

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2006**

Mayor Pelfrey called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Chaplain Jerry Pelfrey opened the meeting with prayer. Those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Victor Kidd, Tony Bradburn, Matt Kline, Todd Wurzbacher, Tom Grossmann and Charlene Pelfrey. Steve Osborne was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2006 Council meeting was made by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2006 Council worksession was made by Councilmember Kidd, seconded by Vice Mayor Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS

SWEARING IN OF OFFICER STEVE TEMPLE

Mayor Pelfrey swore in Officer Steve Temple who then introduced his family members that were present.

KIWANIS CLUB OF MASON PROCLAMATION FOR 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Current president, Ryan McCurley, presented a brief overview of the Kiwanis Club of Mason's activities and history. He recognized John Fox and Al Voorhis as two of the charter members. Mayor Pelfrey read the Proclamation and presented it to a group of past presidents of the club.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Rick Inskeep addressed Council and stated he had a presentation to give to Council on tax abatements. He stated it would last approximately 20 minutes. Mayor Pelfrey stated she is interested to hear his presentation and asked him to save it until the recognition of visitors period at the end of the meeting. She noted there are some residents in the audience with time restraints.

RESOLUTION 2006-01 ARBOR DAY

Eric Hansen read the resolution.

Kevin Jones, co-chair of the City of Mason Tree Committee addressed Council and thanked them for their support. He noted the committee would return in the near future with the Tree

City USA Award for 2005. He also mentioned seedlings will be given away at the Earth Walk for the first 200 participants.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2006-1 was made by Councilmember Wurzbacher, seconded by Councilmember Kline. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-37 AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 28.5 ACRES FROM HT-1 TO INDUSTRIAL PUD WITH APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN LOCATED AT THE WEST END OF COMMERCE COURT (PRASCO)

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

Mayor Pelfrey announced the public hearing on this legislation will be held on May 8, 2006 at approximately 7:10 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2006-38 APPROVAL OF THE DEDICATION PLAT FOR 0.3 ACRES ON INNOVATION WAY

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

Richard Fair explained to Council the City is requesting approval of the dedication plat for the Central Light site located on Innovation Way. This plat will dedicate approximately 0.3 acres of right of way to the City of Mason. He stated this plat is consistent with the City of Mason Thoroughfare Plan and satisfies the requirements placed by Planning Commission at the July 5th, 2005 meeting. He closed by stating both staff and Planning Commission recommend adoption.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-38 was made by Councilmember Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-39 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN OHIO SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE CURB RAMPS IN THE OLYMPIA FIELDS AND BROADVIEW FARMS SUBDIVISIONS

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council each year the City is entitled to apply for grant monies for areas of Mason which will benefit low to moderate income (LMI) persons or eliminate immediate threats. The FY 2006 grant application is for replacement of handicap accessible curb ramps in the Olympia Fields and Broadview Farms subdivisions. Eric stated if the grant is successful, the project will be bid in January 2007 with construction completed by December 2007. The county will handle the bidding and contract administration

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-39 was made by Councilmember Kline, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-40 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS NOS. 009 AND 010 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND ADAMS ROBINSON ENTERPRISES FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY'S NEW WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council the next three ordinances all authorize the change orders related to continuation of construction of the new Mason Water Reclamation Plant. He stated City Council awarded contracts in early 2004 for construction of the facility. After 2 years construction is now approximately 98% completed, and final testing and start-up of equipment underway. Diversion of wastewater flow to the new plant should begin in early May. Eric said in the course of construction, the need has arisen for change orders to the construction contracts. It is now appropriate for the following change orders to be approved:

<u>Trade</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contract A (General), C.O. 9, 10	Adams Robinson	2006-40	\$120,428
Contract D (Plumbing), C.O. 5, 6	Nelson Stark	2006-41	7,449
Contract E (Electrical), C.O. 9, 10	ESI	2006-42	<u>109,460</u>
Total			\$237,337.

Eric stated the total of all change orders previously approved and the change orders presented above is approximately 2.7% of the total contract amount of \$29,247,620. It is anticipated that all changes through completion of the project will be between 3% and 4%, which is well within the normal industry standard of around 5% to 7% for this type and complexity of construction. Eric concluded by stating staff recommends adoption of the three ordinances.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-40 was made by Councilmember Kline, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-41 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS NOS. 005 AND 006 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND THE NELSON STARK COMPANY FOR PLUMBING CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY'S NEW WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-41 was made by Councilmember Wurzbacher, seconded by Councilmember Kline. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-42 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS NOS. 009 AND 010 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND ESI, INC., FOR ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY'S NEW WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-42 was made by Councilmember Kline, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-43 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND MASON S.A.Y. SOCCER FOR USE OF PROPERTY

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council for several years the City of Mason and Mason S.A.Y. Soccer have held a joint use agreement with Heritage Presbyterian Church to utilize additional green space at the church site for additional soccer fields. Heritage Presbyterian provides parking

space and the field space, while the City of Mason provides for the scheduling, turf maintenance, and mowing of the green space and Mason S.A.Y. Soccer and Mason Soccer Club (added in 2004 to the agreement) provide outdoor restroom facilities, donates \$500 towards grass seed for reseeding the area and assist with trash pick up for the space. Eric stated the agreement is the same as what was adopted last year by City Council

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-43 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-44 ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL UNDER THE U.S. COMMUNITIES JOINT PURCHASING PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LANDSCAPE STRUCTURE, INC., FOR A PLAY BOOSTER PLAY STRUCTURE

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council the small playground at Corwin Nixon Park, located between the ballfields and soccer fields, is aging and increasingly insufficient. He stated the parts are no longer replaceable and it is not adequate to serve as the only playground in the park for the thousands of citizens who use the park annually. The park board reviewed various design concepts in January and recommended three concepts for Parks and Recreation Director to present to children at Mason City Schools. Presentations were made to over 200 children in the 1st, 5th and 7th grades during the last two months and the majority feedback was for a playground design available through Landscape Structures Eric said a unique feature of this playground is the red Spacenet climber made out of durable nylon cables. Other unique features include the "Rock" climber and the shade structures. Landscape Structures playground equipment has a track record of safety and reliability and meets Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specifications. He added the City installed a Landscape Structures playground at Heritage Oak Park in 2001 and has found this to be the only playground structure in the City park system to not experience any corrosion

Eric further stated it is recommended that the Landscape Structures playground be purchased for \$100,184 including shipping, through the US Communities joint purchasing program. The standard price for the preferred playground equipment is \$104,955 (not including labor, shipping, or rubber safety surfacing) but US Communities has secured a bid of the same equipment for \$96,558. He said once the playground equipment is authorized for purchase, the City will solicit proposals to install the playground equipment and pour-in-place safety surfacing by certified installers. The estimated price for the complete installation and safety surfacing is \$65,000. Additional legislation for the surfacing and installation would then follow next month. Depending on the weather and timing, the playground installation should be completed by July. A total of \$169,000 was included in the 2006 Budget for this project.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-44 was made by Councilmember Wurzbacher, seconded by Councilmember Kline. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-45 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HOMEMADE DREAMS FOR CONCESSIONS SERVICES

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council in past years the Parks & Recreation Department has operated concession operations at the Corwin Nixon Ball fields and for the past three years at the Lou Eve's Municipal Pool. Providing the necessary staffing has been an ongoing struggle so staff has pursued outsourcing concessions operations citywide. Eric said the Park Board and the Ad Hoc Committee of Council both are in agreement with this course of action. Staff developed a Request for Proposals seeking private contractors with proposals to take over the provision of concessions services for three areas: the Lou Eves Municipal Pool (June - August), Corwin Nixon Ball fields (April – mid-July), as well as the Café area in the Community Center. The contractors would use City facilities, but otherwise provide all supplies and labor.

Eric explained two well-qualified proposals were received. Both provided menus and prices for the various locations and concession fees to be paid to the City of Mason. Homemade Dreams, a local venture focused on organic baked goods and using local suppliers, submitted a very comprehensive proposal for all three areas. Homemade Dreams proposed a fee to the City of 15% of gross sales. The second proposal had a competitively priced menu but with a fee to the City of 7.25% of gross sales and no defined proposal on the Community Center Café. He stated after reviewing the proposals, staff is recommending that a contract with Homemade Dreams be authorized for concession services for one year at Nixon Park and the Lou Eves Pool. The season begins shortly for both of these areas, and authorization will allow time for contract details to be finalized and concessions to open in time. Further discussion with the Ad Hoc Committee regarding options for the Community Center Café area would continue and the possibility of a longer-term contract may return for Council's consideration.

Councilmember Wurzbacher expressed concern over the pricing, noting he did not want the City to be viewed as attempting to make a huge profit on items at the expense of families with young children.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-45 was made by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Kline. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-46 DECLARING CERTAIN CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, IMPOUNDED VEHICLES, AND CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE, AUCTION AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SALE OF SAID VEHICLES AND PROPERTY

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

Eric Hansen explained the City periodically disposes of surplus City property through public auction. This surplus is generally made up of vehicles and equipment that no longer serve in cost-effective delivery of public services. Staff is currently arranging to dispose of surplus items through public auction. Vehicles in the City fleet that have reached or exceeded the City's 10-year replacement policy and have been replaced, as well as miscellaneous computer equipment, are among the surplus items.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-46 was made by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Wurzbacher. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-47 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEDTRONIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS FOR LIFEPAK MONITORS TO REPLACE EXISTING CARDIAC MONITOR EQUIPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council the American Heart Association has voted to change the standards of delivery of Basic and Advanced Cardiac Management. These changes will take effect in 2006 with projected Basic changes coming in May of 2006 and Advanced changes coming around July of 2006. These changes will have a direct impact on the delivery of Emergency Medical Services that the City of Mason Fire Department provides as the requirements for cardiac monitor / defibrillators will be affected. Eric stated all of the cardiac monitor / defibrillators are currently a type that cannot be upgraded to meet the new American Heart Association standards. He added in addition, these cardiac monitor / defibrillators do not include NIBP (non-invasive blood pressure) monitoring capabilities or CO₂ (carbon dioxide) detection, both of which have become a standard of care in ALS delivery. The recommended life span of a cardiac monitor/defibrillation is approximately 5 years, and the existing equipment have served the department well, but will require replacement to meet the new AHA standards. He stated a new Medtronic LifePak 12 cardiac monitor / defibrillator, including NIBP and CO₂ monitoring costs \$24,995. The State bid price for this device is \$19,480. Replacing the monitors using this price structure would cost the City approximately \$249,950 at the retail cost and \$194,800 at the State bid price.

Eric explained currently Medtronic is offering a trade-in purchase program for departments who

have models that cannot be upgraded. The Medtronic LifePak-12 monitors can be traded in for a new Medtronic LifePak-12, fully loaded for \$11,495 each and the Medtronic LifePak-10/11 can be traded in for a new Medtronic LifePak-12, fully loaded for \$14,495. He said it was planned to wait until 2006 for this upgrade but this offer makes it financially advantageous to complete the purchase now as the offer expires April 21, 2006. Eric added replacing all current cardiac monitor/defibrillators using Medtronic's trade-in program will cost approximately \$135,000, which represents an overall savings of 30% off the state bid price, or nearly \$60,000 while allowing the City to maintain an acceptable standard of EMS care in the community.

Councilmember Bradburn, Chair of the Safety Committee, reported this proposal has their recommendation.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-47 was made by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Kline. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-48 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL SALT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ICE AND SNOW REMOVAL SALT

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

Eric Hansen explained to Council this past winter the City experienced a 24% increase in the purchase of rock salt used for snow and ice control. The price increase was attributed to a number of factors associated with transporting the salt: rising fuel costs, disruption to river traffic due to hurricane damage, and increasing steel costs. Fortunately, Eric stated, the City experienced a relatively mild winter season and was able to keep salt purchases to a minimum. The new salt storage facility completed last year with a capacity of storing 6,000 tons of salt provides much more flexibility in stockpiling salt and advance preparation for storm events. However, staff hesitated to stockpile rock salt at the current high prices, hoping that the price would come down during the 2006-2007 season. We are now working with SWOP4G, preparing to bid out the 2006 – 2007 rock salt and it appears that the new salt price will increase an additional 10-20% over last year. Eric further stated Central Salt, has contacted the City and is willing to sell their stock of salt at a discounted price of \$39.01 per ton. The purchase of this salt will result in a savings of \$2.17 per ton, or \$9,548 on the purchase of 4,400 tons of salt. This salt is available on a first come first served basis and once Central Salt's stockpile (about 10,000 tons) has been depleted, this offer will become void.

Eric added purchasing 4,400 tons of salt should near the capacity of the salt storage facility and be enough salt to last a typical season. This amount of salt will need to be purchased eventually and this early purchase has the potential to save the City money and uncertainty depending on this Fall's bid results. The purchase of 4,400 tons would represent a savings of \$9,548 over the current pricing with Cargill Salt and a potential savings between \$27,000 and \$45,000 over next

year's likely pricing. He reported the City has asked Central Salt to hold 4,400 tons for City purchase and Ordinance 2006-48 authorizes the City to purchase more or less than this amount at a per ton price of \$39.01. Annually, \$200,000 is budgeted for road salt. This purchase would allow the City to stockpile the amount typically necessary for a winter season.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-48 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2006-49 APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND TRUCK DRIVERS, CHAUFFEURS AND HELPERS LOCAL 100, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Eric Hansen reported to Council that for many months, staff has been meeting with representatives from the Teamsters union to bargain a new collective bargaining contract. The previous contract covering Maintenance Workers, Plant Operators, and Mechanics in Public Works and Public Utilities expired on December 31, 2005. He stated the City and the union had reached substantial agreement on nearly all items in February, but a final issue regarding premium pay for backflow prevention courses remained outstanding. That issue has been resolved with the City agreeing that if work requiring backflow prevention licenses is ever required of bargaining unit staff, the City will, at that time, bargain any compensation issues. The resulting tentative agreement contains relatively few changes. The most significant ones include: a provision for annually pay increases of 4%, 4%, and 3.75% for each year of the contract; increasing maximum compensatory time balances by 30 hours per year and the notification time to 72 hours; increasing life insurance benefit to \$50,000; a management requested modification to allow prorating of personal time balances; and management requested clarifications to time increments for tardiness, jury duty, vacation accrual, workweek definition, and notice of discipline.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-49 was made by Councilmember Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Kline. VOTE: ALL YEAS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric Hansen reported on the following activities:

◆The City will recognize volunteers who have given 50 hours or more of service with a reception on Wednesday, April 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center atrium. Light refreshments will be served. City Council is invited to attend.

◆Mason Municipal Court, Mayor Pelfrey and City staff are working on the process of scheduling an educational event to be held on Law Day, Monday, May 1st. Court staff is leading the planning for this event, which consists of hosting twenty to forty local high school students studying criminal justice. Students will engage in a comprehensive tour of the three branches of local government: legislative, judicial and executive. The tour will be followed by a mock trial in Mason Municipal Court. Students will have the opportunity to meet Courts staff, the mayor, and police staff.

◆Mason will host its 15th Annual Earth Walk on Saturday, April 22. Again this year, the Parks & Recreation Department is adding a 5K Run to help support the earth and Mason in Bloom. The 5K Run and Earth Walk will start at the Mason Municipal Center plaza by the water feature on the Mason-Montgomery side of the building. After the walk, there will be demonstrations by Mason's Public Works Department, Naturalist Kendra Schide, and the Mason Tree Committee. Proceeds from the Earth Run will benefit Mason in Bloom, an organization formed in 2004 to enhance the visual appeal of the city through imaginative use of flowers, plants, and trees, and to support Mason's entry in the America in Bloom contest. The 5K race will begin at 9:30 a.m.

◆The City received a liquor permit request for 6050 Snider Road from Wings R Us. It was clarified this is the second time this address has come before Council as the first request was not for the correct license. Councilmember Bradburn moved to not require a hearing. Councilmember Kidd seconded the motion. VOTE: ALL YEAS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Bradburn reported the Public Works Committee met and the City's street repair schedule was discussed. He said the program this year will cost approximately \$800,000.

Councilmember Kline reported the Downtown Committee have scheduled a meeting on April 27, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. He stated discussion will center around details of the revitalization and noted the Steering Committee will be included in those discussions.

COUNCIL OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pelfrey stated she attended a Warren County Victim Awareness Event. She reported it was very information and listed the agencies that participate in providing that service.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Rick Inskip addressed Council gave a presentation regarding his view of the status of tax abatements in the City of Mason. He stated residents are paying higher taxes due to all the abatements being granted to companies. He also said the schools are not made whole as has been indicated. When asked where he obtained his information, he replied he received much of

it from the Warren County Auditor's office and he referred to past press releases including one from 1991 documenting how the abatements are done. Vice Mayor Grossmann noted the schools have been part of the process and have determined what payment it to be requested from the companies. He noted the Treasurers for both the Kings Schools and Mason Schools do not object to the current status. Ken Schneider asked Mr. Inskeep if his point is the schools are not being made whole. Rick Inskeep replied yes. He said they don't receive what they would have received without the tax abatement. He added many abatements remain flat while some are adjustable. He also said Blue Ash does not grant any abatements. Vice Mayor Grossmann replied the City of Mason has a low income tax rate and Blue Ash has a higher rate. Eric Hansen requested Mr. Inskeep provide supporting data with dates and names of companies so the City can research the matter. Mayor Pelfrey thanked Mr. Inskeep for his interest in the matter and for presenting his information to Council. She referred the matter to the Finance Committee of Council for further review.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was mde by Vice Mayor Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Kidd.
VOTE: ALL YEAS
TIME: 9:08 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor