

**CITY OF MASON
PUBLIC MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2002**

Scot Lahrmer called to order a joint meeting between the Chamber of Commerce and City Council.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Jim Fox, John McCurley and Victor Kidd. Pete Beck and Charlene Pelfrey joined the meeting in progress.

CITY TOPICS

Scot Lahrmer gave a brief description of the new Municipal Center. He provided updates on the Tennis Masters Series agreement, the intersection improvement planned for Snider Road at Western Row Road, the new water reclamation plant, Community Center status and the presentation by the Downtown Revitalization Committee that is to follow this meeting.

A general discussion followed with questions being answered on the status of the storm sewer projects.

CHAMBER ACTIVITIES

John Harris provided an update of the Chamber activities for 2002. He listed the activities they accomplished and the goals they have set for 2003. A general discussion followed with a request coming from the Chamber for a member of the Economic Development Department to participate on the Chamber Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned to be followed by a public meeting in which a presentation would be given on the Downtown Revitalization project.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

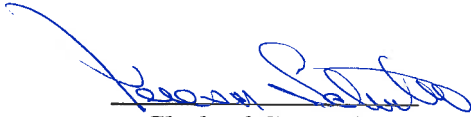
Members of the Downtown Revitalization Committee (DMRC) and interested residents joined the meeting at this time.

Linda Fitzgerald welcomed everyone and announced the DMRC and the Core Group are discussing joining efforts with a committee from the Chamber to continue to work on this project. Linda then introduced the members from the Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. that were present. They presented an overview of the total design plan mentioning many options available to the City. (See attached summary.)

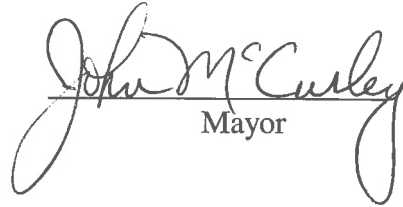
Following the presentation, it was clearly stated by Linda Fitzgerald the next move was for the plan to be adopted by the City. She stated you couldn't begin to ask the

Community or the State for assistance and funds without an adopted plan. It was strongly recommended by the Poggemeyer Group and Linda Fitzgerald a Downtown Manager be hired by the City to oversee the details of this project. Council discussed if that position had been included in the budget. Scot Lahrmer stated it was not in the approved budget. Council stated they might have to revisit that issue. Mayor McCurley stated Council will address this matter and stated he believes there is a need for a plan.

Meeting adjourned.



Clerk of Council



Mayor