

**CITY OF MASON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 21, 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, Michael Gilb, T. J. Honerlaw, and Kathy Grossmann.

Vice Mayor Gilb opened the meeting in prayer.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Eric thanked ICRC for continued support and coaching through live streaming services. A public input option has been fine tuned in regards to technology, a legal aspect, and broad participation. This meeting will be limited to conclusion at 6:30 p.m. due to ICRC prior commitments. Jeff Forbes advised the technology does not lend itself to back and forth attendee dialogue during Public Input.

A motion to move Public Input before Small Business Economic Relief was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to limit public input dialogue to two minutes per guest within a 60-minute time frame, no dialogue between Council members and guest, and Council members will respond if time permits during Outstanding Business was made by Vice Mayor Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**RECOGNITION OF MASON DEERFIELD CDC**

Representatives Randy Kuvin, Scott Jones, Sherry Taylor, and John Kramer joined the meeting. Sherry thanked Council for being approached as a partner for small business support in the community and the opportunity to respond to the service agreement through Ordinance 2020-43 implementing a gift card program to provide support to Mason businesses. Council and the Community Development Corporation (CDC) discussed recommendations originally given by the CDC, the CDC's proposal program in response to Ordinance 2020-43 to protect businesses from liabilities, volunteering time to research and provide resources, CDC dollars awarded through grants intended for full distribution to local businesses, a separate administrative cost account for CDC operating purposes, keeping the public informed when appropriately utilizing public dollars for a public purpose and benefit, recouping funds or an economic incentive

approach to businesses, how to ensure gift card use in a timely manner, the City's economic sustainability fund set aside for sustaining critical City services available to all Mason residents, and communication with businesses in regards to federal CARES Act and business resources. Eric Hansen briefly reviewed Mason's total earnings tax collection and large corporation's contribution.

Councilmember Nelson and Mayor discussed a Special Council Meeting prior to Monday's regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Eric Hansen stated to maximize the amount of participation, public input will be limited to two minutes each. He reviewed how to participate including raising the electronic hand to speak, unmuting microphones, and written comments left when registering will be provided to Council.

Glen Garvin of 4974 Lava Court stated concerns of Council coordinating decisions prior to meetings and being unaware of local business happenings.

Bhamini Patel of 6540 Caddies Way said residents also need money immediately, not just small businesses.

Randy Stegbauer of 5358 Hidden Creek Circle provided concerns of the service agreement delay to administer Ordinance 2020-43.

Joy Bennett of 1054 Willow Lane stated concerns of researched details prior to approving amended Ordinance 2020-43. She read comments from public forums in regards to Council discussions.

Mark Haake of 3620 Dunlop Court encouraged Council to make sound leadership decisions for the community and having plans for implementation before adopting legislation. He provided concerns with Council changing viewpoints.

Kerra Spaeth of 754 Reading Road stated concerns with how a gift card program provides aid to organizations not providing goods but providing a service to the community.

Janet Dane Nelson of 7440 Mason Montgomery Road said loans and gift cards are not the right step for providing aid to local businesses.

In response to public input, Council discussed the gift card program not being the perfect solution, but an immediate first step solution, Council continuing to look into ways to assist the community, the Hamilton gift card program guiding the cost, through a per person population cost, for the Mason gift card program, collaborating with colleagues, and concerns about not providing immediate assistance to the local small business community. Jeff Forbes reviewed prearranged meetings of four public bodies must be open to the public.

### **SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC RELIEF**

**DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2020-46**

**OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**

To accommodate availability of live streaming, the last few items on the agenda were not discussed. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 2 NAYS (Nelson, Chance) TIME: 6:27 p.m.