

**CITY OF MASON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 30, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via video conferencing using Zoom technology and broadcast live through ICRC feed. The public was able to access the live broadcast by logging on to the City's website or going directly to ICRC's website.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present via video conferencing-Zoom technology: Diana K. Nelson, Ashley Chance, Tony Bradburn, Joshua Styrcula, T. J. Honerlaw, and Kathy Grossmann. Michael Gilb was absent.

BUSINESS

Eric Hansen stated that the State had altered the definition of essential businesses to include golf course operations. The Golf Center will reopen to golfers on Monday.

Council discussion was a continuation of the discussion from the special meeting of Council held on Saturday, March 28 which focused on small business assistance during the COVID-19 crisis.

Sherry Taylor, President and CEO of the Mason Deerfield Chamber and Operating Director for the Community Development Corporation (CDC) thanked City staff for their leadership and partnership and provided an overview of actions MADE is currently taking to provide support to local businesses during the COVID-19 crisis. She provided insight in regards to resources and approaches to local business financial continuity and financial resiliency plans.

John Kramer, CDC Board Chair, provided an overview of the role of the Community Development Corporation and a draft for the development of a balanced grant program.

Council, Eric, and Sherry discussed the amount of small businesses in Mason, the City's financial status including local business tax dollars and the Economic Development Sustainability Fund intended to be used during critical times to ensure the continuity of emergency services including Police, Fire and Public Utility operations, and small business revenue sources.

Council member Styrcula introduced Ordinance 2020-43.

ORDINANCE 2020-43 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 WITH MASON DEERFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council discussed reviewing legislation and financial status with the Finance Director Joe Reigelsperger, reviewing details of actions other communities have taken, and encouraging residents to reach out via email for input.

A motion to table Ordinance 2020-43 was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: 3 YEAS, 3 NAYS (Nelson, Chance, Styracula). Motion fails.

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 NAY (Grossmann).

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: 3 YEAS, 3 NAYS (Bradburn, Honerlaw, Grossmann). Motion fails.

Jeff Forbes explained that Ordinance 2020-43 is subject to second reading at a subsequent Council meeting. According to City Charter that second reading must take place at least six days after the first reading. A Charter provision allows a motion by Council to suspend the six day period.

A motion to suspend the six day period was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 NAY (Honerlaw).

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 7:01 p.m.