

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Pastor Dude Evans opened the meeting in prayer. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Michael Gilb, Christine Shimrock, Rich Cox, Tony Bradburn, David Nichols, and Don Prince. Charlene Pelfrey was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the September 12, 2011 Special Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Gilb seconded by Councilmember Shimrock. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Cox).

A motion to table to the October 10, 2011 meeting approval of the September 12, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE PETE BECK ON MASON BEING NAMED 24<sup>th</sup> BEST PLACE TO LIVE BY MONEY MAGAZINE**

State Representative Pete Beck stated that it is his honor and privilege to represent and serve the Mason community. As Chairperson of the House Ways and Means Committee, he reported that the committee has been working on tax policy for the State. As a former Mayor, he takes much pride in all that the City has accomplished and for being recognized as the 24<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live. He read a Proclamation from the State House of Representatives congratulating the City of Mason for this recognition and presented it to Mayor Prince. The Proclamation was signed by Representative Beck and Speaker of the House, William G. Batchelder.

Mayor Prince recognized that it is the work by former Councils that has set Mason on this course of success and thanked Representative Beck for his service.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Gene Nell of 607 Bunker Lane stated that he is proud to live in Mason and thanked the Council Members for their service.

Kathy Wichmann of 3966 Mason-Montgomery Road expressed her disappointment on the passage of Ordinance 2011-13. She expressed her frustration with the meeting notification process, Council, and Planning and Zoning.

**ORDINANCE 2011-82 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KERRY FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2011 FORD CROWN VIC POLICE INTERCEPTORS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$46,400**

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

Richard Fair addressed Council and stated that this is the last year that the Ford Crown Vic Police Interceptors were manufactured and Ford is no longer accepting new orders for Crown Vic's. There are still a few Ford dealerships that have some police cruisers available. In order to preserve the consistency and mileage of the police fleet and allow time to review performance of developing manufacturer options for police vehicles, staff bid for purchase of two Crown Vic cruisers similarly equipped as the State bid. Kerry Ford was the only bidder at \$23,200 each. He explained that typically the objective for Police vehicles is to replace the vehicle as the mileage approaches 125,000 miles which reflects many more engine hours, as the vehicle must continue running during traffic stops, crash investigations, etc. Richard stated that these new cruisers will be held in reserve until current cruiser's usefulness, maintenance expense, or safety is no longer acceptable. This is expected to be in 12-18 months. He stated that the 2011 Budget set aside \$65,000 for this type of purchase. The Equipment Committee has reviewed and recommended replacing two cruisers over the next 12 to 18 months in order to stay below the 125,000 miles of front line police cruiser service. The total purchase price of two police cruisers from Kerry Ford is \$46,400. This will extend the life of the current fleet, delay purchases until critically necessary and save dollars in outfitting costs.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-82 was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Shimrock. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Bradburn).

**ORDINANCE 2011-83 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NIXCO PLUMBING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,000 FOR INSTALLATION OF THE PLUMBING IN THE MASON COMMUNITY CENTER TENANT SPACE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Eric Hansen discussed the next three ordinances which continue the City's plan for a "white-box" build out of the tenant space within the Community Center with installation of plumbing, electrical, and drywall. Ordinance 2011 – 83 authorizes a contract for \$33,000 with Nixco Plumbing for the plumbing work. Ordinance 2011 – 84 authorizes a contract for \$35,000 with Bunnell Electric for electric work in the space. Ordinance 2011 – 85 authorizes a contract for \$40,000 with A & A Wall Systems, Inc. for the installation of studs and drywall for the build out. Eric emphasized that this is not a design of the interior space but rather the core requirements for leasable space and provides flexibility for future development. He stated that savings from the MCC expansion budget and one year of lease payments from Tri-Health are helping to fuel the funding for these projects. Eric added that additional contracts will be necessary for smaller

necessary items. In order to save costs, some of these items may be completed by staff and staff will provide project management for this.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-83 was made by Vice Mayor Nichols, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2011-84 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BUNNELL ELECTRIC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000 FOR INSTALLATION OF THE ELECTRIC IN THE MASON COMMUNITY CENTER TENANT SPACE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-84 was made by Councilmember Cox, seconded by Councilmember Shimrock. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2011-85 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A&A WALL SYSTEMS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 FOR INSTALLATION OF THE DRYWALL IN THE MASON COMMUNITY CENTER TENANT SPACE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

Councilmember Cox asked about insulation and Richard Fair stated that insulation is included in this installation.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-85 was made by Councilmember Shimrock, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

A motion to not request a hearing for a D5 Liquor Permit for Aubrey and Friends LLC, doing business as Diggs Bar and Grill, was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Nichols. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Jennifer Heft reported on upcoming Community Center activities:

▶ Through a new partnership with TriHealth's Pavilion Spa, massage therapy services will be offered at the Mason Community Center beginning October 11. Enjoy a relaxing massage on Tuesdays between 2 and 6 p.m. or on Thursdays between 8 a.m. and noon. To schedule a massage, please contact the Pavilion Spa at 513.985.6772.

▶ On Wednesday, October 12, 7:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-8:00 p.m., the Community Center will host a Community Wellness Expo. Those interested will learn how to develop habits to get and stay healthy. The event is free and open to the public.

▶ Live Well in Mason, a partnership between Mason Community Center and Group Health Associates (GHA) is pleased to make flu shots available for members age 14 and older, on October 12, from 6:00-11:00 a.m. and 3:00-7:00 pm. The cost is \$25. Please bring your insurance information if you wish to have the amount billed directly to insurance.

▶ On Saturday, October 22, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. the Center has invited area organizations to participate in the first annual Volunteer Fair. Organizations seeking volunteers will have informational booths set-up along Main Street at the Center. Those interested in volunteering will have an opportunity to learn more about volunteer opportunities in the community.

▶ The Community Center is holding a free open house on Saturday, October 22 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. A variety of events are planned to welcome new and long time area residents to the facility. A Halloween Family ZUMBathon will take place from 11:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m., participants are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes. Personal trainers will be available from 8 a.m. and noon for body composition testing and general fitness questions. Any personal training packages purchased during that time will receive 15% off. Memberships purchased on the day of the open house receive the first month free.

▶ On October 22, the Mason Community Center will host the Fall Festival. Located just inside the entrance and along Main Street of the Community Center from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. kids can participate in a number of activities including: Kiddie costume parade, cookie walk, coloring contest, carnival games, prizes, climbing wall candy hunt and more. The Center will be holding an Open House that day so all activities are available to non-members as well. Bring your swim suit, play clothes and Halloween costume and plan to stay for an entire day of fun at Mason Community Center.

▶ Hot chocolate, cappuccino and nachos and cheese are just a few new items that have been added to the menu at the Café. In addition, this month the Café began a partnership with the Sugar Plums CupCakery to offer cupcakes for sale at the café. Work is underway for additional partnerships with local businesses at the café.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Bradburn reported that the Finance Committee is working on the 2012 Budget.

**OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Bradburn asked the Utility Committee to consider changes to waste collection/water charges for multiple family units since the usage from a single bedroom apartment is much different than a single family residence.

Councilmember Cox announced the birth of his first granddaughter, Skylar Brienne Cox.

Mayor Prince suggested reducing the regular Council Meeting schedule to one meeting per month. This reduced schedule would allow Committee and Work Session meetings to replace the second meeting. He asked that Council consider enacting this change in 2012.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Lee Hamilton of 826 Indianwood Boulevard stated that he owns apartments in Mason and feels that the waste collection and water billing is unfair. He stated that stormwater billing for his multifamily unit is eleven times the rate of a single family unit. He would like to meet with the Utility Committee and discuss inequities in the way stormwater, garbage, and water is billed to these multifamily units.

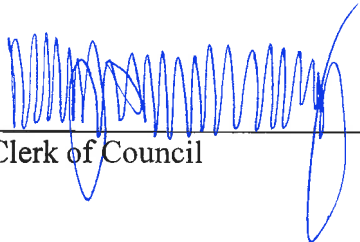
**EXECUTIVE SESSION: LAND ACQUISITION/PERSONNEL**

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and personnel was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Cox. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 7:59 p.m..

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:43 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:43 p.m.

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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Mayor