

**CITY OF MASON
WORK SESSION
JUNE 25, 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, Kathy Grossmann, Michael Gilb, T. J. Honerlaw, and Victor Kidd. Diana K. Nelson arrived at 5:34 p.m.

BUSINESS

A motion to move the August 13 Council Meeting to August 20 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Councilmember Chance reviewed the history and purchase of The Golf Center and providing the golf course as an amenity to residents to pursue building a culture of wellness. Council and City staff discussed the development and lengthy acquisition process. Councilmember Gilb and City Staff reviewed the remaining amount owed and purchasing with a property tax exemption. Eric Hansen noted when purchasing The Golf Center and reviewing property options, the schools were a component. Joe Reigelsperger, Finance Director, advised weather and expansion of the tennis center has impacted financials. Since acquiring The Golf Center, revision of the management committee and other techniques have improved loss on the property. Council brainstormed improvement ideas including co-branding and creative marketing, residential or hybrid commercial approaches, and investing in the golf course. Eric Hansen advised the City offers the golf course amenity as an incentive to businesses, a tool for economic development, and a symbiotic relationship with the tennis center. A resident advised the U.S. currently has the highest number of municipal owned golf courses ever and Mason's Golf Center provides value in bringing in a diverse population.

Council reviewed a draft of the proposed Charter Amendment for the July Council Meeting. Legislating as an ordinance through standards of best practices, setting legislation for first and second readings, and modifications to the proposed Charter Amendment were discussed. Council members asked Jeff to draft legislation that reflected the spirit of the proposed amendment as an alternate approach.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.