

**CITY OF MASON  
WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 23, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Barbara Berry-Spaeth, Ashley Chance, Kathy Grossmann, Charlene Pelfrey and Don Prince. Diana K. Nelson arrived at 5:33 p.m. Victor Kidd was absent.

**BUSINESS**

Councilmember Pelfrey stated the Downtown Committee has been discussing programming for the Plaza in 2018 and the need to collaborate with local businesses, MADE Chamber of Commerce, City staff, and Council for growth in the downtown area. She reviewed opportunities such as unique events, habitual events, providing business owners the opportunity to market and grow, and incentivizing investors to join Mason. Jenna Hurley provided a calendar outlook for 2018 based on 2017 events successes. Council and staff discussed more involvement from businesses, Music in Mason location and date options, and the possibility of coordinating an event with the annual tennis tournament.

Councilmember Pelfrey advised the Safety Committee has been discussing the topic of medical marijuana establishments in Mason and requested City staff presenters to review research completed in regards to medical marijuana. Jeff Forbes, Brian Lazor, and Police Chief Carter reviewed license application timelines; having the authority to ban, limit or allow medical marijuana establishments; and the impact on public safety in other areas that have legalized marijuana. Council discussed concerns about property close to Mason being annexed in the future and options for next steps to take. Audience members provided feedback about having dispensaries in the City of Mason.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.