

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018**

The POW/MIA Mason Memorial ceremony and unveiling began at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center Atrium. Students of Mason High School Choir sang the National Anthem and closing song. Guest Speakers included David Hart, Founder of Blue Skies for Good Guys and Gals, and Mr. Guy Gruters, former Vietnam Prisoner of War. The ceremony incorporated heartfelt presentations esteeming Mason veterans and the Missing Man Table to honor Mason's missing men and women.

Vice Mayor Spaeth thanked everyone involved with the POW/MIA ceremonies and unveilings. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. 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, Michael Gilb, and T. J. Honerlaw. Victor Kidd was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A request to table the September 10, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The POW/MIA memorial unveiling prior to the Council Meeting was an initiative of the Veterans Board, which includes three Councilmembers and two veterans.

The Mason Historical Society's Annual Cemetery Walk is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. This year's Cemetery Walk theme is "Mason Athletes from the Past."

The Community Center will host a Trunk-N-Treat on Friday, October 12 in partnership with Mason Public Library. Guests are admitted free all day. Premier members that register a car for Trunk-N-Treat before September 28 receive a complimentary Mason treat bag.

Cincinnati Family Magazine is hosting the Kids & Family Expo at the Community Center on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This free event will feature over 40 local businesses focused on children's programming.

In honor of National Fire Prevention Week, there will be two Open Houses from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Station 51 Open House will be held on Saturday, October 13, and Station 52 Open House will be held on Sunday, October 14. Firefighters will also begin the "Smoke Alarm Blitz" where firefighters go door-to-door in Broadview Farms and Olympia Fields neighborhoods to check/install smoke alarms and replace smoke alarm batteries.

Mason Deerfield Chamber will be hosting the annual Gems of Excellence Awards Night on Thursday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Manor House to recognize the best and brightest gems of the business community.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Gilb advised the ad hoc committee will be meeting the week of October 15 to revisit Chapter 125 and the standards of best practice.

FIREFIGHTER SWEARING-INS

Chief Bryan Brumagen recognized Fire Lieutenant Mike Breen for his success in Mason and his recent promotion. He recognized four firefighter/paramedics recently hired with the City of Mason and Vice Mayor Spaeth conducted the ceremonial swearing-in of Scott Brown, Andy Cook, Jeremy King, and Nick Luttrell.

Vice Mayor Spaeth requested to move Resolution 2018-19 up on the agenda. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION 2018-19 RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

The Collins family was recognized and Bonnie Collins shared information and statistics in regards to childhood cancer. She stated childhood cancer has increased 24% over the last 40 years, 60-90% of survivors develop one or more chronic health conditions, and up to 80% of survivors experience severe or life threatening complications during childhood. Nearly 16,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year and less than 4% of the National Cancer Institute's research budget is aimed at solving childhood cancer. She explained what her family has done to raise funds and awareness and described why fundraising for childhood cancer is critical. In the past year, Mason residents have donated or raised funds in the amount of \$162,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and over \$90,000 to St. Jude Children Research Hospital. Many of the funds raised were done in honor of their daughter Maya.

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

Council shared compliments for the Collins family's remarkable efforts and hard work, expressed admirable thanks for continuing to educate the community while suffering through a

difficult life-changing scenario with grace and love. Vice Mayor Spaeth presented the Collins family with a proclamation.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2018-19 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – None.

RESOLUTION 2018-20 SUPPORTING ISSUE 4 REGARDING DENSITY OF DWELLING UNITS

A motion to read was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Eric Hansen stated this is a joint resolution with the Mason Deerfield Chamber of Commerce. The Charter Amendment on the ballot allows overlay areas established by City Council to exceed some of the limitations. Sherry Taylor, president and CEO of the Mason Deerfield Chamber of Commerce, thanked Council for hearing and supporting the Chamber when a policy change request was presented to permit sufficient residential density to achieve Downtown revitalization goals. She said the Charter Amendment assists the City's goal for Downtown to flourish, offering new workforce housing, increased foot traffic for healthier living, increased commerce, creating jobs, and bolstering the real estate market. Cathy Harbison, owner of Baysore's Flower, praised the fellow Board members of the Mason Deerfield Chamber of Commerce for their unanimous support of this resolution. She stated this is an exciting opportunity for re-establishment and growth for sense of community.

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

Councilmember Chance thanked the Chamber for standing by this issue and championing this cause since 2010.

Vice Mayor Spaeth advised it has been great working with the Chamber and is excited for this item to be on the November ballot.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2018-20 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2018-112 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ONE CITY AGAINST HEROIN FOR CARE COORDINATOR SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,500

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

Eric Hansen said Council's Safety Committee has held several meetings focused on the opioid epidemic and have met with several experts including first responders, Warren County Drug Task Force, and Judge Robert Peeler. As a result of those meetings, Council authorized increased participation with the Drug Task Force to help continue the Drug Diversion program. The Safety Committee recently met with a non-profit resource, OneCity Against Heroin, Inc. to explore efforts to support treatment. He said the Safety Committee researched cost impacts to the City in responding to addiction derived calls. The estimated cost in Mason for fire and police response to a single typical addiction call is \$2,400. The Safety Committee is recommending entering into an agreement with OneCity Against Heroin in an amount not to exceed \$36,500 for Care Coordinator services. Currently, OneCity Against Heroin, Inc. has three Care Coordinator positions to provide assistance and connect victims of addiction and their families with treatment and recovery services. Eric stated these services will provide access to on-call and referral resources for first responders to provide family assistance and access to treatment, periodic training to first responders in directing overdose victims to treatment, provide the City routine reports on assistance delivered to Mason residents, and explore opportunities with the City's new Campus Safety Program to help develop and improve youth prevention and education efforts. Vito Peraino, Vice President, and Terry Smith, Executive Director, thanked Council for considering support of OneCity Against Heroin. Vito advised the the organization is able to offer Care Coordinators as resources to addicts based on donations.

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

Vito said Care Coordinators receive their clients through the free OneCity Against Heroin hotline, by working with first responders and reporting to the scene, and from first responders giving addicts a Care Coordinators card if one is not immediately available. Each Care Coordinator works with about 100 addicts and assist each other in developing relationships and follow-up with treatment.

Council discussed Care Coordinators being on call 24/7 to meet the needs of the community, installment payments to monitor the Care Coordinator position and benefits to the City of Mason, keeping local dollars in local jurisdictions, tracking how many victims are aided in Mason, and shared appreciation for the Safety Committee spear heading this epidemic. A motion to amend Section 1 of Ordinance 2018-112 to provide monthly payments was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Roll call was conducted to adopt Ordinance 2018-112 as amended. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2018-113 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN OF THE LOU EVES MUNICIPAL POOL REDEVELOPMENT FROM THE KLEINGERS GROUP, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FEE OF \$788,200 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

Jennifer Heft discussed Ordinance 2018-113 and Ordinance 2018-114 together. She stated the outdoor pool shell is deteriorating and in 2017, redeveloping the outdoor pool was a topic of discussion during a Council work session. As part of the 2018 Budget process funds were included as placeholders for several significant projects including the redevelopment of the outdoor pool. The Finance Committee met several times this year to discuss priority projects including parks, golf course and the outdoor pool. At the Council work session on August 20, Council provided direction and ideas to allow for a concept and final design services. Those services include a pool of similar size with the same number of amenities as the current pool, a two-flume slide, improving the drop off zone and front entrance to the facility, and a new redeveloped locker room facility and concessions. Some alternative ideas include extending the 25-meter pool to 50-meters which provides an opportunity for hosting competitions and an expanded swim program options, providing a community room, adding parking that could be made available to Mason Schools for student parking during the school year. The City makes student parking available in the parking lot on the east side of Corwin Nixon Park and receives revenue from this service. She said the Kleingers Group has submitted a proposal for engineering, architectural and mechanical work for the concept and final design services in connection with Lou Eves Municipal Pool. Since the pool site encompasses several engineering specialties, Kleingers has assembled a team of respective experts for the various aspects that go into pool design. She said the specific pool design will be developed by Water Technology Inc. (WTI). WTI is a leader in pool design and designed the pool at the Community Center. Champlin Architecture will provide the design for the pool buildings including the restrooms, and concessions. CMTA Consulting Engineers will provide mechanical, electrical, and plumbing design. Schaefer will be performing structural design and Geotechnology, Inc. will conduct the geotechnical surveying. The design fee is \$778,300 which is within the industry standard costs of 10%-12% of construction cost. Jennifer stated an aggressive timeline for the design was developed to limit the impact to pool operations with construction beginning at the close of the 2019 season and a grand reopening for the 2020 season. Once Kleingers Group has developed more specific design concepts and related costs, a Council work session will be scheduled to review the concepts and get input before moving forward with final design. Ordinance 2018-113 authorizes a contract with The Kleingers Group for design services and Ordinance 2018-114 authorizing reimbursement of temporary advances related to the Lou Eves Municipal Pool redevelopment project.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-113 as amended was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2018-114 DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF OFFICIAL INTENT AND ALLOCATIONS WITH RESPECT TO REIMBURSEMENTS OF TEMPORARY ADVANCES DURING FISCAL YEARS 2018 AND 2019 MADE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL POOL TO BE MADE FROM SUBSEQUENT BORROWINGS

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-114 was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2018-115 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR ECOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES FOR THE MASON RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT PARK FROM LAWHON & ASSOCIATES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FEE OF \$39,875, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

Kurt Seiler stated the Mason Research & Development Park is located on the east and west sides of SR 741, west of US 42 and north of Bethany Road. As part of the economic growth strategy of the City, this property is being marketed towards light industrial, pharma, and other compatible uses. Designating the Mason Research & Development Park through the SiteOhio Authentication Program provides potential industries the knowledge of the land being pre-certified and eligibility of immediate development. Lawhon & Associates, Inc. decreases the chances of unknown environmental and cultural issues by conducting a wetland delineation study, endangered species analysis, and a phase I archaeological survey. The 2018 budget included \$55,000 for this work.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-115 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2018-116 REJECTING ALL BIDS OPENED ON JUNE 19, 2018, FOR THE MASON WRP AERATION MIXER PROJECT

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

Jennifer Heft discussed Ordinance 2018-116 and Ordinance 2018-117 together. In October last year, Council authorized a contract to design a third aerator on both oxidation ditch tanks. This past summer, the City rented an additional aerator to ensure the continuity of operations. In June bids were received for the installation of the aerators and the initial bids for the project came in higher than anticipated. Strand Associates made modifications to try and bring bids more in line with the engineer's estimate. In August, sealed bids were open based on Strand's revisions and

only one bid was received due to the robust market. City staff explored numerous options including City staff acting as the general contractor and contracting with individual vendors for the work. The quotes received from individual contractors were similar to the overall bid for the project. Completion of this project prior to warmer weather during the summer months is critical. Building Crafts, Inc. has completed previous projects for the City including the previous wastewater plant projects. She stated Ordinance 2018-116 rejects the original bids and Ordinance 2018-117 accepts the rebid from Building Crafts. Included is an emergency clause in order to keep this project on schedule.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-116 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2018-117 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BUILDING CRAFTS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$691,500 FOR INSTALLATION OF THE MASON WRP AERATION MIXER PROJECT – REBID AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

Councilmember Grossmann thanked staff for their effort in conserving costs.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-117 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2018-118 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZIMMER TRACTOR INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) VENTRAC UTILITY TRACTOR MODEL 4500Z IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,057

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

Jennifer Heft stated the City continues to evaluate how to address inclement weather and provide safe and clear roadways throughout the community. This past year, the City began contracting out snow and ice removal operations at both Mason Community Center and the Municipal Center. Contractor fees for the 2017-2018 winter season totaled over \$95,000 for both facilities. Recently staff learned Luxottica uses this piece of equipment for their snow and ice removal operations and as a result of the cost savings has replaced over 500 feet of a 4' sidewalk with a 5' sidewalk. Luxottica indicated that what was once taking 3-4 laborers several hours to complete now takes under one hour. Luxottica has approximately 1 mile of sidewalks around their campus

similar to the size around the Community Center and Municipal Center campus. She said in 2-3 years, staff is expected to see a return on investment. The Ventrac Utility Tractor comes with a front mounted power broom and a salt spreader ideal for snow and ice removal for sidewalks and bikepaths. This versatile tractor also comes with a mowing deck and a vacuum system which allows use of this tractor in the summer months to remove litter and debris from turf or grass areas. Operation of the Ventrac tractor does not require a CDL needed for larger plow trucks, therefore allowing flexibility for other staff to operate this machinery while maintenance staff focus on clearing the roadways.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-118 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Spaeth thanked City staff for their hard work and long hours to make the Heritage Festival a success.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – None.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:27 p.m.