

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2016**

Mayor Kidd announced the recent passing of two Mason residents, Ginny Sundin and Tom Sturk. Ms. Sundin was an active member of the community, including 38 years of service on Mason Park Board as Chair and never missed a meeting. He also asked that we keep Councilmember Pelfrey in our thoughts as she recovers from surgery. Mayor Kidd introduced Mayor for the Day, Patrick O'Rourke.

Honorary Mayor O'Rourke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chaplain Edison DeArco 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, Don Prince, and Victor Kidd. Charlene Pelfrey was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the October 10, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mason Deerfield Chamber will be hosting the annual Gems of Excellence Awards Night on Thursday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Manor House. Council has been invited to attend.

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

VFW Post 9622 will hold a Veterans Day ceremony at the Municipal Center on Friday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, November 12, the annual Mason Kiwanis Pancake Day will take place at Mason Middle School. The event is from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

A motion to not request a hearing for a D5 liquor permit for Courts 4 Sports at 854 Reading Road was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to not request a hearing for a C1, C2, D8 liquor permit for Craft Pointe at 7920 Mason-Montgomery Road was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Chance said that Ginny Sundin was a sweet soul and a joy to work with. She served the City of Mason for many years and will be difficult to replace. Sundin Fields at Heritage Oak Park was named and dedicated in her honor.

MAYOR FOR THE DAY – PATRICK O’ROURKE

Honorary Mayor O’Rourke said that he is in the 4th grade and has a magnificent teacher. His hobbies include TV, computers, and sports. His mother has been inducted into her High School Hall of Fame for soccer. Mayor Kidd commented that Mason is a diverse community with wonderful families and understands the value children add to the community.

PRESENTATION ON MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY SERVICES BY COLLEEN CHAMBERLAIN

Ms. Chamberlain, Director of Adult Services, explained the work of Mental Health Recovery Services (MHRS) of Warren and Clinton Counties. She said there is a 1-mill renewal levy on the ballot in November, originally passed in 2002. Levy dollars represent 53% of the MHRS budget and are used in providing critical mental health services, including a “safety net” 24-hour hot-line, crisis intervention, and training for first responders. MHRS appreciates the support of the community.

ORDINANCE 2016-114 APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT FOR MASON GRAND SECTION 1A

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

Kurt Seiler stated the replat for Mason Grand is located on SR-741 just east of Kroger. The replat will revise lot sizes for Lots #5, 6, 7, and 8 and create necessary utility easements in this area of the development. These lots are being reconfigured to accommodate a new Panera Bread restaurant.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-114 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-115 ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ESTATES AT CHESTNUT HILL SUBDIVISION SECTION 4 AND RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BOND

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

Kurt Seiler stated Estates of Chestnut Hills subdivision is located north of the Bethany Road roundabout and east of Mason-Montgomery Road at Batsche Trails Boulevard. Section 4, the last section of the Estates of Chestnut Hills to be accepted, is in the north east corner of the development and includes Country Downs Drive. The Public Utilities, Public Works and Engineering departments, along with Greater Cincinnati Water Works, have inspected the public improvements. Kurt said staff recommends accepting public improvements, contingent on submission of a one-year maintenance bond and a performance bond for the remaining sidewalks and street trees.

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.

During Council discussion, Kurt explained the performance bond for the overall section will be released once a smaller bond is submitted for the remaining sidewalks and street trees yet to be installed and a one-year maintenance bond to cover any issue with streets, sidewalks, and utilities in Section 4.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-115 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-116 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

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

Kurt Seiler explained Ordinance 2016-116 and Ordinance 2016-117 together. He said in Ordinance 2016-116, Duke Energy requests approval of an easement on the southeast corner of the old water plant property located at 4988 Hamilton Road. Duke Energy is installing a new transmission line that runs from their Liberty Township substation in Butler County to the Shaker Run (SR-63) substation. The project will provide additional power capacity to customers in Butler and Warren Counties as well as provide an alternate option to re-route power as needed. The selected route for the new line runs along Hamilton Road and will cross over the southeast corner of the old water plant site. Kurt stated that in Ordinance 2016-116, a 60-foot wide easement is provided to Duke Energy for this line. He said in Ordinance 2016-117, Cincinnati Bell Telephone (CBT) requests approval of a 15' x 15' easement on the southwest corner of the old water tower property on Church Street, adjacent to the railroad tracks. The existing site at Hope Church on Western Row providing CBT services to the Mason area has reached capacity. Cincinnati Bell will place two fiber cabinets at the Church Street location to provide greater fiber service to northern Mason. Kurt stated in Ordinance 2016-117, an easement is provided to CBT for the work and the location of the cabinets.

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

Council discussed the installation of Cincinnati Bell equipment boxes on the Church Street easement. Out of consideration for residents in the area, Mayor Kidd suggested tabling Ordinance 2016-117 to the November 14 meeting so that Council could get a better idea as to what the installation would look like.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-116 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2016-117 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC

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

ORDINANCE 2016-118 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 Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Jennifer Heft said the City periodically disposes of surplus City property through auction. Surplus items no longer serve a useful purpose in delivering public services or are unclaimed/forfeited property acquired through Police related activity. She explained due to the City's move from a scheduled vehicle replacement cycle to deferring the replacement of needed equipment in order to reduce capital costs, very little of the value of these vehicles remains. There are either significant repairs, the annualized cost of keeping these older vehicles in operational condition has been significantly exceeding the cost of replacement and/or these vehicles have become so unreliable that attempts to use them is causing a negative impact on City services. The City has sold surplus through internet auction the last several years. This medium has proven to be most effective in auctioning surplus property to the largest audience, bringing market value for this property, and doing so at the lowest possible administrative cost to the City.

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.

Councilmember Nelson asked how auction funds received are used. Jennifer Heft explained that these dollars are returned to the fund the auction item was purchased out of. Mayor Kidd suggested in the future the City consider donating surplus items or funds generated from the sale of these items to assist with heroin recovery efforts.


A motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-118 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

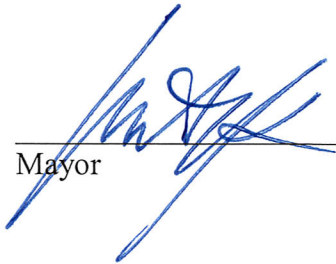
Council discussed Red, Rhythm and Boom plans for entertainment. Mayor Kidd said he is considering formation of and appointments to an arts and entertainment committee of Council.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 7:40 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor