

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 9, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Associate Pastor Jeff Heslop opened the meeting in prayer. Boy Scout Alex Weaver led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Diana K. Nelson, Ashley Chance, Tony Bradburn, Joshua Styrcula, Michael Gilb, T. J. Honerlaw, and Kathy Grossmann.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the February 24 Work Session Meeting Minutes and February 24 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Chance.
VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. A Work Session is anticipated for Monday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m.

The City of Mason and Myriad Neuroscience are partnering together to host a Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 10 at the Mason Municipal Center parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Mason Community Center is hosting a World Down Syndrome Day event on Sunday, March 15. Children with Down Syndrome can enjoy activities with siblings, friends, and parents. Chaperones and parents are admitted free.

The Mason Community Center in partnership with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will host the Race to Anyplace on Saturday, March 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Teams compete on stationary bikes to see who can ride the farthest which helps support research and patient services for those affected by leukemia and lymphoma.

April 1, 2, and 3 are Member Appreciation Days at the Community Center. There will be prize drawings, games, and opportunities to bring a friend free.

Mason City Tax Returns are due Wednesday, April 15. The Mason Tax Office offers free assistance to residents in completing their Mason tax return. The Tax Office is offering residents extended office hours on Saturday, April 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday, April 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

City of Mason offices will be closed Friday, April 10 in observance of Good Friday. Mason Community Center will be open regular hours on Friday, but on Easter Sunday, April 12, the Community Center will only be open from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with limited access.

The Community Center's Spring Shop Local event will be held on Wednesday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., featuring local Mason area merchants.

A motion to not request a public hearing for a D5 liquor permit for LTL Ventures LLC was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

SWEARING-IN POLICE AND FIRE CHAPLAINS

Police Sergeant Jeremy Saylor stated police and fire chaplains volunteer and offer comfort, guidance, and support to officers and firefighters through incidents. He introduced Father Elias with St. Susanna's Church and Pastor Kyle Linville with Grace Baptist Church. With these two individuals, the City will now have ten chaplain volunteers to offer mental health services. Mayor Grossmann conducted a swearing-in of the two chaplains.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

John Lawson of 4318 Flagstone Drive provided concerns with the golf course master plan including backyard view changes, changing from a walkable course, and future use for holes 5 and 6. He stated it is valuable to put time and money in to the course. Mayor Grossmann said the Master Plan is a design proposal and final decisions haven't been confirmed.

Yamur Hossain of 6224 Waterway Drive stated clearer communication to homes that sit on the golf course is needed.

Lori Robson of 6229 Fairway Drive appreciates the City putting improvements into the golf course and provided feedback regarding the cost for teams to play at the course, improving a marketing strategy, and improving holes 5 and 6 instead of removing.

Ajibola Adesanya of 5877 Thornberry Court stated the Tower Park zoning plan needs to benefit the people that live in Tower Park.

Brian Gray of 6463 Grand Cypress Way stated concerns with the proposed redesign of the golf course. Mayor Grossmann stated the Work Session on February 24 provided good engagement with the community about the proposed plan and provided Hurdzan Golf an opportunity to present a plan to encourage self-sustaining operational costs. Eric Hansen said Mike Hurdzan, who presented, is recognized by golf professionals as one of the top designers in the country. The golf course master plan is designed for and anticipates a future outlook. He said feedback is welcome throughout the design process and bunkers and irrigation design and improvements will be addressed first. Incremental changes are likely to maintain the viability of the golf course. The Golf Center structures, restaurant, and clubhouse will be the next piece of design. Councilmember Honerlaw stated the design provides an opportunity to get feedback and informs

the community of golf course revitalization. He said the Wellness Committee will be meeting the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

John Lawson of 4318 Flagstone Drive provided additional feedback of parks being an expense in the City. Council discussed the goal of the golf course redesign being to minimize expense and maximize sustainability, the golf course being an asset to the community improving the quality of life, the golf course providing an economic development benefit improving tax wages, and Hurdzan Golf's report reviewing the existing 18 holes and providing ways to enhance the course with the consideration of the future of golf.

Todd Henderson of 6330 Thornberry Court shared his perspective on the school levy and encouraged the community and Council to research decisions. Mayor Grossmann stated Council had a Work Session where Jonathan Cooper presented information about the levy. Eric Hansen said Mason City Schools is a great partner and assists in providing recruitment economic packages and attracting businesses through high quality education leading to economic success.

Laura Contreras of 4618 Braid Lane provided concerns regarding Vice Mayor Gilb's Council position and Clerk of Courts campaign. Vice Mayor Gilb stated the opportunity running for the Clerk of Courts does not impact his desire to serve the public as the Vice Mayor for the City of Mason. If elected, the Clerk of Courts position would not take effect until January 2021. Jeff Forbes stated a vacancy would be governed by the City Charter where the remaining members of Council decide how to fill the open Council position. Councilmember Nelson said a change to the Charter would be appropriate to receive input from the public and requested Jeff Forbes write legislation for the next meeting. Jeff advised there are two methods to change the Charter, initiated by a petition from the residents or initiated by Council.

Matthew Steele of 6466 Tall Timbers Court in Deerfield Township is a member of the Board of Education and thanked the City for the great partnership and the proactive Campus Safety initiative through that partnership. He encouraged residents to reach out to Board members with any questions. Councilmember Chance said he is impressed with the willingness of the Board, administration, and teachers to inform and communicate with the community about school levy details.

Joy Bennett of 1054 Willow Lane raised concern with Councilmember Honerlaw's personal tax circumstances. Councilmember Honerlaw said he's been through struggles which has brought him to where he is today and would like to address any concerns personally in regards to this topic.

ORDINANCE 2020-25 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 Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

The Public Hearing opened at 8:21 p.m.

Kurt Seiler stated the property is located at 710 Tylersville Road, on the WLW tower property, and is currently zoned I-PUD, Industrial Planned Unit Development. The revised Concept Development Plan for the proposed Tower Park Development includes a mix of uses to be developed around the existing towers and guy wires. The two towers that exist on the property will remain. The proposed uses include office space, a bank, retail, restaurants, convenience store with fuel, and a carwash along the southern half of the site fronting Tylersville Road and office space, a daycare, and a self-storage complex along the northern half of the property. He said the proposed office buildings are to be 1 or 2-stories in height and similar in design to the existing office buildings on adjacent properties. The proposal dedicates 27% of the site to open space. This plan includes one full-access point at the center of the development on Tylersville Road and one additional right in/right out intersection west of the main entrance. Kurt stated Planning Commission recommended approval of the revised concept plan with the conditions that all buildings have four-sided architecture except those on the interior of the self-storage complex and that the carwash is subject to conditional use construction standards. The Final PUD will provide an inspection report and maintenance plan for the guy-wires and towers, barriers around the guy-wire anchors, address adjacent residents' concerns for ice formation on the guy wires, and maintain existing trees and add new trees and landscaping to create a buffer.

Council discussed inspection and maintenance not being the City's responsibility and guy wire concerns.

George Flynn of Lee & Associates advised the current owner, Tower Bridge, will continue to own both towers and the control center buildings on the property. Tower Bridge will continue maintenance, insurance and anything related to those structures, including the guy wires. A joint agreement will be in place between Lee & Associates and renters on the property for maintenance, including towers, roadways, buildings, and fencing.

Council discussed concerns for ice falling from towers in highly populated areas and studies completed in other states. George Flynn spoke with Tower Park engineers in regards to ice falling from the towers and although ice accumulates on guy wires, the wires are designed to make the ice fall straight down. He said fencing will be established around the towers to prevent individuals getting close to the towers.

George provided a presentation on the design process, additional amenities, and the tax base Tower Park would bring to Mason. Lee & Associates will provide a buffer adding additional trees to protect residents and construct highly trafficked areas towards the front to affect fewer residents.

Council, Jeff Forbes, and Kurt Seiler discussed this being a concept plan and Planning Commission addressing fast casual restaurants versus fast food restaurants and what type of restaurants will be allowed.

Tom Andrews of 681 Tylersville Road shared concerns with drive-thru restaurants, an additional gas station, and additional traffic. Jeff Forbes said the final design will be approved by Planning Commission. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public.

Terry Nauman of 631 Tylersville Road shared ice falling concerns and said a traffic study was to be completed. Jose Castrejon with McGill Smith Punshon, Inc. said the traffic study will be completed and required with the final plan. After the traffic study is completed, adjustments will be made as needed.

Dan and Angie Seiller of 5749 Thornberry Court shared concerns for future companies that ice will be falling, concerns for additional traffic, and appreciation for listening to residents' concerns. Dan would like concerns with residents' homes getting hit with ice researched.

Santosh Dalel of 6253 Thornberry Court provided safety concerns for residents and visitors near the towers due to ice falling and radiation. George Flynn advised radio frequency consultants stated radiation is not a concern unless patrons are right underneath the tower, which will be fenced off.

Todd Henderson of 6330 Thornberry Court stated concerns with safety consequences, traffic study, and timing in conjunction with roundabouts construction. George Flynn stated he is relying on the current property owner and consultants in regards to ice falling and due to this the property is designed to accommodate those situations. Construction would likely begin in 2021. Kurt Seiler said the Roundabout Project should begin within the next 30-60 days and majority of the work will be completed this year.

Syed Ali of 6237 Thornberry Court expressed safety concerns for the day care location.

Claudia Loewenstine of 6248 Lakesprings Drive provided day care safety concerns with additional traffic and ice falling and concerns with the location of these amenities being so close to residents.

The Public Hearing closed at 9:34 p.m.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-5 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 NAY (Nelson).

ORDINANCE 2020-31 APPROVAL OF THE STERLING SELF-STORAGE SUBDIVISION PLAT

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

Kurt Seiler said this property is zoned I-1, Light Industrial on Bethany Road. The proposed plat will dedicate the required 50' of right-of-way on Bethany Road and create two lots. Lot 1, located on the northern half of the property and is the proposed site of a new self-storage facility. Lot 2 is on the southern half of the property. A left turn lane and deceleration lane will be constructed on Bethany Road at the new private roadway. Ordinance 2020-31 is recommended

for adoption contingent on the submission of a subdivider's contract and performance bond for the public improvements.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-31 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2020-32 APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT FOR KINGS MILLS PLAZA, SECTION 1C, LOT 4

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

Kurt Seiler said this replat is in Kings Mills Plaza, Section 1C located on the southeast corner of Kings Mills Road and State Route 741. This replat will split lot 4 into two buildable lots, lot 4A and lot 4B. The applicant received approval of a lot width variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for these lots being less than the required 200 feet.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-32 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2020-33 ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR AMBLESIDE MEADOWS PHASES 2 AND 4 AND RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BONDS

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

Kurt Seiler discussed Ordinance 2020-33, Ordinance 2020-34, and Ordinance 2020-35 together. These ordinances release the performance bonds and accept the public improvements as recommended by staff. The Ambleside Meadows Subdivision is located on the east side of U.S. 42, just north of the Mason Sports Park. Streets to be accepted in Phases 2 and 4 include Silver Queen Court and the southern end of Acadia Lane. Ordinance 2020-34, the Boxwood Farms Subdivision is located on the north side of Mason Road, just east of the Hickory Woods Subdivision. The subdivision consists of one cul-de-sac street, Boxwood Drive. Ordinance 2020-35, Mason Oaks Townhomes is a multi-family Planned Unit Development located on the east side of Mason-Montgomery Road, adjacent to the I&O Railroad Bridge. The streets and storm sewers are private and will be maintained by the property owner. The City will be accepting the public sanitary sewers and water main in this development. He said Public Utilities, Public Works, and Engineering and Building staff, along with Greater Cincinnati Water Works, have inspected the public improvements. The utilities and other improvements will become the City's

responsibility upon acceptance. Staff recommends accepting the public improvements, contingent on the submission of a one-year maintenance bond and a performance bond for any 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 Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-33 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2020-34 ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR BOXWOOD FARMS AND RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BONDS

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-34 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2020-35 ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR MASON OAKS TOWNHOMES AND RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BONDS

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 Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-35 was made by Vice Mayor Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2020-36 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MIDWEST CRICKET ACADEMY AND AUTHORIZING RELATED CONTRACTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Jennifer Heft stated in 2019, the City was approached by Midwest Cricket Academy to discuss partnership opportunities to build a permanent pitch in Mason. Midwest Cricket Academy currently has 60 youth participants and would like to grow their organization. The City identified Quinn Park as the ideal location for the construction of a cricket pitch. Implementing a cricket pitch at Quinn Park will bring positive exposure and steady use of the park while also expanding

recreational offerings for the community. The cost to construct the concrete pitch is approximately \$15,000 and the artificial turf surfacing is approximately \$2,000. As part of the City's partnership with Midwest Cricket Academy, the City has agreed to contribute \$3,000 towards the total project cost with Midwest Cricket Academy agreeing to reimburse the City for the remaining costs over \$3,000. She said an emergency clause has been included in order for construction to be complete in April for anticipated use in May. As part of this project, the City will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the organization to formally outline terms of the financial commitment as well as expectations related to maintenance, public use and the possibility of removing the pitch in the future if revitalization opportunities arise.

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 2020-36 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2020-37 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JACK DOHENY COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,426 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE STORM AND SANITARY PIPE LINE CAMERA

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

Jennifer Heft said this ordinance is to purchase a camera system and equipment for videoing underground utilities including the City's sanitary sewer and stormwater collection systems. The existing camera is utilized frequently when residents call concerning sanitary sewer backups. Often during these call-ins, staff is required to determine and locate the source of the blockage. The camera is the most accurate and cost effective tool available. In addition, the video documentation assists City staff in the development of road projects and in turn saves the City money due to staff's ability to televise the sanitary and storm sewer utilities before the City designs the project to determine what needs to be replaced within the project. She stated the City only has one existing camera at this time. While having this type of resource available has been extremely valuable to the City, the existing camera does have some limitations. The existing camera was manufactured to conduct lateral launching, which requires a small guide to protrude from the camera. The protruding guide on the equipment can make it difficult to navigate in some sewer or sanitary lines. The new proposed camera will allow for increased navigation due to the fact that it will not have the protruding guide that is on the existing camera.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-37 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2020-38 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RICHARDS ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO., INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIGHT BOLLARDS AND ASSOCIATED MATERIALS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,000

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

Jennifer Heft stated bollards provide the physical strength necessary to deter unwanted vehicular traffic and keep sites safe. Bollards are needed along the drive leading to the front entrance of the new Mason Municipal Aquatic Center. In addition, the bollards in front of the Community Center and Municipal Center are deteriorating, have lights that are no longer working, and replacement parts are no longer available. The bollards for the new Aquatic Center were included in the construction contract. She said with the need for new bollards at three City facilities, the potential to save costs with a larger scope of work along with consistency for future maintenance, staff began exploring bollard options. A supplier indicated a cost savings of 15% if bollards were purchased for all three facilities. A total of 23 lighted and 5 unlit bollards are needed. The installation of light bollards at the Aquatic Center will be performed by the electrician currently working on the project. The cost of materials originally in the Aquatic Center construction contract will be credited back to the City. Installation at the Community Center and Municipal Center will be performed by in house staff or a separate contracted electrician depending on pricing and workload.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-38 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2020-39 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AERO-MARK COMPANY, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,032 FOR 2020 STREET STRIPING PROGRAM

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

Kurt Seiler said the City replaces pavement markings annually on the City's public streets for continued traffic control and safety. The work to be performed includes painting of center lines, edge lines, channelizing lines, crosswalks, school markings, railroad markings, lane arrows, and island markings on various streets throughout the City. Staff requested pricing from two companies. Aero-Mark Company LLC performed the 2018 Street Striping Program and other projects throughout the City over the past few years.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-39 was made by Councilmember Styrcula, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2020-40 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC. FOR THE 2020 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,069,885

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

Eric Hansen discussed Ordinance 2020-40 and Ordinance 2020-41 together. Annually, the City of Mason pursues a street maintenance and resurfacing program to proactively repair and prolong the life of this investment and rebuild failing roadways. Investing in well-timed maintenance is crucial to both the service level of the roadway, but also in delaying much more expensive repairs or rebuilds. Growth of the City, acceptance of roadways with new development, roadway expansion or improvement projects, and the aging of these roadways result in a growing obligation to aggressively manage this program. As part of the annual budget process, an approach to better prepare the paving program for the future has progressed. He said the 2020 budget allocated \$2 million as a “set-aside” to build a reserve to be utilized when pricing is attractive or to even out future budget cycles when larger scale projects are in need of completion. Building the set-aside leads to better management and better precision when timing the best opportunity to complete projects and to be prepared with significant investments. Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. bid the amount of \$2,069,885. This includes the base program and other work for \$1,140,099 as well as \$929,786 for alternate #1. Eric recommended amending the cost to include a \$1,000,000 contingency which will provide the opportunity to approach the low bidder to share in savings and effectively impact additional streets. He said in addition to the repair and maintenance portion of the paving contract, another contract dedicated to items such as crack sealing and pavement preservation is needed. Poly Patch is used for repairing cracks that are too large for crack seal but too small for repaving. J & A has performed the City’s crack sealing and poly patch work for the past several years. Staff plans to continue to perform the crack seal work and supplement with the poly patch in areas where needed.

A motion to amend Ordinance 2020-40 in the amount of \$2,140,099, base bid of \$1,140,099 plus \$1,000,000 in contingency funds, was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-40 as amended was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2020-41 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J & A CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR POLY PATCHING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000

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

Councilmember Bradburn and Kurt Seiler discussed durapatcher being similar to crack seal. Poly Patch has additional fibers to improve the ridability.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-41 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2020-42 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR FINAL DESIGN OF THE SR 741 IMPROVEMENTS FROM WELDEN DRIVE TO AVALON TRAIL FROM STRAND ASSOCIATES INC., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FEE OF \$238,180 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

Kurt Seiler said the Mason R&D Park is planned development located on the northern edge of the City of Mason. Strand Associates will complete the preliminary engineering for a new road thru the Mason Research and Development Park from the west boundary line of the property along SR 741 to US 42. Part of that contract was to analyze and provide a preliminary layout of a roundabout at SR 741 and the new R&D roadway. A roundabout provides the additional flexibility to assist with geometry of the R&D road heading west as well as provides traffic calming and an enhanced gateway on SR 741 for the new R&D development. Strand also evaluated the capacity of the roundabout for future growth potential in the area which resulted in a recommendation to construct a two lane roundabout, but will open as a single lane circulation. The final engineering of this section of road will also address any potential site distance issues at Avalon Trail intersection as well as provide a sidewalk/bike path connection to this subdivision. Along with the addition of a new roundabout, the design will include widening SR 741 to five lanes and will also include, bike path, sidewalk, street trees, street lights and landscaped medians. He said construction funding and timing has not been finalized for this project as this time, but moving forward with the design will allow staff flexibility to score more favorably on a future OPWC application.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-42 was made by Vice Mayor Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Nelson said the City has an online tax filing tool on the Imagine Mason website and City staff are available to help prepare tax returns. She shared a draft image of the veteran flags to be displayed at the Downtown Plaza.

Vice Mayor Gilb advised the City received favorable rates due to a Aaa rating including a 1.71% rate on a 20-year bond and 1.06% on a 10-year bond. He commended staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Honerlaw stated the Wellness Committee will begin meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Councilmember Chance said the OneCity for Recovery gala was a success and appreciated the City for participating.

Mayor Grossmann attended a Haag-Streit luncheon honoring dignitaries from Switzerland. They were the first European investment to locate in Mason almost 30 years ago. She said Mason is now one of the most powerful communities bringing business to southwest Ohio. Eric Hansen said Michele Blair, Economic Development Director, has brought nearly \$1 billion in new dollar investments over the last 5 to 10 years and approximately \$2 billion during her tenure.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition/disposition of property was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:22 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:49 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:49 p.m.