

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Chaplain Jeff Perkins opened the meeting in prayer. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. "One Day More" was performed by the Children's Theatre of Mason.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Victor Kidd, Barbara Spaeth, Ashley Chance, Jim Fox, and David Nichols. Charlene Pelfrey and Don Prince were not present.

SWEARING-IN OF COUNCILMEMBER ASHLEY CHANCE

Law Director Jeff Forbes administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Ashley Chance.

SWEARING-IN POLICE OFFICER ERIC WALLACE

Police Chief Ferrell introduced Officer Eric Wallace. Officer Wallace was sworn-in by Mayor Nichols.

SWEARING-IN FIRE EMPLOYEES: DEPUTY CHIEF TOM WENTZEL, LT. DOUG ROLPH, AND FIREFIGHTER JORDAN ROTHWELL

Fire Chief Moore introduced Deputy Chief Wentzel, Lt. Rolph, and Firefighter Rothwell. He stated that Deputy Chief Wentzel joined the Department full-time in 2004 and was promoted to Deputy Chief earlier this year. Lt. Rolph joined the Department in 2008 and was promoted to Lieutenant earlier this year. Firefighter Rothwell joined the Department full-time in 2014. Mayor Nichols swore-in Deputy Chief Wentzel, Lt. Rolph, and Firefighter Rothwell.

Mayor Nichols invited everyone to join in a reception welcoming Ashley Chance to Council and the City of Mason's newest Fire and Police Department personnel and officers. The meeting reconvened after the reception.

PRESENTATION BY WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONER TOM GROSSMANN

Commissioner Grossmann stated that although he enjoys working for Warren County, he misses his time serving on Mason City Council and recognizes what a wonderful community the City of Mason is for Warren County. He asked Mayor Nichols to join him as he read a Resolution from the Warren County Board of County Commissioners acknowledging the many accolades and recognitions the City has been presented over the years. Mayor Nichols recognized the people, schools, and businesses that contribute to the success of the community and invited all Councilmembers and City Management to accept Warren County's Resolution to the City of Mason. Eric Hansen commented on past and continuing partnership with Warren County that contributes to Mason's success.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 CITY OF MASON CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Jennifer Heft explained the calendar photo contest and stated that residents submitting the winning photos for the 2016 Mason Calendar will be recognized tonight. Mayor Nichols and Vice Mayor Kidd congratulated each winner and the winners were presented with a framed copy of their photograph and Mason Monopoly game. The contest winners are as follows:

Sarani Tarafder, January – “Pretty Shades of Winter”
Ed Smith, February – “Winter Flourishes”
Jayson Gomes, March – “Sunset over Mason”
Praba Sundararajan, April – “Spring Time is Family Time”
Mike Greenstone, May – “Corwin M. Nixon Pine Hill Lakes”
Jacob Burress, June – “Summer Swingin”
Madison McConkie, July – “Fly On”
Shannon O’Connor, August – “A Perfect Perch”
Jim Simpson, September – “Pine Hill Evening”
Leslie Kauffman, October – “Country Remnants”
Rebecca Haas, November – “We Remember...Our Freedom”
Nate Byrum, December – “Yost Christmas”
Warren Spreng, Cover – “Autumn in Mason”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the September 3, 2015 Special Council Meeting Minutes was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

American Spirit Education Alliance held the 5th annual Patriot Fair on Saturday, September 26. This signature event was a great opportunity to learn about the history of our nation.

The Mason Corporate Challenge will be held on Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m. at Corwin Nixon Park. This 5k walk/run is designed to engage the Mason corporate community in a city-wide competition, support employee involvement in health and wellness activities, and “give-back” by donating proceeds to select charities. Each company forms a team comprised of employees and their families. The Corporate Challenge is a unique opportunity to bring Mason portfolio companies and their employees together, foster healthy activity, and support talent recruitment. Mason’s Economic Development Office is helping to spearhead this fun. A number of Mason companies have already committed to their cause. To view videos of the competitors, such as L3, Kings Island, Rhinestahl, and Assurex go online at masoncorporatchallenge.com. City employees joining Mason’s Team have designated proceeds going to the Parks and Recreation Common Ground Playground.

There will be firefighter activities and Open Houses at Station 51 and Station 52 during National Fire Prevention Week.

Public Works Officials of Southwest Ohio will host the 2015 Snow Plow Roadeo at Mason Sports Park on October 14. Participants will compete in challenging courses to gear up for the upcoming snow season.

Mason Historical Society's 4th Annual Cemetery Walk is scheduled for Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery. This year is the Bicentennial edition and there will be new portrayals that were not presented in previous years.

Meet City of Mason and Deerfield Township candidates on Wednesday, October 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Cedar Village, 5467 Cedar Village Drive.

Compliments have been received regarding the Bicentennial Birthday Party weekend event. This event was an opportunity for City employees to exercise the incident command system led by incident commander Jenna Hurley. Jenna Hurley, her team, and Bicentennial Committee of Council deserve credit for the success of this event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Spaeth read a report on the Bicentennial Birthday Party prepared by Bicentennial Committee Chairperson Pelfrey. Overall, the two-day event was a success and she thanked the many participants, volunteers, Festivals of Mason, City staff, Mason High School, Parks and Recreation Foundation Board Members, and Mason businesses for their contributions. There will be three more Bicentennial events before the end of the year.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Tom Grossmann of 4533 Morris Court stated that he and his family participated in all the activities over the two-day Bicentennial Birthday Party and they were very impressed. He commented on his participation in the BattleFrog 8K Obstacle Race in Oregonia.

Joe Okum, owner-CEO of Heits Building Services at 52 E. Crescentville Road in West Chester, introduced himself.

RESOLUTION 2015-13 PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4-10, 2015 AS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

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

Jennifer Heft stated that the theme for Fire Prevention Week "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep" emphasizes the need to install smoke alarms in every bedroom. Smoke detectors are a relatively recent addition to home safety. A number of subdivisions within the City of Mason were built either before current smoke detectors were invented or code required smoke detectors be installed in homes. Jennifer asked Chief Moore to explain Fire Prevention Week activities. Chief Moore stated that during the "Smoke Alarm Blitz," firefighters will go door-to-door to

check/install smoke alarms and replace smoke alarm batteries if necessary. The emphasis is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. These checks will occur Monday through Friday from 6:00 pm to 8:00. Open Houses will be hosted at Station 51 on Sunday, October 4 and at Station 52 on Saturday, October 10 from noon until 6:00 p.m.

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

During Council discussion Mayor Nichols and Chief Moore discussed the sophisticated technology and affordability of smoke detectors today. The number of fire deaths today is half of 1970 numbers.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2015-13 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Vice Mayor Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION 2015-14 MANUFACTURING DAY

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

Eric Hansen stated that National Manufacturing Day was created in 2012 as a nationwide way to celebrate modern manufacturing. The event is meant to inspire the next generation of students to look at manufacturing with interest and as a possible lucrative career. Common misperceptions regarding manufacturing such as antiquated factories designed for low-skilled workers are very far from the truth. He said that manufacturing offers career opportunities in high tech environments and is the backbone of this country's economy. There are currently 84 events in Ohio and two in the City of Mason. Makino and Ashley Ward will host over 500 high schoolers from around the area in an effort to spark interests in manufacturing careers. This is an important contribution to Mason's economic development initiative to attract companies interested in the availability of a skilled labor force. Eric stated that Resolution 2015-14 demonstrates Mason's commitment in the promotion of skills, experiences, and training that maintain a skilled labor force for area employers and is therefore recommended for adoption.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2105-14 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Vice Mayor Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-34 APPROVING A MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF BETHANY ROAD AND MASON-MONTGOMERY ROAD (BETHANY GREEN CIRCLE)

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

Eric Hansen explained that this property has been sold by the original developer to UDF. Ordinance 2015-34 is no longer necessary and the former owner, Bunnell Hill Development, has requested that it be pulled.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-34 was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL NAYS.

ORDINANCE 2015-89 AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MASON TO AMEND IN PART ZONING CODE CHAPTERS 1162, 1163, 1165, 1170, 1175, 1185 AND 1187 (ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS)

Jeff Forbes read the entire ordinance.

Kurt Seiler explained that at times it is necessary to update the code to ensure it is in line with modern standards and reflects current practices. The proposed amendments are in four general areas. He stated that in light industrial and high tech areas, an amendment is proposed to permit architectural metal panels as an allowable building material. In the Downtown Overlay District, an amendment is proposed to permit ornamental fencing for outdoor eating or seating areas that meet certain design standards in this district. In off-street parking and loading areas, an amendment is proposed for parking standards of multi-tenant developments such as shopping centers. It simplifies requirements and would allow shared parking. The last area addresses sign regulations. Proposed amendments would allow additional wall signage for large industrial buildings and for multiple entrances. In addition, amendments will permit LED gas price signs in place of changeable copy with limitations on size, brightness, color, and movement. Kurt said that Planning Commission reviewed and recommends approval of the Zoning Code amendments.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:38 p.m.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:39 p.m.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-89 was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-93 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR WILLOW BROOKE SUBDIVISION THE RIDGE SECTION 2

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

Kurt Seiler stated that this ordinance subdivides the property into individual lots, dedicates easements for right-of-way, sanitary sewer, water main and storm sewer. He explained that this section of the subdivision consists of 62 lots with minimum frontages of 60 feet and a minimum lot size of 7,500 square feet. The Willow Brooke Subdivision is located on the north and south

sides of Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road, east of the City of Mason Water Reclamation Plant. The Ridge section of the development is located on the north side of Mason-Morrow-Millgrove.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-93 was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-94 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR CARMELLE SUBDIVISION SECTION 5

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

Kurt Seiler stated that the City has been working with the Developer and will subdivide the property into three buildable lots and construct the Stone Ridge Drive Extension to SR-741. The contract for the traffic signal at this intersection has been awarded and is scheduled to be installed in the spring of 2016.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-94 was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-95 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANDRITZ SEPARATION INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF UPGRADED KNIFE GATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000

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

Eric Hansen discussed Ordinance 2015-95 and Ordinance 2015-96 together. He stated that the Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) is vital infrastructure essential to the City's existing health and future growth opportunities. Placed into service in May 2006, the WRP operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in a very harsh environment. Over the years the plant has started to see a need for more proactive maintenance, equipment upgrades and even full replacement of some equipment needed to operate. Eric said that the 2015 Budget included a base budget of \$250,000 to both upgrade and/or replace several pieces of equipment throughout the plant. The first piece of equipment in need of replacement is the diverter valve seal system. The valves are not sealing properly and allow water to leak by into the dryer sludge feed tank which results in higher water content, decreased efficiency of the dryer, and increased operating costs. He explained that staff evaluated equipment and design options and determined that a new knife gate system is a cost effective option to replace the diverter valve seal system. Ordinance 2015-95 authorizes a contract with Andritz Separation Inc. to purchase the upgraded Knife Gates in an amount not to exceed \$110,000. Eric stated that additional work budgeted for this year includes replacement of

the air diffusers in the sludge holding tanks. Air is used in the holding tanks to help with separation and drying of the elements. Ordinance 2015–96 authorizes a contract with Tideflex Technologies to purchase replacement air diffusers in the amount of \$36,540. Eric stated that all the above projects, including maintenance items not requiring Council action, focus on reducing energy costs, increasing efficiency of operations and maintaining an excellent level of service at the Water Reclamation Plant.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-95 was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-96 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TIDEFLEX TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE REPLACEMENT AIR DIFFUSERS IN THE HOLDING TANK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,540

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-96 was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-97 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRICKMAN FOR ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPING FOR THE AREA ALONG THE SR 741 AT THE MASON SERVICE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Jennifer Heft stated that the City’s contractor, CinTech, has substantially completed their portion of the Service Center renovation and most staff led projects are complete. Office staff began moving into the new facility September 1. Landscaping and signage at the new Mason Service Center still needs to be completed. Jennifer stated that staff requested vendors to submit quotes for the design and landscaping work and four quotes were received. Brickman was selected with a quote that included the best overall design and most plant material. Landscaping is needed to meet the City’s landscape code in order to obtain the final Certificate of Occupancy as well as enhance this area for future business growth. Jennifer explained that the proposed landscaping project encompasses 730 feet of road frontage for a total of 43,000 square feet of area along the west side of the Service Center. The project includes planting over 50 trees, 200 shrubs, 350

perennial/grass plants, 4,000 square feet of mulch, and will re-establish 20,000 square feet of turf. Jennifer stated that the new Masters Pharmaceutical facility, currently under construction, is north of the new Service Center. The completion of both these facilities will dramatically change the entrance corridor for the new North Mason Technology District that most likely will attract additional business partners and investment to the area. Jennifer stated that the new Service Center has proven to be a highly successful project done at significant cost savings estimated at over \$400,000. The goal is to have work complete by October 30 in preparation for a public open house event anticipated in November.

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

Jennifer responded to Mayor Nichols' question by explaining that the Mason logo is being incorporated into signage at the Mason Service Center.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-97 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-98 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OHMER CONTRACTING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR THE 2015 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

Kurt Seiler stated that while sidewalks remain the responsibility of the homeowner, since 2007 City Council authorized a program to help fix the worst sidewalks in the City. The program has been implemented in various ways such as authorizing funds for materials with staff providing the labor or contracting the work out. In 2014 and this year Public Works staff has been focused on the new Service Center facility. Due to this priority, staff solicited quotes for the 2015 sidewalk program from contractors that have performed sidewalk replacement for the City in the past. Ohmer Contracting submitted the lowest bid which included last year's pricing. Kurt stated that staff recommends Council approval for the full \$25,000 budgeted amount which will allow for replacement of approximately 900 linear feet of sidewalk. Upon completion of the Essex Drive sidewalk any remaining funds will be utilized toward the sidewalks on Tradewind Drive.

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

During Council discussion, Kurt explained that areas chosen for sidewalk replacement are older areas of the City where there is a higher volume of sidewalks in need of replacement. By concentrating the project to a particular area, the work is most efficient, and the City receives good pricing. To Councilmember Spaeth's question, Kurt stated that when neighborhood roads are scheduled for resurfacing, homeowners can choose to pay for replacement of their driveway aprons.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-98 was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-99 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HEITS BUILDING SERVICES FOR PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$172,560 PER YEAR

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

Jennifer Heft stated that during the past five years, the city has used four different janitorial companies to provide cleaning services to the Municipal Center and Community Center. In 2012, the City terminated the contract with a company due to lack of compliance and contracted janitorial services on a month to month basis. In late 2015, after approximately three years of service, this contractor submitted a 30-day notice stating they would be ending services at the end of February. Quotes were obtained from five vendors. Two of the lowest quotes would not provide month-to-month contracts. However, Heits Building Services was the next lowest bid and did agree to a month-to-month contract. Heits Building Services has been providing janitorial services on a month-to-month basis since March 1, 2015. During this time, the City has received numerous comments on the improved appearance and cleanliness of the Community Center and Municipal Center. Maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of the Community Center expansion is key to the City's financial model, members, and business partners. Heits Building Services has agreed to provide janitorial services to the new Service Center office area, at no increase in cost, if an annual contract is provided. This deferment of cost will translate to an approximate \$5,000 annual cost savings for the City. This contract is for one year, with a renewable clause for an additional five years, based on acceptance of both parties.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-99 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-100 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT #27281 WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING THE MASON-MONTGOMERY ROAD & BETHANY ROAD BIKE PATH PROJECT

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

Kurt Seiler discussed Ordinance 2015-100, Ordinance 2015-101, and Ordinance 2015-102 together. He stated that the City was awarded three different federal grants for three different projects in Mason. He explained that these Local Public Authority (LPA) agreements are with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and staff has requested ODOT's

approval to allow the City to administer the design, bidding, construction management and inspection services on these projects. Staff estimates that this will save the City about \$500,000 combined on all three projects. The first grant is for the Mason-Montgomery Road and Bethany Road Bike Path Project which will extend bike path from the Bethany Road Roundabout northward and eastward to connect with existing paths. The second grant is for the Snider Road Roundabouts Project which will construct two roundabouts on Snider Road, one at the Mason Road intersection and the second at the Thornberry Drive intersection. The third grant is for the SR-741 Realignment Project which will reconstruct the SR-741/Kings Mills Road/Parkside Drive intersection. Kurt stated that ODOT / OKI administered federal funding will cover 80% of the eligible cost for all three projects up to the following maximums: \$500,000 for the Mason-Montgomery Road and Bethany Road Bike Path, \$1,558,544 for the Snider Road Roundabout Project and \$4,131,446 for the SR-741 Realignment Project.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-100 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-101 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT #27302 WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING THE SNIDER ROAD ROUNDABOUTS PROJECT

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-101 was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-102 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT #27301 WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING THE SR 741/PARKSIDE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-102 was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2015-103 DECLARING CERTAIN CITY EQUIPMENT AND CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS CONFISCATED PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SAID EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY

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

Jennifer Heft stated that the City periodically disposes of surplus property through auction. Auction has proven to be most effective in auctioning surplus property to the largest audience, bringing market value for items, and doing so at the lowest possible administrative cost to the City. Since 2009, the City has sold 309 items at a total of \$165,000 through www.gov.deals. Jennifer explained that surplus is generally made up of vehicles and equipment that no longer serves a useful purpose in delivering public services and may also include unclaimed or forfeited property acquired through Police related activity. Any property determined to have no value will be discarded, donated or salvaged.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-103 was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Kidd commented on the need for sidewalks along Hanover Drive, which feeds into Heritage Oak Park. He wanted to know what would be involved to request construction of sidewalks in this area. Eric Hansen explained that the best strategy is to create an assessment district where property owners, all in agreement, would be assessed on their property taxes for construction costs over a length of time. Another process would be the City using sidewalk funds to install new sidewalks in an effort to close gaps and connect to existing sidewalks. This would require City funds, possible property acquisition or easements, and private property owners' permission to install a public improvement.

Councilmember Spaeth requested that Councilmembers write a letter of congratulations to Eagle Scout Joseph Kemery.

Council discussed the success of the Bicentennial Birthday Party and thanked the many people that made it happen. Community response has been very positive and some are requesting that the City consider making it a yearly event.

Vice Mayor Kidd and Mayor Nichols welcomed Councilmember Chance and discussed Mason's good fortune to have so many highly qualified candidates interested in serving the City of Mason in leadership roles.

Mayor Nichols requested confirmation for the following appointments:

Mason Planning Commission

Reappoint Scott Pierce to Mason Planning Commission term from January 2014 - January 2017
Reappoint Dick Staten to Mason Planning Commission term from January 2015 – January 2018
Appoint T.J. Honerlaw to Mason Planning Commission term from January 2015 – January 2018
A motion to confirm appointments of Scott Pierce, Dick Staten, and T.J. Honerlaw to Mason Planning Commission was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Zoning, Housing, Building Appeals Board (ZBA)

Appoint Joshua Styrcula to Zoning, Housing, Building Appeals Board (ZBA) term from January 2013 – January 2016. A motion to confirm the appointment of Joshua Styrcula to ZBA was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Warren County Family and Children First Council

Appoint Sondra Weingartner as the City of Mason’s representative to the Warren County Family and Children First Council. A motion to confirm the appointment of Sandra Weingartner as the City of Mason’s representative to the Warren County Family and Children First Council was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

OKI Regional Council

Appoint Councilmember Ashley Chance as the City of Mason’s representative to OKI Regional Council. A motion to confirm the appointment of Councilmember Ashley Chance as the City of Mason’s representative to OKI Regional Council was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Vice Mayor Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Economic Development Committee

Appoint Councilmember Barbara Berry-Spaeth to City Council’s Economic Development Committee. A motion to confirm the appointment of Councilmember Barbara Berry-Spaeth to City Council’s Economic Development Committee was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Joe Okum, owner-CEO of Heits Building Services at 52 E. Crescentville Road in West Chester thanked Council for approving the contract with his company.

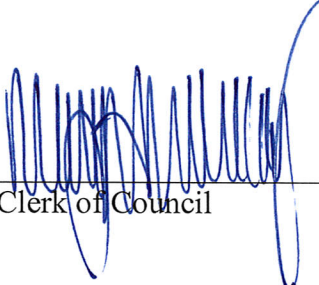
EXECUTIVE SESSION: LAND ACQUISITION

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Vice Mayor Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:25 p.m.

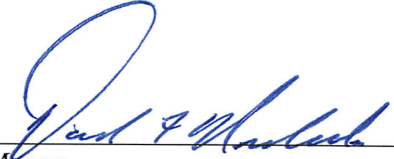
A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Vice Mayor Kidd. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:14 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Kidd, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth.
VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:14 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor