davis of 4740 Cobblestone Court stated he and his neighbors are concerned about the road planned to go through the schools property to connect to the park entrance. Mr. Davis mentioned four specific concerns. First he asked if the road is really necessary since the widening of Stitt Road is being done. The second and third concern is the safety of their children and the valuation of their property and the last concern is the noise factor resulting from the traffic behind their homes. Mayor McCurley stated the schools are designing the traffic access through that parcel however he stated nothing is final and he was sure the School Board would be sensitive to their concerns. He thanked Mr. Davis for notifying Council of his concerns but stated they must be addressed by the School Board.

Ms. Sybil Bobinski of 4716 Cobblestone Court addressed Council and asked if the City is involved with this decision or is it entirely up to the School Board. Mayor McCurley stated the City does not own the property and the road will be going to a school building. The installation of the road, he explained, has not been determined between the school and the city.

Ms. Wanda Davis of 4740 Cobblestone Court addressed Council and stated the high volume of traffic is a major concern as this road would lead to the park and the school facilities. It will be used continually.

Mr. Settler of 4674 Cobblestone Court stated he was President of the Brookstone Homeowners Association and he stated cars are currently speeding along the road to the park and pool. He stated this has been reported to the police and they say they've been told by the Park Department not to issue tickets and ignore the no parking signs on one side of the road. Mr. Settler stated the park is not gated as originally promised. He stated he felt it should be gated at night. He also said their Homeowners Association has requested a path be installed from their subdivision to the park but were denied because it would require a crosswalk.

RESOLUTION 2000-11 - PROCLAIMING MAY 21-27, 2000 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Eric Hansen read the Resolution.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2000-63 - ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE CURRENT TERMINUS OF CENTRAL PARK BOULDEVARD SOUTH TO CEDAR VILLAGE DRIVE, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 2.119 ACRES, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE WEST SIDE OF MASON MONTGOMERY ROAD DIRECTLY NORTH OF CEDAR VILLAGE DRIVE, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY .069 ACRE

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Richard Fair explained to Council the developer is requesting the approval of the dedication plat for the extension of Central Parke Boulevard from Central Parke, south to connect with Cedar Village Drive and for the dedication of .069 of an acre along the west side Mason-Montgomery Road north of Cedar Village Drive to comply with the Mason Thoroughfare Plan. Planning Commission recommended approval.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Beck, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-63 was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Muennich. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2000-64 1st READING AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 141.98 ACRES FROM R-2 TO MIXED USE PUD LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF MASON-MONTGOMERY ROAD, SOUTH OF WESTERN ROW ROAD (WESTERN ROW LAND DEVELOPMENT, MICHAEL DAVIS,STEPHEN GERHARD AND DONALD SPURLING)

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A public hearing was set for June 26, 2000 at approximately 7:05 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2000-65 - APPROVING REPLAT OF EAGLEVIEW VILLAGE- SECTION 3, PHASE 45, LOTS 201-204

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Richard Fair stated this legislation is necessary in order for the developer to sell the individual condominium units.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-65 was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2000-66 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE WITH STEPHEN AND RUTH SUESS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 548 MASON-MONTGOMERY ROAD, MASON, OHIO

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Scot Lahrmer stated the City has negotiated a purchase price of \$160,960 for the residence of Steve and Ruth Suess located at 548 Mason-Montgomery Road. He stated while not necessary for the planned development of the high school, recreation center and municipal building it is prudent and responsible of the City to consider acquiring the property as the land uses change and affect the residents. The purchase price was derived from an appraisal the City hired a firm to conduct.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-66 was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2000-67 CREATING ONE ADDITIONAL POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER, TWO ADDITIONAL POSITIONS OF SERGEANT AND MODIFYING THE POSITION OF LIEUTENANT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Eric Hansen explained to Council the next two ordinances are related. Ordinance 2000-67 deals with the need to hire additional police officers due to the increasing service demands. He explained how the current work force is not sufficient to address the increase in cases while continuing to provide an environment in which residents feel safe and secure. Eric explained Ordinance 2000-68 creates a position to be jointly funded by the Police Department and Mason Municipal Court. Funds for these positions were included in the 2000 budget. A grant has been received for \$150,000 over the next three years which covers nearly half of the costs associated with these officers. Both the Council Finance and Employee Relations Committees have recommended approval of these ordinances. Councilmember Beck questioned the expenditures but deferred to the expertise of Chief Ferrell and the Committee's recommendation.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-67 was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2000-68 CREATING THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME COURT SERVICES LIAISON AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-68 was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2000-69 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TESTECH CONSTRUCTION & INSPECTION SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-69 was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2000-70 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH JANI-KING OF CINCINNATI FOR CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE MASON MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND GRANTING THE CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY TO RENEW SAID CONTRACT FOR THE SECOND THROUGH FIFTH YEARS AT HIS DISCRETION

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Eric Hansen stated the City received two bids for the custodial service contract and Jani-King Commercial Cleaning Service has been determined to be the lowest and best bid. He further explained to Council their bid was the lowest and they have exceptional references including a Mason firm. The contract is for \$21,600 for the first year, \$22,464 for the second, \$23,362.50 for the third, \$23,362.50 for the fourth, and \$24,297 for the fifth.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-70 was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2000-71 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE LEASE FOR THE CITY HALL ANNEX OFFICE SPACE

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Scot Lahrmer stated to Council the terms of the new lease are broken into two continuous time segments with the last segment being a month to month agreement. This is agreeable to the owner and is agreeable to the City Administration as a move to the new municipal building is anticipated in that time frame. He further stated all other terms and conditions remain the same except for the 3% increase in rent per year.

A motion to suspend the rule was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Councilmember

Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-71 was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

- Public Utilities Superintendent, Ernie Stickler, was elected President of Southwest Ohio Water and Environment Association. He will serve a one year term. He has also been named to the Quarter Century Operator's Club which is part of the Water Environment Federation.
- Cinergy has donated \$5,000 to the Sunshine Concert Series and \$1,000 for Safety Camp sponsored by the City's Parks and Recreation Department. The City has also received a \$1,000 donation from National Bank and Trust for the City's Crime Prevention Fund.
- Stitt Road will be closed beginning June 5, 2000 for the construction of the road improvement.

COUNCIL OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The first concert in the Pine Hill Park will be held on June 4, 2000 and Stagger Lee will be performing.

The financial expenditure incurred due to defending the City's interest on annexations was discussed. It was requested a total cost the City has spent defending annexations be determined. It was noted the City has not lost one annexation case. It was also stated a cost should be requested of Deerfield Township so their residents can see how frivolously the Trustees spend the township tax dollars..

An Ad Hoc Fire Committee meeting has been difficult to schedule due to conflicts among the members schedules. One will be planned for the immediate future.

There will be a parade on Memorial Day with a ceremony following at the cemetery.

Council reviewed a request for a transfer in name only of a liquor permit for 5525 Parkside Drive. Councilmember Muennich moved to not request a hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Scot Lahrmer and Terry Schulte were in Columbus last week for the Senate and House of Representative Hearings regarding the Annexation Reform Legislation. Council stated the pending bill is an anti-incorporation bill in its current form as well as an anti-property owners rights bill.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Bill Liedhegner of 626 Lindemann Lane addressed Council and stated he was aware in Norwood they have located satellite Police Stations and bike patrols. He suggested the City consider these two options.

Ms. Rachael Davis of 6426 Amber Court addressed Council and asked for details regarding the current and proposed annexations procedures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL

A motion to adjourn into executive session was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

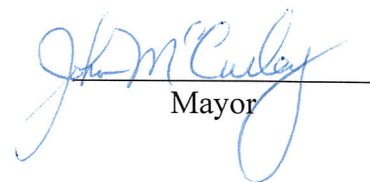
Councilmember Staten left the meeting during executive session.

A motion to reconvene into regular session was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Muennich, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS
TIME : 9:19 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor