

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2016**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Festo executives Yannick Schilly and Oliver Ring thanked the City of Mason for their partnership and expressed appreciation with the company's new home-base, Mason. Festo's Mason facility has a work force of 170 employees, strong performance numbers, and training center. Innovation Week 2.0 is a way to share Festo's passion for innovation, science, and technology with the community. Mr. Schilly explained that Festo decided to bring a hot air balloon and airship to share with Mason during Innovation Week 2.0 because Festo pneumatic automation runs on "air."

Jonathan Cooper of Mason City Schools thanked Festo and the City of Mason for the great educational event focusing on innovation. He introduced science teacher, Ms. Laura Tonkin. Ms. Tonkin expressed gratitude for the opportunity students had to experience authentic learning. She introduced two Mason Middle School students who shared the impact Innovation Week 2.0 had on them.

Mayor Kidd presented Festo with a Proclamation declaring October 10–15, 2016 Innovation Week in Mason.

The meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. Chaplain Jeff Perkins 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 September 26, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mason Incident Command Team led by Jenna Hurley and Jeff Wyss are credited for the successful execution of Mason Innovation Week.

A motion to approve attendance at the Mason Deerfield Chamber "Gems of Excellence Awards Night" was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Halloween will be celebrated on Monday, October 31 between 6:00 and 8:00, rain or shine.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Amaya Hardas of 5734 Squires Gate Drive and student at Mason Middle School expressed safety concerns regarding Nixon Park Drive. In the morning when it is dark, it is difficult for drivers to see students crossing the street in this area. He suggests that a “no turn on red” sign be placed at this intersection.

Pranah Yenugu of 4101 Old Manchester Court and student at Mason Middle School observes heavy traffic in the morning at the intersection of Tylersville and Mason-Montgomery Roads. There is no police officer in this area to patrol traffic, as in the past. He suggests implementing sensor based traffic signals at this intersection could help reduce traffic congestion.

Festo Airship pilots and crew presented the airship passengers from Mason City Council with documentation and pins. There are only about 30 airships in the world and the opportunity to ride in an airship is quite rare.

## **ORDINANCE 2016-102 SECOND READING: AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AT 6675 EVERGREEN COURT (ARAUJO PROPERTY)**

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

Kurt Seiler said Steve Araujo, property owner, is requesting to rezone his 3-acre property at 6675 Evergreen Court from R-1, Single Family Residential to R-3, Single Family Residential. Minimum lot size in an R-1 district is 40,000 square feet, in R-3 it is 15,000 square feet. Mr. Araujo’s intention is to allow his son to build on one of the lots. Planning Commission has reviewed and recommends approval of the rezoning.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:40 p.m.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-102 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

## **ORDINANCE 2016-112 ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN OF SNIDER ROAD IMPROVEMENT DESIGN FROM IBI GROUP, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FEE OF \$181,650 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

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

Kurt Seiler explained staff is proposing a two-phased approach to the Snider Road Improvement project that would coincide with funding, right-of-way costs, grants, etc. Phase 1 is proposed to improve the section between US 42 and Tylersville Road. Proposed Phase 2 is located between Western Row Road and US 42. The City did not receive STP or safety grant funding for both phases and is now recommending submittal for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funds for Phase 1 only. Moving forward with design will put the project in the best position for receiving OPWC grant funds. Staff received Letters of Interest (LOI) from eleven consultants interested in the design work and selected IBI Group based on qualifications.

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.

Responding to Vice Mayor Spaeth's question, Kurt explained the City was not awarded safety funding because crash data did not support the need and STP grant funding was not awarded because the application did not score high enough.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-112 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2016-113 ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE CITY GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) MAPPING DATA FROM RA CONSULTANTS LLC, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FEE OF \$60,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

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


Kurt Seiler said in 2000 the City of Mason began documenting utility information in GIS with updates including new subdivisions completed in 2007. An update in 2015 focused on the downtown area, as well as inventory of signs, streetlights and traffic signals throughout the City. He explained data in older areas of the City is incomplete and this year's program will focus on the Mason Heights and Manhasset areas. The total design fee of \$60,000 to RA Consultants, LLC consists of additional surveying, data collection, updates to the GIS viewer and mobile application. Kurt stated \$60,000 was included in the 2016 Budget for this project.

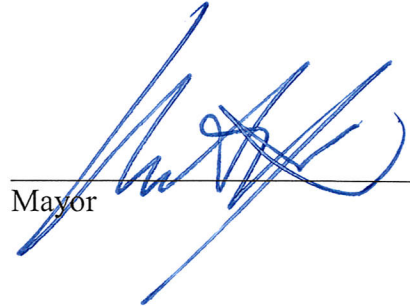
A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-113 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Nelson.  
VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 7:52 p.m.

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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Mayor