

**CITY OF MASON
JOINT MEETING WITH DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP//WORKSESSION
JUNE 17, 2002**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McCurley.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Jim Fox, Dick Staten, Victor Kidd, Tom Grossmann, John McCurley. Pete Beck and Charlene Pelfrey joined the meeting later.

The following members of the Deerfield Township Board of Trustees were present: Bill Morand, Randy Kuvin and Barbara Wilkens Reed.

JOINT TOPICS OF INTEREST

Scot Lahrmer and Greg Horwedel, Township Administrator, opened the meeting by addressing topics that might be of common concern for both entities. Issues mentioned include the County Strategic Land Use Plan, Joint Park Projects and Storm Water Utility.

A general discussion took place among those present and it was agreed a unified front to the County would be beneficial to the entire area. It was noted there are no educators on the committee to review the County land use plan and it was generally agreed they should be included. It was suggested and agreed upon to notify Bob Craig both entities desire strong representation on the Steering Committee.

Several questions were directed to the City regarding the Storm Water Utility. The Township is currently addressing similar problems and wanted to know details of how the City began the process of establishing this utility.

The increasing demand for parkland and ball fields was discussed. It was suggested the Township strive to eventually provide 30 of the required number of fields, as that is the amount of township children that currently utilize the ball fields at this time. The Township Trustees agreed they are trying to access more fields with property they currently own on Snider road, the Carter property and an agreement they are working on to use the Kings School District facilities.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

An invitation was extended to the Township Trustees to tour the new High School/Community Center and Municipal Center.

A suggestion was made to plan a joint sporting event between the two governmental entities, such as a baseball game to show the communities are unified.

It was suggested these joint meetings be planned at a minimum twice a year to discuss common interest.

It was suggested we work together to offer a home improvement loan program currently only available in Hamilton County. Councilmember Beck has the details on the program and will secure more information.

COUNCIL WORKSESSION

The meeting adjourned into a council worksession at 7:15 p.m.

A general discussion took place regarding the Heritage Festival. Council agreed to increase support to \$15,000 for this year's event.

Sewer rates were discussed. It was determined to provide a special summer rate for watering lawns, an across the board rate increase would have to be implemented at 9%. A discussion followed on other options and it was determined Council needs to review the sewer rate structure including issues concerning capacity and alternate billing options.

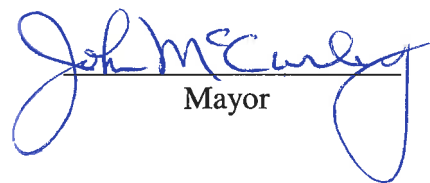
A presentation of possible new City logos was made by Jennifer Trepal. Council decided at this time they would stay with the current one and standardize it between departments.

A contribution to the City of Dublin was discussed to assist in the effort to control the language in SB255 on the right-of-way issue. An amount of \$5,000 was agreed upon.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS TIME: 8:30 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor