

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
APRIL 29, 2002**

A joint meeting between the Chamber of Commerce and Council took place before the scheduled work session. At this joint meeting, Scot Lahrmer gave a brief overview of items the City is currently involved in such as road improvements, stormwater issues, status of the Community Center and the Municipal Center, Small Business recognition, Safety Director, Fire Chief and status of the Tennis Masters Series.

President of the Chamber, John Harris, discussed the Chamber's interest in the Tennis Master Series, the upcoming auction, future events, and the status of the creation of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce. He also indicated the offer remained open for one Councilmember to participate as a non-voting member on the Chamber of Commerce Board to facilitate communications between the two entities. He stated three new committees have been formed. This includes the Business Network Committee, the Small Business Committee that involves the formation of a Merchant Committee and the CEO Roundtable Group. He said the goal of the CEO Roundtable Group is to develop a new leadership program and lecture series.

A general discussion followed regarding the Heritage Festival and the Downtown Mason Revitalization Committee.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce in attendance adjourned and the Council work session commenced.

ATTENDANCE:

Jim Fox, Victor Kidd, Tom Grossmann, Peter Beck and John McCurley were present. Charlene Pelfrey and Dick Staten were absent.

MASON MUNICIPAL COURT

A general discussion took place with the following items being discussed:

- Purchase of guns
- Purchase of facilities for Deerfield Township location
- Individuals authorized by the Ohio Revised Code to carry firearms
- Certification necessary for an individual to carry a firearm.
- City of Mason future court options
- Prosecutor pay increase

WARREN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER FINANCING

Scot Lahrmer stated the City has received a request for additional financing from the Warren County Humane Association. They are requesting financial support from all

jurisdictions. They are asking for \$5,000 annually for the next five years. Council supported this request.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

A general discussion took place among Councilmembers in which the Phalen Road /Foxfield Drive extension was mentioned. It was determined it is advantageous to both parties to build the road. It was agreed this benefits the schools more than the City. Council agreed to participate with the schools in construction of the road.

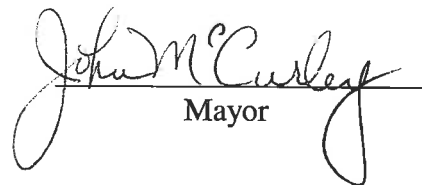
A shortage of field space for SYO, MYO and Knothole leagues was discussed. It was determined Councilmembers Grossmann and Kidd would approach the Township Trustees for assistance in this matter.

ADJOURN

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

TIME: 8:05 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor