

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 9, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chaplain Rick Huff 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, Ashley Chance, Kathy Grossmann, Michael Gilb, and T. J. Honerlaw, and Victor Kidd.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the amended June 11 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Mayor Kidd added the assumption the he would demean his female colleagues is a false accusation. He has the utmost respect for his colleagues and advised the political diversions and behavior needs to stop.

A motion to approve the amended June 11 Work Session Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to table the June 25, 2018 Work Session Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**RECOGNITION OF MASON SWIM TEAM**

Chrissy Avery, Parks and Recreation Director stated one of the largest programs the Community Center offers is the City of Mason Manta Rays competitive swim team. She introduced Mason Manta Rays Head Coach, Ken Heis. Ken reviewed the history of building the Manta Rays into 300 participants and the gold level team it is today. He stated the Manta Rays continue to strive for excellence and encourage academic achievement. Two Manta Rays swimmers competed on the USA National Junior Team, one competed on the USA World Junior Team, and nine swimmers competed at the 2016 Olympic Swimming Trials. Ken aspires to send Manta Rays to the 2020 Olympic Trials. He said Mason Manta Ray alumni swimmers are scattered over 40 colleges and universities including Harvard, Navel Academy, UCLA, and Stanford. Mayor Kidd congratulated their accomplishments and recognized Ken and the Manta Rays Swim Team with a proclamation.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting is Monday, August 20, 2018.

Music in Mason continues every Friday in July at the Downtown Plaza. July 27 is the extended Block Party. Entertainment begins at 6:00 p.m. with the Amy Sailor Band followed by the Buffalo Wabs and The Price Hill Hustle.

Mason's TRI-Umphant Triathlon is a family-friendly event on Sunday, July 29. This event is for men, woman, and children and provides the opportunity to swim at Lou Eves Municipal Pool, bike the streets of Mason, and run through Pine Hill Lakes and Corwin M. Nixon Parks. Proceeds from the Mason TRI-Umphant Triathlon will benefit the Mason Parks and Recreation Foundation Common Ground Project, an all-inclusive playground, and the Mason Community Center Scholarship Fund.

The City shows appreciation to Community Center Premier members each year inviting Premier members to Lou Eves Municipal Pool for a Pool Party on Friday, August 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The 2018 Western & Southern Open will begin in Mason on Saturday, August 11 at the Lindner Family Tennis Center. This year, the expansion and new amenities are forecasted to be completed prior to the world class tennis tournament. The City of Mason will be hosting economic development and business partners at different events during the tournament.

To minimize cost and provide an internal leadership training opportunity, the City organizes Red, Rhythm and Boom as an emergency response tactic utilizing an Incident Command structure. The Incident Command structure offers a professional development path and has become a part of the culture of Mason's organization, displaying values instilled in staff through coordination, communication, cooperation, and cost savings. Mayor Kidd boasts the event stating Mason is a multi-cultural community and people from all over are able to come together. Red, Rhythm and Boom is a testament to the quality of community and leadership of City staff.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Chance stated the Downtown Committee has been collaborating with Council and the Mason Deerfield Chamber of Commerce evaluating change to get residents downtown. The Chamber brought a Charter amendment to Councils attention to allow further discussion about density, parking, traffic, etc.

Councilmember Nelson congratulated Joe Reigelsberger, Finance Director for no finding in an audit by the Auditor of State. Mason is again recognized for excellence in financial reporting. She stated House Bill 571 is for the purpose of sales and local lodging tax and explained when purchasing lodging through an intermediary source, the intermediary sales and lodging tax is less than what the consumer pays. The intermediary source keeps the difference in tax. If HB 571 passes, travel intermediaries will have to submit taxes collected from consumers providing the potential of local governments to receive a substantial amount of money. Councilmember Nelson followed up on Senate Bill 17, increasing monthly allocations to the local government fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the local tax revenue credited to the general fund each month. This Bill will help restore a portion of local government funding. She said she still needs the community to

write the Ohio representatives in hopes for a second hearing. She stated House Bill 263 allows patrons to take their dogs to outdoor dining areas if the restaurant allows it.

Vice Mayor Spaeth submitted a statement referring to the Codified Ordinance and clarifying misleading discussions and communication.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Steve Jones of 913 Leslie Court thanked Council, staff, and volunteers for Red, Rhythm and Boom and noticed attendance seemed significantly higher than previous years. He thanked Council for posting proposed ordinances online. He compared Ordinance 2018-79 and Ordinance 2018-81 and recommended stronger language and less ambiguity modifications. Councilmember Grossmann thanked Steve for bringing suggestions and advised she has suggestions.

Kimberly Ward of 5505 Mason Road brought a Cincinnati Enquirer article to raise concerns to the Mayor and stated how the comments from the newspaper were perceived and made her feel. She recommended opinions be given in a respectful manner. Mayor Kidd stated he was promoting a person he believes should be in office and is the best and healthiest for the community. He has observed there are writers for the Enquirer trying to twist and portray communication into further controversy in top tier communities. Mayor stated he cannot speak for the article writers, but can only speak for himself and will stand up for what is right. Councilmember Nelson said she has been appointed by the Treasurer of the United States to serve as the tax payer advocate for the State of Ohio and is the Chief Financial Officer for five companies and has had experience being discriminated against as a female. She stated she has never been discriminated by Mayor or anyone on Council and cannot elaborate on Councilmember Grossmann's comments disclosed from executive session. She has concerns that Councilmember Grossmann's feelings about comments of that nature do not do justice to women who really are discriminated against. Councilmember Grossmann said she responded to comments with professionalism and reason and did not attack personality or character when she felt insulted by an active colleague. Vice Mayor Spaeth said she has been on Council for years and has always been treated with dignity and respect by current and past Council. Mayor thanked Kimberly for her feedback and stated Council needs to focus on the business of the City. He requested all Council put adversities behind them and move forward. He apologized if he offended anyone and said he came in to this role to help the community he loves.

Char Pelfrey of 5499 Mason Road said she served Mason for sixteen years because she cares about Mason. She said opposing views can disagree and suggested words be thought about before stated so they cannot be misconstrued.

### **ORDINANCE 2018-67 SECOND READING AMENDING SECTION 521.10 OF THE CITY OF MASON CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING CLEANING OF PREMISES**

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

Kurt Seiler said this ordinance updates an outdated Codified Ordinance with regard to cleaning of premises in rare cases not covered by Warren County Health Departments' premise maintenance regulations. The proposed amendments are resident friendly, give generous periods for compliance, and allow staff to respond to complaints accurately. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended moving forward.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-67 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to move Ordinance 2018-81 up on the agenda was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chances. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-81 ADOPTING CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MASON ESTABLISHING STANDARDS OF BEST PRACTICE FOR REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

Eric Hansen said recent Council discussion regarding property purchases has led to interest in standardizing a process for Council when considering property purchases. At the June 25 Council work session, Council members discussed the Law Director's review of Ordinance 2018-79 and asked that a legislative approach be used to establish standards. The language is similar to previous Council discussions, but also includes standards for the sale of property that must be followed. This ordinance establishes a new Chapter of the City's Codified Ordinances and requires a public hearing be held before any amendments to Chapter 125 be made.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 NAY (Grossmann).

A motion to add an emergency clause was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 2 NAYS (Grossmann, Honerlaw).

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-81 as amended was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 2 NAYS (Grossmann, Honerlaw).

Councilmember Grossmann presented edits to the standards of best practice to add additional wording and provide stricter language. Councilmember Nelson brought up concerns with proposed language changes. Vice Mayor Spaeth said adopting something strict is reckless for future Council when Council has the option to modify as needed. She stated all Council wants transparency and all Council input should be taken into consideration. Councilmember Chance agreed the repercussions will not be known and Council can continue to discuss changes if needed after the ordinance is passed. Passing now would put these practices in place now instead of later. Councilmember Grossmann advised tabling the ordinance would allow time to change permissive language. Councilmember Honerlaw advised Council should amend the standards now or table the ordinance. Mayor Kidd supports the law director crafting legislation in consultation with the City Manager. A motion to table Ordinance 2018-81 was made by

Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: 3 YEAS, 4 NAYS (Nelson, Spaeth, Chance, Kidd). Councilmember Grossmann discourages passing the ordinance without amending. Councilmember Nelson stated she is not in agreement with proposed changes and language causing the seller to provide additional documentation before Council is interested in purchasing the property. Councilmember Chance advised he reviewed the purchase and sale process with the law director and doesn't want to restrict the process and work backwards. He said the City's transaction performance has always been done with integrity. Councilmember Grossmann expressed Council needs to be required to understand more details about a property to make knowledgeable decisions. Councilmember Gilb stated he supports transparency in government, but advised amendments should be considered with a committee and Council. A motion to amend Ordinance 2018-81 with drafted edits and stronger language was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: 2 YEAS, 5 NAYS (Nelson, Spaeth, Chance, Gilb, Kidd).

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-81 as amended with an emergency clause was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-79 SECOND READING DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.07-K REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF MASON**

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

Eric Hansen advised the proposed Charter amendment would need five affirmative votes to be placed on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-79 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Councilmember Grossmann proposed an amendment to the first reading. Council and the law director discussed citizens being able to start a petition to amend Charter, continuous proposed revisions to the ordinance, and how Council can make amendments to legislation, but voters can change the Mason Charter. A motion to amend Ordinance 2018-79 with revisions to the body of the ordinance was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: 3 YEAS, 4 NAYS (Nelson, Spaeth, Chance, Kidd).

Councilmember Chance proposed a Charter amendment to include the sale and acquisition of property, not just acquisition. Vice Mayor Spaeth stated this amendment is a responsible route and allows changes to the legislation noted in the Charter. She said Council wants to be transparent in the correct manner and to allow Council to work with the community. Councilmember Grossmann stated the amendments seem ineffective and expressed concern with fulfilling Councils obligation to provide service to the public. Councilmember Nelson stated she supports these amendments. Previous proposals require financial information and she raised concern for individuals' information being exploited and becoming public knowledge.

Councilmember Gilb said he supports the proposed amendment with the purchase and sale of property and advised Council is bound by law with an ethical duty to disclose appropriate information. A motion to amend Ordinance 2018-79 with revisions to the title and body of the ordinance was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 2 NAYS (Grossmann, Honerlaw).

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-79 as amended was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 2 NAYS. (Grossmann, Honerlaw).

**ORDINANCE 2018-80 DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018, GENERAL ELECTION, A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO AMEND SECTION 11.08 REGARDING DENSITY OF DWELLING UNITS**

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

Eric Hansen said the City's Comprehensive Plan, updated in 2010, is used to guide development and set goals and trajectories of the community. The plan included a recommendation to modify the restrictions currently in place related to housing density. Mason's Charter currently limits housing density to 8 units per acre. He stated jurisdictions typically control density through Zoning Code, providing Planning Commission and City Council the flexibility to set density limits based upon project location and potential impact to the community. In order to achieve the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, an amendment to the Charter is recommended. The proposed amendment provides Planning Commission and Council the flexibility to establish density overlays in key areas of the City. He said the City currently has one established overlay area in Downtown Mason. Strategically allowing increased density is key to revitalizing overlay areas. The Downtown Committee has reviewed and is recommending the proposed Charter Amendment and the Mason Deerfield Chamber of Commerce has reviewed and is also supportive of the proposed Charter Amendment. The Downtown Committee recommended amending Section 1, adding improvements to the preamble to go on the November ballot helping provide context for voters.

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 2018-80 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to amend Section 1 of Ordinance 2018-80 was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-80 as amended was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-82 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC., TO THE 2018 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,000**

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

Jennifer Heft stated in March, Council authorized a contract with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. for the annual street maintenance program. Since that time, two projects have been presented to add to the contract. In 2017, funds were budgeted and work was done to replace a section of the deteriorating and/or raised concrete areas at the main entrance to the Municipal Center that had become a safety issue. The area receives significant delivery truck and other traffic making it difficult to remove the oil and other debris stains. The existing concrete is colored and faded, making it difficult or impossible to match. Staff has determined it would be best to replace the concrete drive with asphalt making it match the remainder of the parking area, easier for long term maintenance, and provide an approximate \$20,000 cost savings. She said City staff met with school officials about the possibility of adding a walkway connection from the Nixon Park Baseball fields to Foxfield Drive and along the east side of Foxfield Drive from Nixon Park Drive to the Lou Eves Pool. This path will provide a safe means for the students to get from the parking lot to school on a paved path. Along with installing the bike path, the project will install curb ramps and crosswalks across Foxfield Drive. Discussions are continuing with the schools regarding logistics and costs. In the event the schools need to delay the work, it would be non-performed and re-bid in a future year.

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

**ORDINANCE 2018-83 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 4.7665 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO TO THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO FILED UNDER THE SPECIAL PROCEDURE OF ANNEXING LAND WITH CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES (OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.022, ET SEQ.), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Kurt Seiler stated discussed Ordinance 2018-83 and Ordinance 2018-84 together. The property to be annexed is about 5 acres located on the north side of Bethany Road. This parcel is currently in Deerfield Township and is owned by the developer of the Crooked Tree Preserve subdivision. The annexation will allow the developer to rezone the property. Ordinances 2018-83 accepts the annexation of the territory. Ordinance 2018-84 authorizes detachment of the territory from Deerfield Township into Mason Township to avoid double taxation.

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

Councilmember Honerlaw and Kurt Seiler discussed a section of Bethany Road near Hickory Woods maintained by the county. Kurt stated the Commissioner approved a variance for the access point to be offset.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-83 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-84 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A PETITION WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY, OHIO TO CHANGE THE DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP LINES OF 4.7665 ACRES LOCATED IN DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF MASON IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE TERRITORY FROM DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP, PLACE IT IN MASON TOWNSHIP AND MAKE THE TOWNSHIP LINES IDENTICAL WITH THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-84 was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 ABSENT (Spaeth).

**ORDINANCE 2018-85 ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR AMBLESIDE MEADOWS PHASES 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D AND 1E AND RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BONDS**

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

Kurt Seiler stated public improvements accepted to the Ambleside Meadows subdivision include the west end of Ambleside Drive and Stonemark Court and the north end of Acadia Lane, Crowtrack Drive and Normandy Court. Public Utilities, Public Works, and Engineering and Building staff, along with Greater Cincinnati Water Works have inspected the public improvements. Staff recommends accepting the public improvements contingent on the submission of a one-year maintenance bond and performance bond for the remaining incomplete items such as sidewalks and street trees.

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



A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-85 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-86 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AUTOMATIC MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE**

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

Eric Hansen said automatic mutual aid provides immediate assistance from the closest geographical agency upon dispatch of an emergency situation as opposed to regular mutual aid which requires a request from a unit already on the scene to acquire additional resources. For years, the Mason Fire Department has been part of an automatic mutual aid system within Warren County in order to assist with significant incidents that require additional resources beyond what one agency is capable of delivering. The automatic mutual aid concept has expanded into Hamilton County as part of the Northeast Fire Collaborative (NEFC) agreement. Historically, Butler County agencies have not utilized automatic mutual aid to the extent that it is used in Warren County. He stated over the course of the past several months, Mason Fire Department has worked with West Chester Township to develop an automatic mutual aid agreement. Under the proposed agreement, plans are in place to shift emergency units from other communities to cover any additional responses in the area.

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

Councilmember Honerlaw praised the jurisdictions working together.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-86 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-87 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MORTON SALT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 5,500 TONS OF HIGHWAY ROCK SALT AT \$76.96 PER TON**

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

Eric Hansen discussed Ordinance 2018-87 and Ordinance 2018-88 together. For the past few years the City has used two cooperative purchasing programs for the purchase of salt, Southwest Ohio Purchasers for Government (SWOP4G) and a County program administered by the Warren County Engineer's Office. Authorizing participation in both programs allows the City to pursue alternatives to reduce budgetary impact. The City continues to evaluate the most cost effective snow and ice removal operations while also implementing an Incident Command structure to improve operational efficiency and reduced snow removal costs. He said several of the plow trucks were equipped with speed control salt applicators which control the amount of salt applied

to roadways and help control expenses. The price increase could have a budgetary impact dependent on the weather and the ordinances combined provide options.

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

Councilmember Nelson and Eric Hansen discussed Detroit's bid last year and not submitting a bid this year.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-87 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-88 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA, INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 5,500 TONS OF HIGHWAY ROCK SALT AT \$76.96 PER TON**

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-88 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Grossmann expressed concern with an outside law firm being able to conduct a full review in regards to Ordinance 2018-61. Council raised concern with releasing confidential information and lack of accuracy from oral communication in executive session. City Manager advised executive session is not recorded and therefore there would be no documents to release. A motion was made to release executive session privacy restrictions related to Ordinance 2018-61 by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: 2 YEAS, 5 NAYS (Nelson, Spaeth, Chance, Gilb, Kidd).

Vice Mayor Spaeth complimented Red, Rhythm and Boom and the community coming together.

Councilmember Nelson said the City of Mason was named the 7<sup>th</sup> best City in the United States in 2015 and is known nationally for the quality of life, economy, education, and the community. Mason has had a number of great leaders, but is concerned with the history of Councilmembers, their interactions with each other, and the impact on the community and City staff. She said good leaders need to know when to step aside and allow new ideas and new leadership in Mason. She proposed two Charter Amendments for the November ballot.

A motion to add Ordinance 2018-89 to the agenda was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 2 NAYS (Gilb, Honerlaw).

A motion to add Ordinance 2018-90 to the agenda was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: 4 YEAS, 3 NAYS (Grossmann, Gilb, Honerlaw).

**ORDINANCE 2018-89 FIRST READING DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018, GENERAL ELECTION, A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.02A REGARDING TERM LIMITS (SEPARATION PERIOD)**

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

**ORDINANCE 2018-90 FIRST READING DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018, GENERAL ELECTION, A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.02A REGARDING TERM LIMITS (FAMILY ATTRIBUTION)**

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

Councilmember Nelson advised she has been contacted by residents with concerns of water issues on West Church Street and surrounding area. A work session will occur to find solutions to drainage and sewage concerns.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Steve Jones of 913 Leslie Court said there are different levels of concern about language used in Ordinance 2018-81 and inquired on the outlook for possible changes. Mayor Kidd stated a good suggestion was a committee reviewing the ordinance. Councilmember Grossmann stated although a committee may recommend items, a majority vote by Council will still be needed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS**

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of security arrangements was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:49 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:56 p.m.

A motion to add Ordinance 2018-91 to the agenda was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2018-91 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-91 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:58 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk of Council