

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 24, 2002**

Mayor McCurley called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2002 Council meeting was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

After some general discussion among Councilmembers, a motion to amend the minutes of the June 17, 2002 Worksession to state Council will continue to review the sewer rate structure including issues concerning capacity and alternate billing options. The amendment was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2002 Worksession as amended was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER MARK FETZER

Chief Ferrell addressed Council and introduced Mason's newest Police Officer, Mark Fetzer. Mayor McCurley performed the swearing in ceremony.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS --None

ORDINANCE 2002-99 AMENDING SECTION 1301.01 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, AND ADOPTING THE OHIO BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION OHIO RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE, TWO AND THREE FAMILY DWELLINGS, 1999 EDITION (ORC) WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS

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

The title was read by the Law Director, Tim Gary.

Richard Fair explained to Council the purpose of this legislation is to update the City's Building Code for 1, 2, and 3 Family Dwellings to reference new code Edition and Administrative additions. He stated the updated code is the Ohio Residential Code and is

adopted by most jurisdictions in this area. He also said the City has worked with the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati in reviewing the amendments and they support this adoption.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2002-99 was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2002-100 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$15,000 TO THE MASON HERITAGE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE 2002 HERITAGE FESTIVAL

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

Scot Lahrmer stated the Mason Heritage Festival is requesting funding for this year's event in the amount of \$15,000. He said the City has supported this event in the past through funding and providing a variety of services. He noted last year a contribution of \$5,000 was made by the City.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Kidd, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2002-100 was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2002-101 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT OF ARBOR CREEK SUBDIVISION, SECTION 4

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

Richard Fair explained to Council this project contains 16 single-family lots on 6.57 acres and 0.88 acres of right-of-way. He stated the final plat is consistent with the revised final PUD and has been approved by Planning Commission with three contingencies. They include revising the front setbacks of lots 73,76-78, 85 and 86 to obtain the required 100-foot lot width at the setback line, revise the easement between lots 81 and 82 to a Private Drainage Easement and submit a subdivider's contract and a performance bond.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Kidd, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Councilmember Pelfrey suggested the City communicate with the Township as this abuts their border. Mayor McCurley suggested a copy of the plan be sent to them.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2002-101 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2002-102 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BAYER BECKER ENGINEERS FOR THE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN PATH FROM U.S. 42 TO SNIDER ROAD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TYLERSVILLE ROAD

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

Richard Fair explained to Council this legislation would allow for the preparation of a preliminary plan, engineer's estimate of probable cost and final construction documents for a 10 foot wide bike path along the north side of Tylersville Road from US 42 to Snider Road. He said in an effort to implement Phase One of the 2001 Bicycle and Pedestrian Way Master Plan, City Council appropriated \$110,000 in the 2002 Budget to design and construct a bike path. The extension of Tylersville Road path from US 42 to Snider Road was considered the most appropriate. He added this extension will connect the existing pedestrian path along Tylersville Road with an existing pedestrian path along Snider Road. Richard Fair stated WLW has indicated they are willing to grant an easement to build the path along their frontage. The City will be responsible for acquiring the necessary right of way. Staff recommends Bayer Becker Engineers be awarded a contract in the amount of \$14,900 to prepare a preliminary plan, engineer's estimate and final construction documents. It was noted by Council a safe crossing for bikes will need to be installed over the railroad crossing.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2002-102 was made by Councilmember Kidd, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2002-103 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR AN OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, DISTRICT 10 STATE ISSUE 2 GRANT FOR PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR PROGRAM YEAR 19

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

Eric Hansen explained it is the City's intent to pursue a grant of Issue 2 funds for five projects. These include the widening of Mason-Montgomery Road from Church Street to the I & O Railroad., the widening of Western Row Road from Mason-Montgomery Road to Tylersville Road, US 42/Hanover installation of traffic signal and left turn lanes,

Bethany Road widening from US 42 to SR 741 and construction of a new water tank at Pine Hills Lake Park. Eric stated this year's applications are for Program Year 19, which is the January 1, 2005 scoring process.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2002-103 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City's July Fourth celebration on July 3 is titled "Red Rhythm & Boom" will begin at 5:00 p.m. and conclude with fireworks.

The City offices will be closed on Thursday July 4, 2002.

On July 15, 2002 Council will take a tour of the new Community Center and Municipal Center. The tour will begin at 5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Beck stated the Veteran's Memorial Committee has arranged for a Civil War enactment to be at the July 3, "Red Rhythm and Boom" event. He also said the Committee will have a tent where tickets can be purchased for the raffle of a 2002 Chevy Trailblazer. He stated lunches are planned in the future with leaders in the business community.

Councilmember Grossmann reported on the opening event for Kadent Black Clasen. He stated they relocated from Middletown and Mason was chosen for a variety of reasons but one of which is they could recruit employees to move to Mason. He also stated he met with Don Sams from Mason Christian Village and commented on the quality of that facility.

COUNCIL OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Pelfrey stated the Downtown Revitalization Committee (DMRC) met on June 12. She stated she is looking forward to the results from Poggemeyer and asked if the Economic Development Committee is working with Poggemeyer to determine a use of the current City Building that would benefit the community. She suggested they be contacted for their suggestions.

Councilmember Beck said he and Scot Lahrmer have a meeting scheduled with Key Bank to discuss a low interest loan program. He stated the Deerfield Township Administrator is also included in this meeting.

Mayor McCurley said the joint meeting with Deerfield Township was beneficial. He said issues discussed were stormwater concerns, low interest loan program, joint sporting event and mutual items of interest at the County level. Mayor McCurley stated a replacement for the Zoning Board of Appeals is required as Sheryl Short is retiring. He recommended Chris Calpin be appointed. Councilmember Staten moved to approve the appointment of Chris Calpin to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS Councilmember Kidd asked how a resident could be considered for such an appointment. Scot Lahmrrer stated any resident can apply. They fill out an application and they are kept on file for when there is an opening. Mayor McCurley stated interested individuals are welcome.

Mayor McCurley re-appointed Jim Brady, Trudy Pringle and Lily Frey to the Library Board. He explained their terms are expired and they are willing to continue to serve on the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel was made by Vice Mayor Fox, seconded by Councilmember Staten. VOTE: ALL YEAS

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

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Beck. VOTE: ALL YEAS TIME: 9:15 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor