

**CITY OF MASON
Council Worksession
November 21, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council were present: Tom Grossmann, Tony Bradburn, Charlene Pelfrey and Pete Beck.

JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Michele Blair provided a background information on the efforts to enter into an agreement to form a Joint Economic Development District with Liberty Township, Butler County and the City of Middletown. She explained the priorities for the City mean assistance in the financing of road improvements in that area. She stated as the agreement is written now, the City of Mason would receive 15% of the revenue from the JEDD. She stated the City of Middletown will collect the funds and receive a fee for providing this service. Michele clarified the earnings tax collected in the JEDD is only applied to commercial business not residential.

MASON COMMUNITY CENTER

Jennifer Heft addressed Council with an overview of the Community Center and the financial status of the operations. Several different financial options were discussed, which included the continued contribution from the City, renegotiate the contract with the schools, and aggressively pursue corporate members. A general discussion followed among Councilmembers and it was determined to increase the family pass rate to \$49.90 per month and increase the other pass categories by the same percentage. A sign up fee was also discussed and the discontinuation of the three-month pass since the monthly subscription rate has been introduced.

MASON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A request from the Mason Historical Society was discussed. They are asking for \$15,000 this year. Following a discussion among Council, it was agreed to give them \$8,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and land acquisition was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Vice Mayor Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

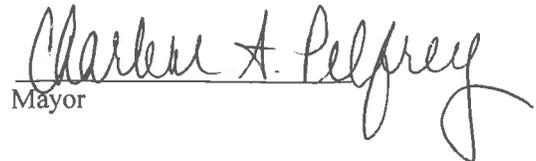
A motion to reconvene into regular session was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Vice Mayor Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS

TIME: 8:45 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor