

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 12, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. Chaplain Tom Moll opened the meeting in prayer. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Diana K. Nelson, Ashley Chance, Kathy Grossmann and Victor Kidd. Charlene Pelfrey joined the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Barbara Berry-Spaeth and Don Prince were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the May 15, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting is Monday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m. with a work session beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Music in Mason's Downtown Block Party continues this Friday, June 16 beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the Downtown Plaza and sponsored by Two Cities Pizza Co. providing a variety of additional activities. The Brothers Smith Band will begin at 6:30 p.m. U.S. 42 will be closed at 3:00 p.m. between Mason-Montgomery Road and Second Avenue for this event. Detours will be provided.

The City continues to prepare for the annual Red Rhythm and Boom event taking place on Monday, July 3 at the Mason Municipal Campus. The event will begin at 4:00 p.m. with access to kids' zone activities and attractions as well as food and non-food vendors. At 5:45 p.m. stage entertainment will kick off with the national anthem and a skydiving exhibit presented by Team Fastrax. At 6:00 p.m., the concert will begin with opening act Ben Rector followed by headlining artist Phillip Phillips at 8:30 p.m. The event will conclude with a fireworks display by Rozzi's Famous fireworks at 10:00 p.m. Mason-Montgomery Road from Foxfield Road to Lakeside Drive will close at 4:00 p.m. The event is free to the community. City offices on Monday, July 3, will be closed and employees will be shifting schedules to accommodate logistics for the evening. On Tuesday, July 4, City offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

City Council has discussed preserving local self-government. City Council passed legislation last fall to allow for regulating small cell facilities to provide wireless technology and balancing it with the statics of the community. The state passed legislation nullifying the ability for all municipalities in the City. The City joined together with 50 other communities challenging the attack on local self-government and with resident support, the court overturned a state statute resulting in a victory for local self-government and for the City of Mason. As part of the state

budget, a proposal was made to collect locally generated income taxes in Columbus. The state would determine how to divide those revenues back to the cities where they were generated and charge an administrative fee for that service. A modified version of that centralized collection remains in the state budget and is still a concern for the City of Mason. Councilmember Nelson testified at the state on behalf of the City of Mason and local self-government bringing a unique perspective and is now representing local self-government and the City of Mason on the Board of the Ohio Municipal League.

Mayor Kidd encouraged the community to be aware of trends towards the state taking more control of local governments and encouraged the community to get involved and contact state representative's about concerns.

The City of Mason continues to generate job growth. Over the last 15 years, the City of Mason has spent \$2.5 million in one-time spent tax incentives. These one-time tax incentives have resulted in \$425 million dollars in annual payroll. In addition, City Council has spent \$770,000 in one-time payments to generate another anticipated \$216 million in annual payroll. Combining realized and anticipated tax incentives at \$3.3 million, the City of Mason is helping businesses generate \$641 million in annual payroll realized every year. Reviewing a typical Mason household compared to a household outside of Mason, Mason residents have a total tax burden of about \$600 per year less than a typical household living outside the City of Mason. These figures will continue to evolve as we continue to have economic development success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Nelson testified at the Senate against centralized collection. She advised it's important to the City to maintain the ability to collect income taxes from Mason residents and encouraged residents to write a letter opposing centralized collection. The bill will be signed June 30th. Councilmember Nelson said to contact her or the Ohio Municipal League website at www.omlohio.org for more information.

Councilmember Grossmann reviewed specific notes from Councilmember Nelson's centralized collection testimony. As a tax practitioner, Councilmember Nelson recognized the inefficiencies of the system the state would use, including a redistribution of wealth. Councilmember Grossmann said the outcome of the Music in Mason concerts have been a success towards the sense of community brought to the Downtown Plaza. On Sundays in July, Music in Mason will continue at the City of Mason Golf Center.

Councilmember Chance thanked staff for their efforts towards Red, Rhythm and Boom and advised some of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Mason Parks Foundation Common Ground Playground project.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Richard Cox of 3425 Broken Ridge Drive reviewed economic development concerns including not having a small business coordinator, business professionals leaving downtown Mason, and the need for incentives to entice businesses to move downtown. He then introduced Shawn

Brabant of 3443 Broken Ridge Drive who expressed concerns of pollution in a creek believed to be from the developers in the area.

Jonathan Sams of 5155 Financial Way represented the Crooked Tree Community Association to address development concerns of the United Dairy Farmers at the corner of Bethany Road and Mason-Montgomery Road. He addressed two concerns from conditions in Ordinance 2011-13, visual buffers and smells/fumes. He advised the 3-foot berm does not meet the opaque standard and the families are exposed to fumes and vapors which also reduces the value of homes in Crooked Tree. Kurt Seiler advised United Dairy Farmers is in compliance with the California Air Research Board and with stage 1 emission control. Stage 2 is no longer allowed to be installed in the State of Ohio. Jonathan requested the visual buffer berm be clarified and enforced. Jeff Forbes said Planning Commission determines if the landscaping plan presented satisfies the conditions in the Ordinance. By approving the 2016 landscape plan, Planning Commission reached a decision that the plan satisfied the visual buffer condition. Jonathan Sams advised the community is not satisfied with the essentially opaque visual buffer and would like the berms to be taller. Jeff Forbes offered to continue this discussion with Mr. Sams and a representative from United Dairy Farmers at another time; UDF does not have a representative at this meeting. Councilmember Pelfrey said honeysuckle does not provide essential opaqueness year round and is interested in helping bring this concern to a conclusion. Mayor Kidd advised Council will address this concern with prompt attention.

Andre Dunkirk of 5130 Spire Oaks Drive expressed concerns and provided visual references in regards to the visual buffer between his neighborhood and United Dairy Farmers. He also has concerns with compliance of the construction hours. The developers have begun before 7:00 a.m. and extended past 7:00 p.m.

Debbie Harbatkin of 5126 Spire Oaks Drive has concerns that a Planning Commission member stated in 2011 and someone again stated in 2015 at a United Dairy Farmers meeting that there would be a fence on top of the berm, but this has not happened. She stated she met with the construction manager and felt she was not able to provide feedback about their concerns about the berm.

Scott Stevens of 5127 Spire Oaks Drive provided visual references about the visual buffer concern to his neighborhood and stated his concerns about trespassing from United Dairy Farmers to his neighborhood.

Mayor Kidd addressed the Crooked Tree residents in attendance advising council will review the information and reach out to Jonathan Sams to assist in finding a solution to resolve the concerns.

Michele Blair introduced President and CEO of REDI (Regional Economic Development Initiative) Cincinnati, Johnna Reeder. Johnna stated REDI was created three years ago representing five counties in southwest Ohio, seven in northern Kentucky and three in southeastern Indiana. She explained REDI travels to other countries and markets the region then local economic development teams promote locally to get companies to land in the City of Mason. In the past three years, REDI has created almost 15,000 new jobs in southwest Ohio and

\$1.8 billion in capital investment. She requested the City to continue to invest in REDI and increase that amount from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Councilmember Nelson asked how many of the jobs created were in the City of Mason and why the increased amount of investment is needed. Michele advised 20% of the total job creation and 12% of the total capital investment is in the City of Mason, not including Procter and Gamble and only including new capital investment. Johnna advised the City previously invested \$50,000 prior to REDI Cincinnati becoming an independent organization and over the past three years they have had effective outcomes. Councilmember Grossmann expressed concerns of Cincinnati being able to keep up with Smart City development in the future in comparison to Columbus. Johnna explained additional opportunities will be available. Councilmember Nelson and Johnna discussed local cities and counties investing at different levels. Councilmember Nelson expressed concern to be able to justify to tax payers the large jump in cost. Councilmember Chance asked how many years the City gave at the \$50,000 level. Eric Hansen replied with six to nine years and the City continued to budget for this investment waiting to see how the organization would succeed after branching from the Chamber three years ago.

RESOLUTION 2017-12 ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MASON FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018

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

Public Hearing was opened at 8:50 p.m.

Eric Hansen stated this is a process required by the state to justify the receipt of local government monies and the mechanism to allocate property tax revenues.

The Tax Budget is the mechanism through which Council can annually adjust the property tax rate. Eric stated in 2013, the Finance Committee and Safety Committee met to review projected cost of services, revenues, capital needs, and fund balances for Fire and Emergency Medical Services and recommended the Safety Services millage be set at 4.40 mills for 2014. This rate took into consideration amounts received from a SAFR grant as committed to as part of the Charter amendment. The City was successful in obtaining a grant of approximately \$1.2 million that was paid out in 2014. The Charter amendment and the proposed tax budget provided a mechanism to directly pass this benefit to taxpayers by reducing their tax millage.

He said while operating expenses needed are growing; staff feels that the 4.4 mills can be maintained for 2018. The 4.40 millage is below the 5-mills allowed by Charter, below the previous 5-mill levy amount, less than the prior effective rate of 4.5 mills, and less than amounts levied by neighboring jurisdictions for similar services. Mason's proposed 4.40 millage is both less than neighboring municipal jurisdictions and the Township.

Public Hearing was closed at 8:53 p.m.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2017-12 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION 2017-13 PROCLAIMING JULY AS NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH

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

Eric Hansen said July is chosen by the National Parks and Recreation Association to recognize the importance of parks and recreation facilities. Mason City Council has committed significant financial resources to improve and increase recreational facilities and programs for Mason residents. As a result, the City maintains over 300 acres of parkland in seven parks, facilities for many active sports, playgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas, fishing, the Lou Eves Municipal Pool, Mason Community Center, and the Golf Center. Volunteers, Eagle Scouts, and Community Concepts, Inc., have been instrumental in assisting with maintenance and special projects in the parks.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2017-13 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-64 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LIBERTY TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 1 CONTRACT TO ADD CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO THE LIBERTY TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 1

Eric Hansen stated there were some small changes to the JEDD paperwork requiring a 30-day open document period and would like to open the Public Hearing and vote to extend the Public Hearing to July 10, 2017.

Public Hearing was opened at 8:50 p.m.

A motion to continue the Public Hearing to July 10, 2017 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann.

ORDINANCE 2017-76 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 5.306 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN UNION TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO TO THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO FILED UNDER THE SPECIAL PROCEDURE OF ANNEXING LAND WITH CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES (OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.022, ET SEQ.), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Kurt Seiler addressed Ordinance 2017-76, Ordinance 2017-77 and Ordinance 2017-65. He said Ordinance 2017-76 addresses the annexation of 5.306 acres located on Cox-Smith Road and is currently in Union Township. Ordinance 2017-76 would put the property in the City of Mason and Union Township. Ordinance 2017-77 authorizes the City Manager to file a petition to detach the territory from Union Township and place into Mason Township to eliminate double taxation on the property. Ordinance 2017-65 includes a parcel of land containing a single family residence. He stated that the property is currently in Union Township and is zoned R-1 with the property below it zoned B-3, Road Service Commercial. The single family residence would be rezoned to R-2 and the B-3 property would be rezoned to R-PUD, Residential Planned Unit Development. The R-PUD parcel would include 224 multi-family units in 17 buildings are proposed for the PUD section. There are a total of 513 parking spaces provided which includes one garage space for each unit along with one surface parking space. An additional 65 guest spaces are provided. The development includes a clubhouse, pool, dog park, garden and hiking path. Open space of 42.8% is provided throughout the project area which includes a stream and significant existing vegetation. Planning commission did approve the rezoning and concept plan.

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 2017-76 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-77 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A PETITION WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY, OHIO TO CHANGE THE UNION TOWNSHIP LINES OF 5.306 ACRES LOCATED IN UNION TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF MASON IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE TERRITORY FROM UNION TOWNSHIP, PLACE IT IN MASON TOWNSHIP AND MAKE THE TOWNSHIP LINES IDENTICAL WITH THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-77 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-65 AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 36.5 ACRES FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL (UNION TOWNSHIP) &

B-3 ROAD SERVICE COMMERCIAL TO R-2 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) & R-PUD (RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) WITH APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN LOCATED NORTH AND WEST OF BEACH BOULEVARD, EAST OF THE MASON GRAND SUBDIVISION (VILLAGES OF MASON)

Public Hearing was opened at 9:05 p.m.

Jeff Forbes read Ordinance 2017-65.

Chuck Garlock with Bayer Becker of 6900 Tylersville Road, Chuck Thornton, representing the development team, Joe Kraimer, representing the owners of the property, and Steve Hunt, the attorney for the developer, were available to answer any questions.

Public Hearing was closed at 9:08 p.m.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-65 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-78 APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT FOR LOT 6 IN FALLING BROOK PHASE A-8

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

Kurt Seiler stated on April 3, 2007 Planning Commission completed a blanket approval for the Falling Brook project. This replat provides the individual building lots for Lot 6.

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 2017-78 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-79 APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT FOR CASTLE PARK 2728

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

Kurt Seiler stated this replat will consolidate the four existing lots into two lots. The existing facility will be located on Lot 27 (2.448 acre). Lot 28 will be a 14.223 acre lot which will include the regional basin. Planning Commission recommends approval of the replat contingent upon showing the existing 30-foot drainage easement and railroad easement extending to the southern property line, providing documentation to support that existing building/parking on Lot 27 meets minimum side yard setback requirements, and correcting the name of north/south roadway to Easy Street.

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 2017-79 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-80 APPROVAL OF THE RECORD PLAT FOR MALICH ACRES SUBDIVISION

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

Kurt Seiler stated the replat will consolidate the two lots into one 1.11 acre lot to be known as the Malich Acres Subdivision. The City recently completed widening of this section of Mason Road to address future traffic needs.

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 2017-80 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-81 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR CROOKED TREE PRESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 1C

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

Kurt Seiler stated this is the third phase of the Crooked Tree Preserves Subdivision. This plat will dedicate the right of way, utilities, storm, and sewer easements necessary for this development. Planning Commission recommended approval of the final plat contingent upon the submittal of the performance bond and subdivider's contract.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-81 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-82 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR KINGS MILLS PLAZA

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

Kurt Seiler discussed Ordinance 2017-82 and Ordinance 2017-83. He stated Ordinance 2017-82 is approval of a final plat for a 13.45 acre development located on the southeast corner of Kings Mill Road and State Route 741. The property is zoned B-3, Road Service District, and contains 5 buildable lots. Access to the development includes a proposed public roadway to be constructed at the existing traffic signal for the Kroger/Mason Grand development private drive. A right-in/right-out is also planned off of State Route 741 between lots 4 and 5. Planning Commission recommended approval of the final plat contingent upon submission of the performance bond and subdivider's contract, providing an alternate name for the new public roadway, and providing a signage easement at the southeast corner of the new public roadway & State Route 741. As part of this project, the existing span wire traffic signal at the Kroger access point will be upgraded to Mason standard mast arm poles. In addition, staff and Planning Commission worked with the developer to increase the width of the proposed roadway to accommodate a potential future connection to the Tennis Center, Golf Center, and Sinclair Campus. Kurt said this 4-lane roadway is part of an overall corridor strategy to better manage daily traffic as well as provide alternate options for management of event traffic. With this enhanced infrastructure advantage, as part of the agreement the developer will dedicate signage easements on each side of the new roadway to provide future options for the City to partner on gateway entrances at this important node of activity. Kurt stated Ordinance 2017 – 83 is an economic participation agreement authorizing up to \$75,000 towards the signal and roadway improvements to ensure they are configured appropriately to meet future development demands.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-82 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-83 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 AND TO THE TERMS OF A JOINT ECONOMIC STIMULUS AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE KINGS MILLS RETAIL PROJECT

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-83 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-84 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

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

Eric Hansen stated the City has reviewed projects that meet the Ohio Public Works Commission Issue 1 grants requirements. A pre-application is requested for Program Year 33 (2019) for the Snider Road Roundabouts Project. He stated this project involves the improvement of two intersections, Mason Road and Thornberry Drive, at Snider Road from stop controlled intersections to roundabouts. Traffic has increased dramatically in the past decade and both intersections experience very high delays during the AM and PM peak hours. In 2014, Council authorized a grant submittal for the Snider Road Roundabouts Project to the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ grant program, which is a federally funded, OKI administered program through ODOT. The grant was approved for \$1,558,544 in funding toward the overall project cost. The OPWC grant request is for \$767,767 to cover the remaining 33% of the estimated \$2,326,311 total project cost.

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.

Councilmember Pelfrey expressed gratitude for the changes.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-84 was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-85 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JACKSON CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000, FOR THE 2017 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

Kurt Seiler stated three quotes were received based upon a square-foot price for the removal, replacement, and restoration of sidewalk as funds allow. Staff requested quotes from several other contractors but due to their current workload they were unable to perform the work this year. Jackson Construction, Inc. provided the lowest per-square-foot price for the project. Similar to last year, the 2017 Budget includes \$75,000 for the annual program and an additional \$25,000 for materials for City crews to do spot repairs city-wide. The full \$75,000 budgeted amount will allow for the replacement of approximately 1,800 linear feet of 4' wide sidewalk.

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 2017-85 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-86 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (REDI) CINCINNATI IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS

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

Eric Hansen stated Johnna Reeder with REDI spoke earlier and Michele Blair is available for questions. Councilmember Nelson requested additional data to confirm the additional \$40,000 is a good choice for the City.

A motion to table Ordinance 2017-86 until July 10, 2017 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-87 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MASON TO REIMBURSE AMBLESIDE DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING FEES FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$72,606

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

Eric Hansen requested a first reading on Ordinance 2017-87 and Ordinance 2017-88.

ORDINANCE 2017-88 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,100,000 OF BONDS BY THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, FOR ROAD AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN THE CITY

Jeff Forbes read Ordinance 2017-88.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS - None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Deidra King of 3809 Hanover Drive inquired about updates to the proposed changes to Cox-Smith and Parkside Drive. Kurt Seiler advised the final applications for the Cox-Smith project are due at the end of July for the 2018 funding year. He stated the State Route 741 realignment project is still in the stages of reviewing options for Parkside Drive and possible relocation behind CVS. After looking at all options, the City will then bring those options to a federal public meeting in late 2017 or 2018. The State Route 741 realignment project is funded for 2020. Deidra inquired about a public hearing for the Cox-Smith project. Kurt advised it is not a federally funded project and will not require a public hearing meeting. However, Eric Hansen advised an informational meeting can be held for the Cox-Smith project if any residents would like to organize.

Eliot Bastian of 3812 Hanover Drive questioned which meeting would be best to attend prior to making a budget decision for the Cox-Smith project. Eric Hansen advised budget discussions

usually cover capital in November. The next step would be funding discussed in February 2018 and funding would occur in July 2018. Eliot also inquired about what's happening with construction at the City of Mason Golf Course. Eric Hansen advised The Bruin, owned by Tennis for Charity, is closed and rehabbed for parking. Eliot asked if something else is being built next to Panera Bread on Mason Grand Drive. Kurt Seiler advised there are lots available, but nothing is planned to be built yet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LAND ACQUISITION

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:33 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:11 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:13 p.m.