

**CITY OF MASON
WORK SESSION
JUNE 11, 2018**

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

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Barbara Berry-Spaeth, Ashley Chance, Michael Gilb, and T. J. Honerlaw. Kathy Grossmann arrived at 5:22 p.m. Diana K. Nelson and Victor Kidd were absent.

BUSINESS

Ryan Tyree and Jason Graham provided a presentation on Red, Rhythm and Boom and discussed preparation for the event.

Vice Mayor Spaeth made comments regarding her frustration in chairing the Special Council meeting which was held on May 18, 2018. Vice Mayor Spaeth commented that she was not perfect and also makes mistakes, but that the constant interruptions by Council Members and most of Council not following basic rules of decorum and professionalism made Council run out of time and some felt they were unable to say everything they wanted. Also, Vice Mayor Spaeth made comments about how she hoped all Council members would try to bury the hatchet and move on, so that everyone can get along better and work together as a team to serve the best interests of our community.

Council reviewed the history of contributions provided to organizations and discussed City policy requiring organizations to outline how funds are spent on behalf of residents to better the community, using tax dollars to give to organizations, capping contributions in the budget, and collaborating with the Community Center to find other ways to give to organizations instead of using tax dollars. Vice Mayor Spaeth expressed the need to continue to provide to the Mason Historical Society for preserving Mason's history. A few residents stated they like giving to charities, but don't prefer the City to choose which organizations. Eric Hansen said the City provides on a smaller scale as well through partnership opportunities.

Council discussed the density limit in Section 11.07 and 11.08 of the Charter and possible language adjustment to allow revitalization of the Downtown Overlay District. Council discussed seeing this as an opportunity to revive downtown and if redesigning the zoning would restrict property owners to improve their property.

Council briefly reviewed profit and loss of The Golf Center and will discuss opportunities to improve The Golf Center for the community at a work session on June 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.