

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Chaplain Edinson DeArco opened the meeting in prayer. Posting of Colors was provided by City of Mason Police Color Guard followed by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

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

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mayor Kidd announced a Common Ground Playground update provided by Don Lane the Chief Executive Officer and President at Makino, Inc., who was unable to attend, via video. Don announced a \$500,000 gift to Common Ground Playground at Makino Park and the importance of localizing the gift, continuing the legacy of Makino, and helping the City's infrastructure for many years to come. Mayor Kidd thanked Makino for the generous gift and expressed gratitude for the community continuing to come together for this one common cause.

A motion to add Ordinance 2019-66 to the agenda and move up Ordinance 2019-64 and Ordinance 2019-65 on the agenda was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-66 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH MAKINO FOUNDATION RELATED TO COMMON GROUND PLAYGROUND PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Eric Hansen discussed Ordinance 2019-64, Ordinance 2019-65, and Ordinance 2019-66 together. He advised Ordinance 2019-66 allows the City to accept Makino's contribution and name the home of Common Ground Playground, Makino Park. Ordinance 2019-64 and Ordinance 2019-65 complete the site work, shelter, and restroom facility of Common Ground Playground and largely finish construction of Common Ground Playground at Makino Park.

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.

Vice Mayor Spaeth said she is amazed with the community coming together and proud of the partnership the City has with Makino.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-66 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-64 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE PHASE 1B SITE WORK, FROM PRUS CONSTRUCTION CO., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$944,710 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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 2019-64 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-65 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE PHASE 2A SHELTER & RESTROOM FACILITY, FROM JOHN P. TUMLIN & SONS LTD, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$534,361 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-65 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Mayor invited Rachel Kopfler, President of the Mason Parks and Recreation Foundation to present. Rachel said Common Ground is lucky to be the beneficiary of many local events and recapped donations and fundraising efforts. She recognized the Parks Foundation Board members and children in the audience for their support. Rachel thanked Makino and commended them for being such a giving company followed by a banner reveal and video presentation of Common Ground Playground at Makino Park.

Eric Hansen announced, with Makino's gift, the completion of Common Ground Playground is anticipated for the end of 2019.

A brief recess was had to recognize guests and allow the Council Meeting to reconvene in Council Chambers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to table the April 22, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 NAY (Spaeth).

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is Monday, June 10.

Mason Deerfield Chamber will be hosting the 2019 annual lunch on Tuesday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. at the Manor House.

Lou Eves Municipal Pool opens for the season on Memorial Day weekend. The pool will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. through Monday, August 19.

City of Mason offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in honor of Memorial Day. Trash collection by Rumpke will not be affected by the closing.

Mason Community Center will be open regular hours on Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. On Memorial Day Monday, the Community Center will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with limited access.

In appreciation of Veterans, free admission is offered to Veterans on Memorial Day weekend to the Mason Community Center and Lou Eves Municipal Pool and offered a free round of golf at The Golf Center.

The 2019 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, hosted by the American Legion Post 194 and VFW Post 9622, will take place on Monday, May 27. The Parade will begin at the American Legion at 10:00 a.m. and make its way through Downtown Mason, ending at the Mason Municipal Center. Immediately following the parade at 11:00 a.m., the Legion will host the annual Memorial Day Ceremony inside the atrium of the Mason Municipal Center. In celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the American Legion, the City will be hosting a lunch on the Municipal Center Plaza immediately following the ceremony. This event is open to the public.

May 31 is the last day to submit photos for the 2020 calendar. Winners of the contest will be selected in June for the 2020 City calendar. The calendars will be ready in September.

The 2019 Music in Mason series kicks off on Friday, June 7 at 6:00 p.m. with seven additional concerts scheduled throughout the summer at the Downtown Plaza.

The Mason Historical Society is celebrating their 40 year anniversary as well as hosting their Annual Ice Cream Social on Monday, June 17 beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the Museum grounds at 207 W Church Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vie Mayor Spaeth reported the Safety Committee recommends providing the same amount to fund the Drug Diversion Program and thanked the Fire Department for staffing strategies. The Fire Department has continued to deliver quality services while reducing staffing costs including a 29% decrease in overtime pay.

Councilmember Grossmann encouraged the community to take part in the June 7 Block Party in Downtown Mason as well as to attend the fall and spring shop local events held at the Community Center. The Community Center Committee is discussing interior finishes for the new outdoor pool facilities.

Councilmember Gilb stated the Employee Relations Committee is reviewing employee compensation.

MASON FIREFIGHTER SWEARING-INS

Chief Bryan Brumagen recognized Fire Lieutenant Nate Wyatt for his success in Mason and his recent promotion. He recognized four firefighter/paramedics recently hired with the City of Mason and Mayor Kidd conducted the ceremonial swearing-in of Joseph Bales, Jonathan Jordan, Michael Taylor, and Ryan Tucker.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Torayye Waite on behalf of the Mason Deerfield Chamber encouraged residents to get involved with a community vision process for the future of Downtown Mason by visiting prosperitymade.org.

Scott Egan of 4330 Ashfield Place raised a safety concern on Stone Ridge Drive with drivers speeding through the neighborhood.

RESOLUTION 2019-8 PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 19-25, 2019 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

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

Eric Hansen said this year's National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week theme is EMS Strong: "Beyond the Call". EMS Week is an opportunity to recognize the investment the City makes and personnel that provides this important service throughout the year. He said legislation was anticipated for \$30,000 for automatic CPR devices that improve the dependability and quality of care for those in need of CPR. However, Mason Police Department collaborated with Mason-Deerfield and Loveland-Symmes Departments to negotiate reduced costs as well as pursued a grant through Firehouse Subs for \$30,000. Ten percent of applications were awarded this grant. Mason's automated CPR devices will be paid for through Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and the Foundation will be paying the vendor directly. Firehouse Subs shared

admiration for the City in collaborating with other departments to receive combined pricing and honored the group pricing, leaving \$6,000 remaining from the grant. The City of Mason Fire Department requested the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation utilize the remaining grant to go towards an automated CPR device in another department in the country. Several cities will be benefiting from this collaboration.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2019-8 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RESOLUTION 2019-9 ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MASON FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

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

Eric Hansen set a Public Hearing for Monday, June 10.

ORDINANCE 2019-56 AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION OF \$100,000 TO THE WARREN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

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

Eric Hansen said the City of Mason has participated in the Warren County Drug Task Force since its inception and contributes to the Drug Task Force efforts annually. One item that was discussed in detail in 2018 was the Task Force's Drug Diversion Program which would be jeopardized without improved funding. The program investigates prescription drug crimes which is often the gateway to opioid abuse. Preserving this program was identified as a priority by Mason's Safety Committee. The Committee has recommended the City maintain funding of \$100,000 to be directed toward maintaining the Drug Diversion Program.

Steve Arrasmith, Commander of the Greater Warren County Drug Task Force, thanked Council and the City for continued support and partnership. He highlighted items from their annual report including remaining a multi-jurisdictional drug task force and an initiative of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) federal program which works with federal, state, and local law enforcement. Warren County was the second highest county for prescription drug seizures in Ohio. He stated due to the commitment and increased contribution from the City, the Drug Task Force was able to sustain the Drug Diversion Program. Funding remains unpredictable with reliability on grants and contributions.

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: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-56 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-57 APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT FOR KINGS MILLS PLAZA SECTION 1B

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

Kurt Seiler stated replat of Lot 5 for development is located on the southeast corner of Kings Mill Road and State Route 741. This replat will split Lot 5 into two lots – Lot 5A and Lot 5B. The split will isolate the undevelopable regional detention and water quality basin solely on Lot 5B and consolidate the developable land on Lot 5A. The applicant received ZBA approval for a variance to the lot width for Lot 5A, less than 200 feet.

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.

Councilmember Gilb and Kurt discussed the basin owned by the subdivision and the residents of the subdivision are responsible for maintenance of the basin.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-57 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-58 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HOUCK ASPHALT MAINTENANCE COMPANY FOR ASPHALT WORK AT FIRE STATION 52 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,070

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

Kurt Seiler discussed Ordinance 2019-58, Ordinance 2019-59, and Ordinance 201-61 together. The asphalt parking areas and driveways are now in need of repaving. Ordinance 2019-58 includes pavement repairs, milling, placing 2” of asphalt surface and re-stripping the parking areas of Station 52. Houck Asphalt Maintenance Company has performed work for the City in the past with excellent results. The remaining concrete work at the public front building entrance and concrete drive aprons are deteriorating and in need of replacement. R.E. Middleton will complete this work, finishing the remaining concrete repairs at Station 52. Both projects are under budget for repairs at Station 52. Ordinance 2019-61 is to mill and overlay the two parking areas located in front of the Municipal Center. City staff installed underdrains throughout the parking lots in 2018 in anticipation of resurfacing the parking areas. The remaining lots located north and south of the building are proposed to be resurfaced in 2020. He said the work includes pavement repairs, milling the top 2”, placing 2” of asphalt surface in 2 passes, new parking blocks and re-stripping the parking areas. The re-stripping work includes the north and south parking lots that are not being resurfaced.

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 2019-58 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-59 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH R.E. MIDDLETON, LLC FOR CONCRETE WORK AT FIRE STATION 52 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-59 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-60 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE SNIDER ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, FROM BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,052,235 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

Kurt Seiler said the Snider Road Widening Project will add an additional northbound and southbound lane on Snider Road, creating a five lane section, between US 42 and Tylersville Road. The project includes curbs and gutters, storm drainage improvements, bike path, and sidewalks. The City has been awarded \$750,000 in Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funds toward the project costs for construction. The alternate bid was added to compare the cost of including fiber reinforcement in the surface. The City recently used fiber reinforcement on Mason-Montgomery Road north of the I&O railroad bridge and to date has seen very favorable results. The alternate pricing is in line with previous pricing and staff is recommending including Alternate 1. Construction is anticipated to begin in June with completion by the end of 2019 with two-way traffic maintained throughout the project.

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.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-60 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-61 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH QUEEN CITY BLACKTOP COMPANY, INC. FOR ASPHALT WORK AT MUNICIPAL CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,535

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

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 2019-61 as amended was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-62 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STAUFFER SITE SERVICES, LLC FOR PINE HILL DAM SECONDARY SPILLWAY RESTORATION WORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Kurt Seiler said the primary spillway for Pine Hill Lakes Dam consists of a concrete discharge structure with three 36” concrete pipes that outlet into the channel downstream. The secondary spillway is an overland flow route located just west of the primary discharge structure. A few recent significant storm events have caused water to flow thru the spillway and eroded the outlet edge causing a 4’– 6’ drop off from the outlets. Maintenance is needed to repair these areas. The contractor will place large riprap in two low areas where the flow is concentrated. Once all of the riprap is in place the contractor will address the bare and damaged spots on the spillway by adding topsoil and overseeding the area. An emergency clause was added to the legislation to allow the repair work to begin immediately and be completed before the bike path around the park is resurfaced as scheduled for this summer.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-62 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-63 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE HERITAGE OAK PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT – PHASE 1, FROM OHIO IRRIGATION LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,867,245 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Jennifer Heft provided a history on Kleingers Group work for park master planning services. During the Parks Master Plan process, one of the items identified was field consistency including drainage issues that affected the ability to use the fields. In December, Council authorized the design of the first phase of improvements to revitalize Sundin Fields at Heritage Oak Park. The improvements in Phase 1 include the fields being regraded for consistent drainage conditions, the fields being reconfigured to allow the most efficient play surface arrangement, and a significant underdrain and storm sewer system to aid in keeping the fields playable in conditions that would typically not permit play. She said the bid included alternates. Alternate 1 included additional landscaping in the area of the improvements. Alternate 2 amends the topsoil placed on the fields to improve drainage and grass growth. Alternate 3 was an option for using sod on the fields instead of seed. With the irrigation and the soil amendment, staff feels that using grass seed will provide the durable growth needed for the fields. Staff are not recommending Alternate 3. The 2019 budget included \$1,500,000 for the project. Bids did exceed the original budgeted amount due to additional pump needs. Ordinance 2019-63 includes the base bid and Alternate 2. An emergency clause has been included to begin construction immediately to allow the seeding to occur in the ideal fall planting season.

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 2019-63 was made by Vice Mayor Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS – None.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LAND ACQUISITION

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to add Ordinance 2019-67 to the agenda was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw.

ORDINANCE 2019-67 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A&T EUROPE SPA FOR THE PURCHASE OF A USED OLYMPIC SIZE OUTDOOR COMPETITION POOL PACKAGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Eric Hansen said there is a time-sensitive opportunity to add a Competition pool package with significant savings. Council and Eric discussed the Community Center Committee collecting total capital costs and impacts on the community before approving a contract, the opportunity

coming with a 15-year warranty, reconvening on the topic after the Community Center Committee meets, concerns with large costs when planning decisions haven't been confirmed, sustainability, and the opportunity to save financially.

A motion to table Ordinance 2019-67 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Spaeth. VOTE: 4 YEAS, 3 NAYS (Grossmann, Gilb, Honerlaw).

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:36 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:50 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:50 p.m.