

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 11, 2004**

Mayor Beck called the meeting to order and asked Father Harry Meyer to open the meeting with a prayer. Those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were in attendance: Victor Kidd, Tony Bradburn, Tom Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey and Peter Beck. John McCurley and Steve Osborne were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2004 Council meeting was made by Vice Mayor Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Mayor Beck announced that Ordinance 2004-121 would be addressed next.

**ORDINANCE 2004-121 AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 46.7 ACRES FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL TO B-4 PUD AND APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PROPERTY REFERRED TO AS THE GREAT WOLF LODGE RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER PROPERTY**

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

Mayor Beck stated the City has received a request from the applicant to continue this public hearing until November 22, 2004. Richard Fair stated they said they needed the additional time for preparation on all issues. Ken Schneider stated since this public hearing has been advertised for this evening, it must be opened and continued at that point.

Mayor Beck opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. Councilmember Bradburn moved to continue the public hearing until November 22, 2004. Councilmember Grossmann seconded the motion. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHAPLAINS**

Pastor Perkins of the Chaplains Program introduced two new chaplains that have joined the organization. He explained their ability to speak Spanish is very valuable to the Mason area. Mayor Beck presented them with official City badges.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** None

**RESOLUTION 2004-16 PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 23, 2004 AS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY IN MASON**

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

Becky Osborne addressed Council and stated Make a Difference Day is a national day dedicated to the principle of helping others and occurs annually on the fourth Saturday of October and she would like to encourage and help Mason families, businesses, employees and civic groups to get involved in improving our community. She explained among the projects being coordinated this year is a Park Beautification Project by the Mason Kiwanis Club. In addition, two new community-wide projects are being offered this year. Building Blocks Foundation is coordinating the Linus Project, to sew and assemble blankets for sick and traumatized children. A New and Used Bicycle Collection project coordinated by the Northeast Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce will donate bikes to children in Over-the-Rhine. All of these projects provide opportunities for public participation and details on how residents can get involved can be found on the local website: <http://www.MasonMakeaDiff.org> .

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2004-16 was made by Councilmember Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**RESOLUTION 2004-17 CELEBRATING OCTOBER 23-31, 2004 AS NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK**

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

Officer Van Wagner, the City's D.A.R.E. Officer, addressed Council and explained this program focuses on raising community awareness regarding the significance of public education efforts in preventing and reducing alcohol and drug abuse. She stated Red Ribbons have been designated for this week long celebration as a symbol to promote the public's awareness of the impact educational efforts have had in preventing and otherwise reducing alcohol and drug abuse. Red ribbons will also be displayed on police cruisers and other City vehicles and Officer Van Wagner stated she will be visiting several schools to educate the public, distribute red ribbons, and read the Resolution to school students and staff.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2004-17 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**RESOLUTION 2004-18 PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH**

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council, National Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, which started on October 9, 1871. The fire took over 250 lives and in its wake over 17,000 buildings were destroyed, with total property damage estimated at around \$169 million. Eric stated the Fire Marshal's Association established Fire Prevention Day in 1911 to publicly recognize the most common fire hazards at that time. In 1922, President Warren Harding proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week, which has been nationally recognized from that time on. Eric said today the City of Mason Fire Department serves a vital function in our community. Services include emergency medical response to homes, businesses, and traffic accidents, as well as firefighting and fire prevention in the Mason area. The month of October is designated as a time to promote and recognize these fire prevention programs generated throughout the year.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2004-18 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2004-126 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR WALL-2-WALL PUD**

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

Richard Fair explained to Council the developer is requesting approval of the record plat. He said the final plat divides the property into seven parcels ranging in size from .6 of an acre to 8.015 acres. The proposed uses include athletic facilities, medical offices and commercial uses. The current access at Lot 1 is being eliminated and a new single access for all parcels is being located approximately 200 feet to the south.

Richard explained Planning Commission recommends approval of the final plat contingent on the following:

1. Please note that the Covenants and Restrictions must be recorded at the county prior to the recording of this record plat.
2. Please include proposed utility, landscape buffer, private drainage, water, and sewer easements and their restrictions on the record plat.
3. Please provide a permanent access easement restriction for the access drive to provide access to Lots 1-7.
4. Please provide a subdivider's contract and performance bond.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2004-126 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS

**ORDINANCE 2004-127 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH 32 FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2005 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTORS**

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council the State of Ohio has awarded the contract for 2005 models. The price for one 2005 Ford Crown Victoria is \$21,410. He said while this is slightly higher than last year's price of \$21,157, it is still an excellent value. The total price for three is \$64,480, which includes one shop manual. Eric added the state purchasing schedule has proven to be a very cost effective alternative especially for purchases of this type. Delivery of the vehicles will be in the spring of 2005.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2004-127 was made by Councilmember Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: 4 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Bradburn)

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Eric Hansen stated the October issue of *Mason Matters* will be delivered to residents with the October 14 issue of the Pulse Journal and *Funformason* will be included in the November 4 issue.

Eric also explained with the recent completion of the amenities at the playground at Pine Hill Lakes Park, a dedication ceremony has been planned for October 25 at 6:15 p.m. with Park Board. The playground is now complete with soft surface playground, sprayground, picnic shelters, gazebo, drinking fountains, trash receptacles and benches. Swings will be added next spring but so far, utilization has been heavy and has become extremely popular with kids.

A Council work session is scheduled for Tuesday October 26, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Mason Municipal Center and will include dinner.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Vice Mayor Pelfrey announced she had attended a Park Board meeting recently and reminded everyone of the Halloween Festival on October 23, 2004 from 6:00 -9:00p.m. She also

reminded everyone of the Haunted Hayrides on October 22 and 23 from dark to 10:00 p.m. She also mentioned the master plan for the parks and stated the board has real concerns over the need for more fields. She suggested the City hire someone either on a part time or full time basis to search for available grants. She stated she has learned Warren County has recently purchased parkland with funding received from grants. She stated she would work through the Employee Relations Committee to see if this is possible. Eric Hansen stated currently staff from every department works on applying for grants.

### **COUNCIL OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Mayor Pelfrey stated she has met with Ken Schneider, Tim Garry and Scot Bergthold to discuss the City's ordinance that deals with adult oriented businesses. Ken Schneider said there has been some activity on this across the country that can justify a review of the City's current ordinance. He suggested hiring Mr. Bergthold at a cost of \$1800 plus \$200 expenses to review the matter for the City. Vice Mayor Pelfrey moved to approve the cost. Councilmember Grossmann seconded the motion. VOTE: ALL YEAS

Councilmember Kidd stated a new business is in town called Squeals BBQ. He suggested everyone try it. He also suggested a marketing effort be done for the downtown business area. He said this has been done in Austin, Texas and was very beneficial.

Councilmember Bradburn reported Tylersville Road at Mason Montgomery Road has a washboard effect. He asked staff to see it is corrected.

Mayor Beck announced the dates for the Western Southern Tennis Tournament will be August 13-21, 2005. He also stated he would be addressing the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. on the S Corp tax issue.

Councilmember Grossmann asked about the status of the Glimcher project. Richard Fair stated they have been given a list of the City's concerns and we are waiting a reply. Richard also stated one meeting is being scheduled with the residents and with ODOT. He said there is no federal funding available to improve the interchange. He said the City has taken steps to begin the traffic counts that are required. The interchange modification study is in next years budget.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** None

### **ADJOURN**

Councilmember Bradburn moved to adjourn. Councilmember Kidd seconded the motion.  
VOTE: ALL YEAS

TIME: 8:22 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor