

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 28, 2003**

Mayor McCurley called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**ORDINANCE 2003-59 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL TO DEFEND CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Mayor McCurley stated it would be advisable to read this legislation. The Ordinance was read by Law Director, Ken Schneider.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2003-59 was made by Councilmember Staten, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2003-60 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY THE MASON MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE USED BY THE COURT BAILIFFS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Scot Lahrmer stated this legislation was requested by Councilmember Grossmann. Councilmember Grossmann stated the Court does not want the City to spend funds for a special car for them to use to transport prisoners. He stated he has discussed the matter with Deerfield Township and they may be interested in assisting with this purchase as they realize it was a Deerfield Township case that led to the disagreement between the Mason Chief of Police and Judge Parker. He added that the matter needs to be discussed further and suggested this be a first reading. He asked if the court could use a city vehicle when the need arises. Mayor McCurley stated he did not think it was advisable

for anyone other than a police officer to drive a city vehicle with sirens etc. He stated he thought the court should drive a vehicle clearly marked for their use. Councilmember Grossmann reported the Court Liaison Committee has reviewed the facts on the recent dispute. He proceeded to give a brief background of what occurred on May 15, 2003. He read in full, a memorandum explaining the entire situation, which included the Committee's recommendations on resolving the matter. (See attached memorandum.)

Mayor McCurley stated this would be a first reading on this legislation. The second will take place at the June 9, 2003 meeting.

**ORDINANCE 2003-61 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH KATHERINE, WILLIAM A. AND LISA RICHARDSON FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON MASON-MONTGOMERY ROAD, MASON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Ken Schneider stated this legislation is a result of an agreement being reached in an appropriation issue with the Richardsons for acquisition of property located on Mason-Montgomery Road.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2003-61 was made by Councilmember Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Cancelled

**ADJOURN**

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

TIME: 5:43 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor