

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Kidd read a quote from Dwight D. Eisenhower. Chaplain Marc Champagne opened the meeting in prayer. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the February 22, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Chance commended staff for structuring and managing the large number of people using Mason's Parks. He said that Park Board discussed organizing a bus tour of Mason Parks for staff, Council, and the public.

Councilmember Pelfrey said that the Safety Committee met and discussed necessary updates. Future legislation should be expected.

RECOGNITION OF HONORARY MAYOR FOR A DAY, ANDRES DIAZ INFANTE

Mayor Kidd introduced Mayor Andres Diaz Infante. Mayor Andres stated that he has no plans to implement any sweeping changes to City operations. The Mayor's family was introduced and pictures taken with Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

With the continued growth at Assurex, parking on campus is now at a premium. A team of employees met to address parking solutions at the Municipal Campus with a focus on customer service. Beginning the week of March 14, employees will adjust parking habits to better utilize off-site parking options. Staff anticipates testing other options throughout the summer months in preparation for fall.

The Municipal Center is a polling location for Primary Elections on March 15. Staff has been asked to leave parking spaces open in the center parking area, closest to MMC's main entrance as a courtesy and convenience to voters.

Member Appreciation Days at the Mason Community Center are March 17-19. Discounts, activities, games, and a luncheon will honor the people that help make the Community Center such a success. Mason Community Center is an amenity supported by memberships and program fees and does not utilize tax funds.

On March 20, Mason Community Center will hold a World Down Syndrome Day. Activities such as group exercise, dance, open gym, swim, and rock climbing will be available.

Mason City Tax Returns are due Monday, April 18. The Mason Tax Office offers “free” assistance to residents in completing their Mason tax return. Extended office hours are scheduled April 9 from 8:00 a.m. to noon and April 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Community Center will host its first autism awareness fundraising event on April 9. *Catch Some Air for Autism* will have basketball activities, prizes, vendors, and autism resources.

The Safety Committee is reviewing the City’s ordinance regarding sexually oriented businesses. Special attorneys, working with Wood & Lamping, are reviewing the ordinance to be sure it meets the City’s intent and is constitutionally defensible.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Cindy Fisher of 313 Kings Mills Road stated that there has been an ongoing water problem in her yard since she bought the property in 2007. She is unsatisfied with staff response that the problem in her yard is considered a “nuisance drainage” issue. Staff suggested that she build a plant drainage area that could improve this issue on her property. She is unhappy that she would be responsible for the costs to improve her property in this way and wants the City to improve her property as done at the Furbee and Castanea Drainage Improvement Project area.

RESOLUTION 2016-3 IN SUPPORT OF THE TRI-STATE TRAILS REGIONAL TRAIL PLAN

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

Eric Hansen stated that this is an opportunity for Council to support a regional effort to connect community trails, including the Little Miami Bike Trail. He explained that Tri-State Trails, an initiative of Green Umbrella, is a coalition of trail advocates supporting a physical network of trails to connect the region. Over the past 10-15 years, Mason City Council has committed significant funding and planning for outdoor activities, including dramatic growth of the trail network. The City maintains over 300 acres of parkland in seven parks, over 20 miles of paved trails, facilities for many active sports, playgrounds, picnic areas, and Community Center. He explained that City staff has participated in regional trail network forums supporting community connections to trails.

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

Council discussed benefits that Mason bike paths bring to the community. The Dayton region has the largest bike trail network in the country and will be hosting an international trail event.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-3 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-36 APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT FOR LAKEWOOD COMMERCE CENTER

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

Kurt Seiler stated that Mason Commerce Center is located south of Bethany Road near Station 51. He explained that the replat will consolidate lots 5, 6 and 7 into one 30.86 acre lot. This is the future location of the Empire Foods facility. Planning Commission recommends approval of the replat contingent on renaming Lot 8 to Lot 5A and a small change to the section called out on the title sheet.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-36 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-37 APPROVAL OF THE DEDICATION PLAT FOR MASON SELF STORAGE

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

Kurt Seiler stated that the owner of Mason Self Storage Center purchased additional property to the east in order to expand their current facility. He explained that this plat will consolidate the existing lot with newly acquired property and also dedicates right-of-way necessary to meet the City of Mason Thoroughfare Plan. Planning Commission recommends approval of the replat.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-37 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-38 APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT FOR LOT 14 IN FALLING BROOK PHASE A-7

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

Kurt Seiler stated that this is a request for replat approval of Lot 14 in Phase A of the Falling Brook Subdivision. This project is located between Fairway Drive and the Grizzly Golf Center. It is being developed as landminiums, and the State requires each unit to be recorded concurrently with the buildings' construction. It was given a blanket approval by Planning Commission in 2007.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-38 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-39 APPROVAL OF THE SANITARY EASEMENT PLAT FOR MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC

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

Kurt Seiler discussed Ordinance 2016-39 and Ordinance 2016-40 together. He explained that easement plats were never recorded for existing sanitary sewer line, installed in 1988, that runs from Mason-Montgomery Road to Bethany Road. The 20-foot sewer easement straddles the western and southern property lines of the Mitsubishi Electric facility and is partially located on Mason Lakewood Farms property.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-39 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-40 APPROVAL OF THE SANITARY EASEMENT PLAT FOR MASON LAKEWOOD FARMS

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-40 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-41 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ROZZI FAMOUS FIREWORKS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,200 TO PROVIDE FIREWORKS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE CITY OF MASON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Jennifer Heft discussed Ordinance 2016-41, Ordinance 2016-42, and Ordinance 2016-43 together. She stated that at the February 8 work session Council provided direction for staff to begin developing two special events for 2016. The first a regional event, Red, Rhythm & Boom, will take place on July 3 with headliner band, Kids Zone, food and non-food vendors, and fireworks. This annual regional event is expected to be smaller this year due to a short time frame to plan the event, but will grow into the future. The second community focused event, Heritage Festival, will take place in September with parade, Kids Zone, food and non-food vendors, and fireworks. Jennifer explained with only 113 days until July, staff has been working diligently to secure all items related to these events. Legislation to be considered tonight is related to Kids Zone, entertainment, and fireworks for the event. Staff sent out Request for Proposal (RFP) for fireworks to three firms with opportunity to bid on both events and individual events and included an option for a 12-minute show and a 25-minute show for each event. All three firms submitted proposals. Staff reviewed proposals and recommends a contract with Rozzi's Famous Fireworks for both events. She explained that Rozzi's proposal was very thorough and provided a good understanding of items related to the venue and firing zones. Rozzi's proposal had the lowest overall unit cost per shell, the most shells, proposed use of larger shells, and provides the best cost value for both events. The City has worked with Rozzi's in the past for various City events. Jennifer stated that the contract with Rozzi's is an amount not-to-exceed \$50,200 for two 25-minute shows and an emergency clause has been added to Ordinance 2016-41 in order to secure the show for the July 3 event. Jennifer stated that Ordinance 2016-42 authorizes a contract with SuperGames and Ordinance 2016-43 authorizes a contract with Cincinnati Circus. She explained that the City has worked with both these vendors to provide entertainment at past events and by using both, there will be more options for families attending the event. Cincinnati Circus provides a variety of circus related activities and SuperGames will provide inflatables. Jennifer stated that SuperGames will also be responsible for coordinating food vendors, working with local food vendors, and will fill any needs with unique food trucks. City staff will coordinate non-food vendors and any vendor interested in participating should visit the City website for additional information. The headliner band was announced at the meeting by playing one of the artist's most popular recordings. A member in the audience correctly identified the Red, Rhythm & Boom headliner artist as Andy Grammer.

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

Council expressed excitement that Andy Grammer will be performing at Red, Rhythm and Boom, complimented staff for the great job organizing events, and discussed event schedules. Details of the September event have not been finalized, but at this time staff is planning for a parade in the morning, followed by Patriot Fair activities, then festival events through the

evening with fireworks at dark. A tailgate could not be coordinated with the High School this year.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-41 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-42 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SUPERGAMES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000, FOR ENTERTAINMENT ATTRACTIONS FOR RED, RHYTHM & BOOM

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-42 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-43 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CINCINNATI CIRCUS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000, FOR ENTERTAINMENT ATTRACTIONS FOR RED, RHYTHM & BOOM

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-43 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-44 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500,000 OF NOTES BY THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A GOLF COURSE IN THE CITY

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

Eric Hansen explained that this legislation is not for the acquisition of a new golf course, but is a debt financing item regarding the Golf Center at Kings Island, purchased in 2007. The City issues debt, typically for a year in short-term notes, and then usually pays down the debt when reissuing notes. Eric explained that this strategy allows for flexibility regarding the property's use and some savings in the interest rate. This new issue represents a principal payment in the amount of \$540,000 and interest savings of at least \$152,000 during the life of the one-year note.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-44 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-45 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$26,730.44 WITH WARREN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE EDUCATION, INSPECTION AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES NECESSARY TO MEET THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PHASE II REQUIREMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Eric Hansen stated that since 2004, the City has annually entered into an agreement with Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). This partnership helps City and residents meet requirements imposed by federal, state and local regulations through the EPA on how stormwater is handled. He explained that this consists of inspections, education efforts, and assistance in developing Best Management Practices. The City partners with the District to meet permit and inspection requirements without the expense of hiring staff that would otherwise be required. Since 2011, the City's contribution has been \$24,000. This year the SWCD completed a financial evaluation of their fees and requested an increase, bringing the total cost to \$26,730.44. Eric explained that the City's contribution helps the Water District pay a full time staff member who then is available to provide educational outreach, plan review, and inspection services and the dollars are also used to get a proportional match of funds from the federal government. In the past, the State has matched up to 75 cents on the dollar and typically the City has completed this legislation in March in order to meet a matching deadline at the end of April. In January this year, the Soil and Water Conservation Department moved from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the match deadline has been moved up to March 31. In order to meet this new deadline the legislation has been declared as an emergency.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-45 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-46 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PIERCE'S LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,840 FOR MOWING, LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE WORK FOR THE MASON COMMUNITY CENTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Eric Hansen stated that Pierce's Lawncare has provided mowing, landscaping and irrigation maintenance at Mason Community Center for several years. Recent quotes obtained for the work indicated costs nearing the \$15,000 threshold, so staff prepared a formal bid package in order to insure competitive pricing. A \$5,000 contingency included in the total price is for unforeseen items and repairs that may come up in the maintenance year that is not part of the contract. With six bids submitted, Pierce submitted the lowest bid which was significantly lower than the other bids and below the Engineer's Estimate. Pierce has done this work in the past and the quality of their work has been very good.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-46 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-47 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING, INC., FOR THE 2016 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,333,945.86

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

Kurt Seiler discussed Ordinances 2016-47 through 2016-51 together, related to the street maintenance program. He explained that the program begins in the fall/winter with annual inspection and ranking of every street in the City by Engineering staff. Each street is given a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) number based on the amount of pavement distress currently occurring. Kurt explained that asphalt patching is used to repair curbs in areas where street resurfacing is not yet needed. Streets anticipated to be resurfaced with the base street program include: Kings Mills Road (from bridge to Acoma Drive), Snider Road (Western Row Road to US-42), Bay Meadows Drive, St. Lawrence Drive (including full curb replacement), Colt Lane, Tillinghast Court, Brantford Way, Oak Street, Miller Drive, Frank Street, Burke Drive, Buerkle Drive, North West Street and Tucker Drive. Alternate 1, for turn lane improvements on SR-741 at the entrance to 360 Pharma/Masters Pharmaceutical, is included in the street resurfacing Ordinance 2016-47. The City secured a grant from ODOT and a grant from Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) that together will fund 75% of the SR-741 improvements with the remaining 25% local match paid by 360 Pharma/Masters Pharmaceutical. Kurt stated that Ordinance 2016-48 and Ordinance 2016-49 are for pavement preservation, which includes crack sealing and mastic surface treatment. He explained that placement of mastic with a product called Onyx is applied to streets where large amounts of crack sealing is applied. This product, combined with crack sealing, will provide a cost effective solution for areas that have heavy cracking but are not failing to the point of requiring resurfacing. This method is expected to add 3-5 years of life to existing pavement. Kurt stated that Ordinance 2016-50 authorizes

reimbursement to GCWW for the City's portion of resurfacing work on Cherokee Drive and Apache Lane in order to get full width paving completed on these streets. The City's portion of the work is estimated at \$50,000 with GCWW's contractor performing the work at pricing consistent with this year's paving program. Kurt explained that Ordinance 2016-51 authorizes a contract with Stauffer Site Services for the construction of a storm sewer on Indianwood Drive at Apache Lane. This will replace an old existing storm sewer that runs thru a resident's yard in close proximity to the house foundation with no existing easement. The new storm sewer will be installed across Apache Lane, along Indianwood Drive and outlet at the current location. This work will be done in coordination with GCWW water main and resurfacing work in this area. Kurt explained that the 2016 budget included \$250,000 set aside for street resurfacing of unanticipated projects or repair needs that arise throughout the year. Unused contingency amounts can be carried forward and available in the following year if needed.

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

Councilmember Nelson inquired as to homeowner's reaction to the appearance of concrete curb patched with asphalt. Kurt stated that the overall response has been positive. The curbs in the area of asphalt patch repairs are in very poor condition and most homeowners appreciate that the curb is more usable after the patch. He explained that repairs with concrete patch tend to pop out and that the more flexible asphalt patch remains in place. Eric Hansen stated that it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain sidewalk and curb. If a homeowner wants to pay to replace a section of curb with concrete, that is their option. The asphalt patch is a temporary fix until curbs are replaced when the street is resurfaced.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-47 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-48 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J & A CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR CRACK SEALING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-48 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-49 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRAWSER CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR MASTIC PAVEMENT SURFACE TREATMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-49 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-50 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GREATER CINCINNATI WATER WORKS (GCWW) FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF RESURFACING WORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-50 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-51 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STAUFFER SITE SERVICES, LLC FOR ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE INDIANWOOD DRIVE STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,258

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-51 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-52 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CDW GOVERNMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) PANASONIC ARBITRATOR IN-CAR VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEMS

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

Eric Hansen stated that over the past several years the Police Department has been working towards outfitting all front line cruisers with in-car cameras. Ninety percent of funding for the initial cameras has been obtained through grants. The 2016 Capital Budget included \$26,000 for

the purchase of four cameras. A grant in the amount of \$5,580 was obtained for the purchase of one additional camera. Eric stated that with these new cameras, 14 out of 17 front line patrol vehicles will be equipped with in-car video systems.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-52 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-53 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MPH INDUSTRIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) THREE-LINE FULL MATRIX MESSAGE BOARD/SPEED TRAILER WITH ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

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

Eric Hansen stated that in 1999 the City purchased its first speed trailer. This trailer gave the Police Department the ability to monitor speeds and provide visible notification to motorists in various parts of the City to help deter speeding. Through regular maintenance and upgrades, this trailer is still in use today. Eric stated that two years ago, the City purchased four speed boxes. These boxes can be mounted permanently or set up temporarily in areas with speeding complaints. Eric said that the trailer proposed for purchase combines customized messaging and speed control capabilities into a single system. The trailer has a full-graphics display sign capable of displaying one, two, or three-line messages or graphic characters. The radar system allows the trailer to switch to a speed-related message such as “Your Speed is XX” or “Slowdown” when a vehicle exceeds a set speed. He explained that the three-line message board has the capability of providing information such as road closures, construction zone warnings, or custom messages that can be created for traffic or parking needs during special events or high water warnings etc. In the past, the City has had to rent portable signs to display these types of messages. Eric stated that the 2016 Capital Budget included \$20,000 for this purchase and that the equipment will be a shared resource for the City, most likely used by the Police and Public Works Departments.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-53 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-54 FIRST READING: AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MASON TO AMEND IN PART ZONING CODE CHAPTERS 1163, 1165, AND 1171 (ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS)

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

Eric Hansen announced that a public hearing will be at the April 11, 2016 Council meeting.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Spaeth thanked staff for working extra hours over the weekend to remove signs posted in City right-of-way. Councilmember Nelson requested that the City look into issuing fines to help defray overtime costs.

Councilmember Chance commented that with the recent installation of L.E.D. lighting in Council Chambers, energy consumption will be reduced by about 80%.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS - none


EXECUTIVE SESSION: LAND ACQUISITION; EMPLOYMENT/COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and employment of public employees was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:27 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:18 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:19 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor