

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Barbara Spaeth, Diana Nelson, Ashley Chance, Kathy Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey, Don Prince, and Victor Kidd.

COMMUNITY EVENTS IN MASON

Eric Hansen discussed Council's interest in supporting community events in Mason. He stated that in the past, Festivals of Mason (FOM) has organized Heritage Festival and Christmas in Mason events. The FOM organization is no longer active. He requested Council's input on the direction the City should take in organizing events and to define the type of events they are most interested in. In the 2016 Budget, \$400,000 has been set aside for events in addition to the traditional \$60,000 contribution to support FOM events. Council discussed event options and decided on a large scale regional event on July 3rd similar to "Red, Rhythm & Boom" and a smaller local "Heritage Days" type event in the fall. The City will look for opportunities to partner with other groups and events, to promote community events and reduce cost or overlap. Eric emphasized that short time frames may limit opportunities this year, but that the City could grow into longer-term goals.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor