

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
AUGUST 1, 2005**

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Charlene Pelfrey, Tom Grossmann, Victor Kidd, Peter Beck, and John McCurley.

**WARREN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**

Scot Lahrmer stated the Warren County Humane Society is requesting additional funds from the City to help cover the costs of the services they provide for unwanted cats. He explained the City has nearly fulfilled its financial support of the capital expenditures of the Humane Society for \$25,000 over a five-year period. He stated the contribution the City has made in the past for the services to stray and unwanted cats has been \$3,000 in 1997, \$3,000 in 1999 and \$5,000 in 2001. He explained they are now requesting \$7500. He stated Mason's share is based on the participation of Mason residents, which is 8%. Council requested additional information on the Humane Society's budget and wanted to know what other entities have contributed. An ordinance will be brought back to Council to authorize a contribution.

**SKATE PARK**

Michael Hecker stated the cost for providing a skate park is averaging approximately \$25 per square foot. He stated both a 10,000 and 16,000 square foot cost have been researched. Jim Fox and Lori Allen representing the Skate Board Committee said the Committee recommends the "street" layout as opposed to the "vert" layout.

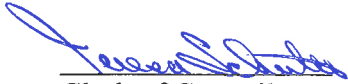
A general discussion took place among Council and the following items were discussed: design cost, necessary public meetings, level of activity for participants, school participation, flexibility built into the design and Deerfield Township participation. Other issue mentioned included portable concrete modules and cost of concrete or donated by Baker Concrete.

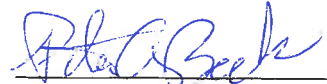
A consensus was reached to request the City Manager to approach Deerfield Township with a price range of between \$400,000 to \$500,000 to determine their interest in participating. Council will approve the design at an August Council meeting of \$400,000 if they must build it alone. If the Township is

participating the cost can be between \$400,000 to \$500,000. It was clarified landscaping would be an extra cost.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Vice Mayor Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS  
Time: 7:27 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor