

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 24, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Pastor Kyle Linville 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, Kathy Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey, Don Prince, and Victor Kidd. Ashley Chance joined the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the April 10, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

To accommodate upcoming schedules and anticipated legislation, adjusting the Council meeting schedule is appropriate. Council may wish to consider a modified summer schedule with a single meeting a month for May, June, July, and August as done in years past. A single meeting on the second Monday of those summer months would not pose a problem to legislation timeframes. If Council wishes to make such a modification to the schedule a motion is in order. A modified summer schedule allows more opportunities for committee meetings to maintain Council activity. Council discussed and decided to move the meeting and public hearing originally scheduled for May 8, 2017 to the third Monday of May. A motion to modify the schedule with Council meetings on May 15, June 12, July 10, and August 14 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

The City is continuing to work with other communities as well as the Ohio Municipal League to advocate for local self-government despite State encroachment. Councilmember Nelson has been asked to serve on the executive board for the OML. This is both a compliment to the City of Mason as well as Councilmember Nelson's efforts.

The Lindner Center of HOPE is holding their Community Education Day on Sunday, May 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Manor House.

May 19 is the last day to submit photos for the 2018 calendar contest.

The Mason Deerfield Chamber is hosting their 2017 annual lunch on Tuesday, May 23 at 11:30 a.m. at the Manor House.

City of Mason offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, in honor of Memorial Day. Trash collection will not be affected by the closing. Mason Community Center will be open regular

hours on Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. On Memorial Day Monday, the Community Center will be open from 6:00 a.m. to noon.

The Memorial Day parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, Post 194 and conclude at Mason Veterans Memorial. A program at the Memorial will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon at the American Legion.

Lou Eves Municipal Pool opens for the season on Memorial Day weekend.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to sign and submit the endorsement of a TREX liquor permit transfer (Oasis Mediterranean Grill) for economic development purposes was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Prince stated the Veterans Affairs Committee has begun discussing restructuring and combining the Veterans Affairs and Veterans Memorial Committees to ensure long-term care for the Mason Veterans Memorial.

Councilmember Nelson reported on the first quarter financial activity for 2017. The overall general fund collected has decreased in 2017 compared to the first quarter of 2016 due to the decrease in income tax revenue by 9%. This change is due to the change in House Bill 5 that requires estimated tax payments for fourth quarter of 2016 to be paid by December 15, 2016 versus January 31, 2017 and should even out in the fourth quarter of 2017. Other general fund revenue was up due to franchise fees and rental revenue. The overall general revenue change from first quarter of 2016 to 2017 is -5%. Expenditures were up 2%, but still remains within budget. Councilmember Nelson stated the safety fund, sewer fund and waste collection fund all operated within budget and net activity was positive in each fund. Revenues and expenditures were nearly the same for the Community Center which resulted in breaking even and remaining self-sustaining. She said revenue from the golf course is down and the net activity is negative which brings concerns. The golf course committee will be meeting to review budget numbers. Overall, the City is operating within budget and on track for 2017 projections.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR WORLD NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS DAY

Jessica Samblanet, a Mason resident, thanked Mayor Kidd and Mason City Council for inviting her to present Neurofibromatosis awareness. She stated Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow on nerves in the body which can lead to blindness, bone abnormalities, cancer, deafness, disfigurement and learning disabilities. NF affects 1 in 3,000 people with no cure yet. Children's Tumor Foundation is driving research, expanding knowledge, and advancing care for the NF community. Jessica described her heartfelt story about her daughter, Kendall, who was diagnosed with NF at only a few months old. Jessica volunteers to fundraise for research and raise awareness. Jessica said she was grateful to Mayor Kidd and Mason City Council for granting her request to declare May 17 as World Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day in Mason, Ohio and she's proud to live in a City that

recognizes issues that affect its residents. Mayor Kidd read and presented the proclamation to Jessica Samblanet and her family.

SWEARING IN FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC MITCHELL LOGSDON

Deputy Chief Brumagen introduced Firefighter Logsdon and he was sworn in by Mayor Kidd.

RESOLUTION 2017-9 PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 21-27, 2017 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

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

Deputy Chief Bryan Brumagen briefly described the history of Emergency Medical Services Week hosted every May. This year's theme is "EMS Strong: Always in Service", celebrated May 21-27, 2017. Hospital emergency personnel, emergency physicians, nurses and educators, along with community emergency service providers, contribute to an emergency medical system that protects the lives, health and safety of Mason residents and visitors. Last year, the City's emergency medical staff responded to over 3,000 emergency medical calls, for an average of more than eight runs per day. Along with emergency response, other services include: CPR training, educational sessions for injury prevention and promoting safety awareness. This week is a time to recognize the contribution our emergency medical service providers make to the quality of life and to say thank you.

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 Resolution 2017-9 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS - None

RESOLUTION 2017-8 PROCLAIMING MAY 2017 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

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

Jennifer Heft stated Resolution 2017-8 demonstrates Mason's continued commitment for building a culture of wellness for the Mason community. Two of Mason's key BioHealth partners, Assurex Health and Lindner Center of Hope (LCOH), have received international attention for their efforts towards personalized behavior health treatments for those struggling with mental health issues. Jennifer said this resolution brings additional attention to these efforts, promotes open dialogue needed for prevention, but most importantly, brings awareness that is critical to the research needed. Mason is fortunate to have these leaders in the BioHealth

community committed to bringing some of the most advanced health care treatment for those struggling with mental health illness and addiction.

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 Resolution 2017-8 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION 2017-10 DECLARING MAY 2017 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

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

Kurt Seiler stated Building Safety Month is an annual event to recognize the efforts made by building officials nationally to maintain a safe, healthy, and accessible environment by administering the building codes and standards. This year's theme is "Code Officials-Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth," to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Residents are encouraged to visit www.buildingsafety month.org for more information. Kurt said there will be four weekly sub-themes and brochures at the Municipal Center as well as information sheets providing building specifications that can be used to make the planning process as simple as possible when adding home improvements such as decks, basement finishes, fences, etc.

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 Resolution 2017-10 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-60 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP AND THE MASON PARKS & RECREATION FOUNDATION REGARDING THE FUNDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF COMMON GROUND PARK

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

Eric Hansen stated as part of the 2017 budget, the City has committed \$300,000 in matching funds towards the completion of Common Ground playground. This amount is intended to match every dollar raised in private funds. Once matching private funds are raised, the project will be in a position to move forward on the first phase of park construction. Deerfield Township has agreed to participate in that same effort by committing \$100,000 in matching funds towards the Common Ground playground project. He explained this Memorandum of Understanding is an agreement between Deerfield Township, the City of Mason, and the Mason Parks and Recreation

Foundation to contribute funds and collaborate on future fundraising efforts to ensure the successful completion of the Common Ground all-inclusive playground.

Vice Mayor Spaeth briefly explained her involvement and support of Common Ground playground. She recognized Rachel Kopfler, President of the Mason Parks Foundation, Deerfield Township Trustee Dan Corey, Trustee Wayne Speer and President Chris Romano, Deerfield Township Administrator Eric Reiners, and Parks and Recreation Director Joel Smiddy. Rachel Kopfler explained how the foundation started nine years ago with an idea for an all-inclusive playground that would benefit the whole community just as inclusion has enriched all members of her family. Chris Romano stated on behalf of the rest of the Board of Trustees and citizens and businesses in Deerfield Township, they are grateful for the chance to participate and to help make this worthwhile activity come to fruition. The opportunity to have an all-inclusive park at the intersection of Deerfield and Mason will be a blessing for the entire region. Chris stated he is looking forward to additional opportunities to work collaboratively with the City of Mason not just in Parks and Recreation, but in all the areas of quality of life for our neighbors and friends. Rachel Kopfler said the City has invested about \$1 million in access and sewer improvements to the property. Funds continue to be collected from Mason Monopoly sales, annual fundraising events and donations received from individual donors.

Mayor Kidd introduced Commander John Looker to share his support as a representative of veterans and their support for this project. John Looker briefly stated how the Mason American Legion, DAV and VFW promote and support the Common Ground playground.

Councilmember Grossmann and Rachel Kopfler discussed funding still needed for the Common Ground project is around \$2,000,000.

Ashley Chance joined the meeting during Council discussion.

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 2017-60 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-61 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TIMBELO, INC. FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CITYWIDE SIGNAL AND FIBER CONNECTION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000

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

Kurt Seiler stated this is a project that began last year with all 42 traffic signals; the Fiber Interconnect Project will connect all signals as well as the outlying sites for the City. Ordinance 2017-61 is for servers, software and licensing needed to load the central-based software. Timbelo, Inc. is a Mason-based company and state bid purchasing program vendor.

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 2017-61 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Spaeth recognized Mason High School seniors in the audience and wished them good luck in their future. Mayor Kidd added congratulations to all the high school students for contributing to a Blue Ribbon School recognition.

A motion to appoint Chad Vordemesche to Park Board was made by Councilmember Pelfrey, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Past American Legion Post 194 Commander John Looker introduced 1st Vice Commander, Jim Jennings and reviewed opportunities offered through the American Legion for high school students including Boys State, Girls State, Oratorical Contests and the Americanism and Government program. John congratulated Puran Kansakar, a Mason High School Junior, for receiving the highest score in the state of Ohio in the American Legion Americanism and Government program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LAND ACQUISITION AND EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and employment/compensation of public employees was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Pelfrey. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:12 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:14 p.m.

A motion to add Ordinance 2017-62 and Ordinance 2017-63 to the agenda was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-62 REPEALING ORDINANCE 2016-125 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CERTAIN ADDENDA TO LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH ASSUREX HEALTH, INC.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-62 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2017-63 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH ASSUREX HEALTH, INC. AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A PORT AUTHORITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-63 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:18 p.m.