

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Associate-Pastor Phil Blodgett 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. Victor Kidd was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the October 14 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Spaeth).

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is Monday, November 18, 2019.

The City will host the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 6 at the Mason Downtown Plaza. A motion to allow the American Legion to provide adult beverages as part of the event was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS. The American Legion will split proceeds from sales with the Parks Foundation on behalf of Common Ground Playground.

A motion to not request a public hearing for a D1, D2 liquor permit for Arrow Wine Stores Inc. at 6109 Radio Way was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Halloween will be celebrated on Thursday, October 31 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The City is promoting a variety of events on behalf of Veterans Day. The Warren County Recorder will have a van at the Community Center on Thursday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, November 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Information will be provided for all Veterans services and benefits. The Warren County Recorder will have personnel available to record DD-214's and issue Military ID's at no cost to Veterans.

Saturday, November 9 is a special evening with the Southwest Ohio Philharmonic, led by Cincinnati Ballet Music Director Carmon DeLeone performing the best of Broadway's classics. The event will take place at Great Wolf Lodge beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are sold out with a standby list available.

The City will hold an inclusive sneak peek at Makino Park to introduce the Common Ground Playground for guests that have played a large part in the planning of this interactive park. The

event will take place on Thursday, November 14 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The playground and park will open in the spring of 2020.

The Campus Safety Program provides a policing district focused on the Municipal and Schools Campus where officers respond to events as a district instead of as single officers. This initiative has gained recognition nationally including being featured as part of the Enhancing School Safety Seminar provided by the Secret Service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Nelson reviewed the new Senate Bill 206 and advised she will not be in support of it due to the importance of keeping the tax base intact, being in support of the proposed amendment for expansion of House Bill 5 allowing a payment plan, and updates on the process of centralized tax collection.

Councilmember Gilb advised the Employee Relations Committee has discussed and proposed the City's Prosecutor's compensation. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

Councilmember Honerlaw stated the Equipment Committee met with Ryan Tyree and staff and complimented the management program the City follows as well as being frugal in costs.

Vice Mayor moved up Resolution 2019-19 on the agenda.

RESOLUTION 2019-19 RECOGNIZING MASON RESIDENT AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYER TJ ZEUCH

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

Jennifer Heft said special guest, TJ Zeuch is one of a few that took his high school athletic abilities to the professional level through hard work, dedication, and a love of baseball. She reviewed statistics of those playing at a higher level in Major League Baseball including only having 30 teams with 750 players and only one in 6,600 high school players go to play in Major League Baseball.

Councilmember Chance read the full resolution and presented it to TJ Zeuch.

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 Resolution 2019-19 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Jane Conn, Executive Director of the Abuse and Rape Crisis Shelter, thanked City Council for the agreement with the Warren County Abuse and Rape Crisis Shelter and reviewed how the Shelter helps the community. She is excited to partner with key leaders in the City to develop new programs and protocols in response to the agreement. Jane invited the community to register for their Homecoming event on Saturday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Chance and Councilmember Honerlaw encouraged residents to attend and thanked the shelter for serving the community and Warren County.

Todd Henderson of 6330 Thornberry Court raised concern with a panel installed below ground in his front yard as result of the roundabout construction. Kurt Seiler had reached out to Troy Construction and they are unable to address it because it is Duke Energy's easement. Council and staff advised Duke Energy owns the easement and will encourage better communication from contractors utilized during construction.

Scott Meyer of 7107 Overton Way in Maineville, Ohio stated concerns with King Island's Diamond Back roller coaster noise level, action not being taken after police contacted, and rezoning to accommodate the site. Eric Hansen stated no discussion has taken place about rezoning of Kings Island, the City's noise ordinance is outdated and was not meant for or does not translate into today's technology and activities, and Mason officers do not have jurisdiction in his neighborhood or his property to take action. He encouraged being a good neighbor and meeting with Kings Island to resolve their concerns. Jeff Forbes advised with any ordinance, situations are analyzed based on being defensible or enforceable.

Steve Otto of 2742 Afton Valley Court previously addressed the noise concern with Kings Island and Kings Island did change the wheels on the Diamond Back roller coaster. He stated noise is still a concern and a new coaster brings greater concerns.

Laura Contreras of 4618 Braid Lane addressed Council with concerns of the community election being promoted as partisan with a lawn sign funded by Councilmember Honerlaw. She advised Council members should be helping a community as an entirety and not based on a party affiliation. Councilmember Honerlaw said he is the Vice Chairman of the Warren County GOP Central Committee and endorses residents he thinks will be best for the City. He apologized if he offended residents with his beliefs. Council discussed not voting on partisan views for issues in the City and researching each topic to represent all citizens in the City, apologizing to the citizens for campaigning concerns, and encouraging residents to understand who the candidates are by researching their individual campaign.

RESOLUTION 2019-20 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR AN OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT® AS PART OF THE 2020 NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN

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

Eric Hansen said a Fitness Court, done in conjunction with the National Fitness Campaign (NFC), is an outdoor exercise area with an opportunity to connect digitally to users with a Fitness Court App. Communities that apply and meet the NFC's eligibility requirements can receive a \$30,000 grant that can be applied towards installing a Fitness Court in the City of Mason. The City applied, with Park Board's encouragement, and was awarded the grant. The next step following the resolution is to develop funding to cover the remaining expense by executing a community fundraising plan to confirm the total projected funding needed. The project would typically be required to be completed by December 15, 2020. But, the NFC understands that the new Mason Municipal Aquatic Center is a priority for the City. He said the City would be required to purchase and receive the equipment in 2020 and would plan on installing and launching the Fitness Court no later than the first quarter of 2021. Corwin Nixon Park may be ideal to enhance fitness experiences with its proximity to the Mason Community Center, Mason Municipal Aquatic Center, baseball fields, and other athletic complexes. Eric stated Resolution 2019-20 does not create an obligation apart from acknowledging the grant and moving towards the fundraising phase.

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 and Councilmember Chance discussed the benefits of the court towards the community. Councilmember Nelson stated concerns with duplicate fundraising with A Matter of 50 Meters and utilizing Mason's green space.

A motion to table Resolution 2019-20 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 NAY (Nelson).

ORDINANCE 2019-108 APPROVAL OF A REVISED CONCEPT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWER PARK DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 710 TYLERSVILLE ROAD (TOWER PARK)

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

The Public Hearing opened at 8:31 p.m.

Eric Hansen stated the application has been withdrawn.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:32 p.m.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-108 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: 6 NAYS.

ORDINANCE 2019-118 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,568 FOR LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION AT THE DOWNTOWN MASON PARKING LOT PROJECT

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

Jennifer Heft said Council tabled Ordinance 2019-118 at the meeting on October 14 to allow staff time to review additional proposals received for landscaping services. In addition staff was interested in additional services related to holiday decorations in the planters in the downtown area and along Mason Montgomery Road. Brightview Landscapes agreed to perform the parking lot landscaping and the holiday planting at a cost of \$19,600.

A motion to amend the amount to \$19,600 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-118 as amended was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-119 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR AMBLESIDE MEADOWS, PHASE 3C

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

Kurt Seiler said this final plat approval for Ambleside Meadows, Phase 3C is located on the east side of U.S. 42, just north of Mason Sports Park. This plat has 23 single family lots and one open space lot. This plat will dedicate the rights-of-way, utilities, storm, and sewer easements necessary for this development. Planning Commission recommended approval of the final plat contingent upon the submittal of the performance bond and the subdivider's contract.

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 2019-119 as amended was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: 5 YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-120 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MAJOR ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE WASHINGTON WAY AND JEFFERSON DRIVE STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$570,953

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

Kurt Seiler stated over the past several years, staff has been working with residents on drainage concerns in the Washington Way and Jefferson Drive area. This area experiences frequent street flooding during heavy rains, experiencing as much as 2 feet of standing water. The City received bids for the construction of this project with Majors Enterprises Inc. presenting the lowest bid. Several items came up during the design process that resulted in the higher cost including tight clearances which requires the use of more expensive elliptical pipe and the removal of large trees. In addition, staff recognized that a metal pipe located on the City's Golf course was failing and this project will also include an additional 200 feet of 24" pipe replacement. 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 Honerlaw and Kurt discussed this project addressing roadway drainage reducing the amount of water in this area during heavy rains, but not fully removing all water.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-120 as amended was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-121 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RECREATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.

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

Eric Hansen said in 2007, the City completed the purchase of the City of Mason Golf Center. Along with the purchase, came a management agreement with Recreational Management Services (RMS) to manage the Golf Center. The agreement was altered and renewed in 2011, and again in 2014. The agreement called for RMS to also manage the Bruin golf course, which was owned by Tennis for Charity, and leased to the City. In 2016, after record rain during the Tennis Tournament, Tennis for Charity made the decision to close the course and focus on improved parking for the Tennis Tournament. He said the current agreement ends in 2024. The proposed addendum assists the City with the transition from the current management vendor to involving City staff in order to learn about facility and course operations so that the asset can be protected and cared for when the current agreement terminates. Eric stated the addendum adjusts the Net Revenue Base to account for the loss of Bruin revenue, anticipates the transition of the course's care, anticipates assigning City personnel to shadow RMS staff in preparation for the transition, allows the City to pursue removing the Food and Beverage operations from the management agreement and to look in to other arrangements, and reaffirms the capital investment in the course, and providing a 2% Cost of Living Increase (COLA) for the management agreement. This addendum starts the formal process of that transition and makes the current vendor formally agree to assist the City in that transition.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: 4 YEAS, 2 NAYS (Grossmann, Honerlaw).

Council Honerlaw and Councilmember Grossmann discussed additional time needed to research cost analysis between buyout and current management agreement and address concerns with no work session or allowing time for residents to engage in discussion.

Council and staff discussed the financial recommendation involved in the budget being contingent on this ordinance.

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

Council discussed making an informed decision, keeping the Golf Committee well informed, and this addendum being an opportunity to start looking at options to improve financially and aesthetically.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-121 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-122 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 WITH WOMEN WALKING WEST

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

Jennifer Heft stated last year the City began partnering with a non-profit organization, Women Walking West. Their mission is to advance education of women across the globe reducing education barriers. As part of the proposed Service Agreement, Women Walking West Inc. agrees to provide educational materials to the City in order to inform Mason residents of services, two community events at the Community Center per year to address "diversity and inclusion" topics, a workshop to be held at Community Center, booth set-up at special events for educational opportunities, \$1,000 of City support allocated towards Community Center membership fees for W3 mentees, and a resource for the City's economic development recruitment and retention related activities.

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 said she looks forward to supporting women with different backgrounds and mentoring opportunities to build community.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-122 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-123 FIRST READING ADOPTING THE REVISION, CODIFICATION, RECODIFICATION, REARRANGEMENT AND PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF MASON, IN BOOK FORM, FOR THE CURRENT SUPPLEMENT

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

ORDINANCE 2019-124 MODIFYING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES

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

Eric Hansen stated since February 2010, Council appointed Bethany Bennett as Prosecutor for the City and established her rates of compensation. Mrs. Bennett has not had a pay adjustment since 2016. The Employee Relations Committee met and reviewed compensation recommending a cost-of-living adjustment in a total approximate amount of 5% - or about 1.66% per year which is consistent with the amounts approved in 2016.

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 2019-124 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-125 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRIGHTVIEW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF TREES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

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

Jennifer Heft said the Emerald Ash Borer has resulted in a significant number of trees being removed without an aggressive plan for replacement. This year alone over 90 ash trees were removed at the Golf Center and over 150 ash trees were removed near walking trails and bike paths at Pine Hill/Corwin Nixon Parks due to safety concerns. In other cases if trees become damaged as a result of storms, disease or other issues they are removed but often not immediately replaced. She said staff is recommending the development of an annual replacement program that gives priority for replacing trees along major thoroughfares followed by minor thoroughfares and then high visibility areas in City parks and facilities. Currently there are 78 trees along Mason Montgomery Road, 13 trees along Kings Island Drive and 55 trees along Tylersville Road in need of replacement. With the significant amount of trees in need of replacement, staff is recommending replacing trees in these areas this year and then annually budgeting \$75,000 for replacements. In addition to the above described areas, staff estimates that

there are 50-60 additional right-of-way trees that are currently vacant or need to be replaced in other areas of the City.

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.

Council and Jennifer discussed the City's collaboration with the Cincinnati Zoo's Bowyer Farm through brush and tree trimming, the contingency amount of trees replaced due to motorist accidents, and building upon the budgeted annual \$75,000.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-125 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-126 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JOHN P. TUMLIN & SONS LTD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL RELATED TO PHASE 2 OF THE BUILDING RENOVATION IN BUILDING #4 AT THE SAFETY AND SERVICE CENTER ANNEX AND DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

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

Kurt Seiler stated the former Water Reclamation Plant, Building #4, located on Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road, is a suitable location for a training facility for public safety services. Adding an additional floor will essentially create a three-story training facility potentially improving the fire department's rating from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). The Fire Department's ISO rating is a component used by insurance companies in setting property insurance rates. He said a large overhead crane will need to be removed for construction. Staff sent proposals to five contractors and received one bid on the project from John Tumlin & Sons. The overall feedback received from contractors who did not submit bids indicated that they currently do not have the staff or time to complete the project with their current workload.

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 Gilb and Kurt stated this is a great opportunity for training and development of staff as well as collaborating with other jurisdictions for training.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-126 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-127 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JOHN P. TUMLIN & SONS LTD, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$249,700 FOR THE SENIOR CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT AT THE MASON COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Jennifer Heft said over the last nine years, the overwhelming request from Senior Center members has been the need for additional restroom facilities and closer parking. Many senior members use the large double delivery doors on the east side of the Center to access the facility as it is perceived as closer access than the Community Center's main entrance. This is an unsafe scenario as they must maneuver from the parking lot along the delivery drive through the doors located on the east side of the Center. A more convenient entrance would include a covered exterior entrance off the east side of the Center for better access and additional parking. The parking lot improvements will be included as part of a future paving project such as the paving program or the Aquatic Pool parking lot expansion to achieve better pricing. She said staff requested bids from ten contractors with eight being non-responsive. John P. Tumlin & Sons LTD is currently completing work in other areas in the City.

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 stated the senior population is vibrant at the Community Center and these improvements will make a tremendous impact.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-127 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-128 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH A MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT AGENCY OR AGENCIES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FOR ENTERTAINMENT ARTISTS FOR THE 2020 RED, RHYTHM & BOOM CONCERT

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

Eric Hansen discussed Ordinance 2019-128 and Ordinance 2019-129 together. Staff has initiated the search process for musical entertainment acts for 2020 Red, Rhythm, and Boom. Ordinance 2018-134 authorizes a contract with entertainment agencies in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. This ordinance does not specify the vendor since artists belong to different management groups that the City will pay individually once the artists are identified and confirmed. Ordinance 2018-135 authorizes a contract with Frequency City Sound in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for stage, sound, video (LED screens), lighting, and production needs for the high level of performance. Frequency City Sound has delivered the level of equipment and service required for the artist's specific rider requirements in past years.

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 discussed how many residents benefit from this event and this event being a reflection of the standard of living in Mason, being a good investment for the City, serving a public purpose, increasing arts programs, and providing an opportunity for City staff training.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-128 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-129 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FREQUENCY CITY SOUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000 TO PROVIDE THE STAGE, SOUND, LIGHTS AND VIDEO SCREENS FOR THE 2020 RED, RHYTHM & BOOM CONCERT

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 Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-129 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-130 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LANDSCAPING AND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$630,000

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

Kurt Seiler stated the Western Row Road Interchange was open with full operations in February. This ordinance continues Mason commitment to businesses and to begin implementation of the multi-year phased plan to improve the appearance of the interchange.

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 2019-130 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-131 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MUNICIPAL AQUATIC CENTER IN THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Eric Hansen discussed Ordinance 2019-131, Ordinance 2019-132, and Ordinance 2019-133 together. These three ordinances include \$21 million bond issuances needed and \$5 million note issuance for recreational facilities for the first quarter of 2020. By consolidating these projects into a single issuance together with the City's Aaa bond rating from Moody's, the City will be able to receive the lowest financing possible. While this does issue new debt, the City's aggressive history in reducing debt combined with healthy financial operations and conservative budgeting, this process is prudent for financing of these projects and anticipates opportunities to reconfigure debt.

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 Nelson stated she did not vote in favor of the pool, but Council did pass the pool construction and she will be voting in favor of these bonds.

Councilmember Gilb and Eric discussed interest rate protection once issued.

Councilmember Grossmann and Eric discussed debt for the City being unlike debt for individuals. Cities do not have a life span and debt matches the life-span of investments in the community.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-131 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-132 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 OF BONDS BY THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE AND TO REFUND NOTES IN THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-132 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-133 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000 OF NOTES BY THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AN AQUATIC CENTER IN THE CITY

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 Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-133 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2019-134 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GENETESIS, LLC

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

Eric Hansen said the City of Mason attracted, Genetesis, a heart diagnostic start-up and successfully located their headquarters in the Mason Tech Elevator and have expanded their operations twice here in the City. Since that time, Mason has nurtured a strong partnership with Genetesis with the objective of increasing the City's biohealth cluster. Genetesis' development continues to grow in square footage and job creation with nearly 30 fulltime employees, expanding from four employees. As Genetesis continues to grow and partner with Mason, using the Municipal Center Campus has an established proven track record for many successful operating tech and bio companies in the City. The Genetesis partnership and lease agreement is anticipated to generate significant economic opportunity, continued job creation, payroll growth. He said the three-year lease agreement is structured similar to the previous models used with growth companies, such as Assurex. The three-year term will benefit the City by adding new build-out and investment which we retain when the tenant leaves. Upon lease commencement, the Company will begin generating new operating revenue for the City via payment of facility expenses to offset current operational costs. In addition, the agreement outlines collaboration with economic development initiatives that enhance Mason's competitive impact across the region and the State.

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.

Councilmember Chance discussed prior Council's vision to help this growth succeed and congratulated the City for continuing to nourish the community.

Councilmember Grossmann stated she is excited for their growth.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-134 was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Nelson stated the Southwest Ohio Philharmonic event on Saturday, November 9 is sold out, but a waitlist is available.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: EMPLOYMENT/COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of employment/compensation of public employees was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:05 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:15 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:15 p.m.