

**CITY OF MASON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 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.

**DISCUSSION OF UNTABLING ORDINANCE 2020-46**

Jeff Forbes stated Ordinance 2020-46 and other discussion was tabled at the last meeting. A motion to remove tabled topics that were tabled in the last meeting including small business recovery discussion and Ordinance 2020-46 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: 3 YEAS, 4 NAYS (Bradburn, Gilb, Honerlaw, Grossmann). Jeff stated Ordinance 2020-46 and any other discussions and matters involving small businesses, the Chamber and CDC as well as any discussions, proposals, or legislation about these matters remain tabled.

Councilmember Nelson stated concerns about Mason City Council approving money for economic development during the current state of the economy and how spending could be detrimental to essential City services. A motion to untable Ordinance 2020-46 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: 3 YEAS, 4 NAYS (Bradburn, Gilb, Honerlaw, Grossmann).

Council discussed misleading communication to the public, Robert's Rules of Order, and the different mechanisms of Ordinance 2020-43 and Ordinance 2020-46.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

A motion to limit public input dialogue to two minutes per guest within a 60-minute time frame and no dialogue between Council members and guests was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. Council discussed allowing additional time for public input since this meeting is not limited by time. A motion to amend the motion to limit public input dialogue to four minutes per guest within a 60-minute time frame, no repetition of guests to speak twice, and no dialogue between Council members and guests was made by Vice Mayor

Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 NAY (Nelson). The motion passed to establish the rules. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 NAY (Nelson).

Eric Hansen reviewed how to participate including raising the electronic hand to speak, unmuting microphones, and written comments left when registering will be provided to Council.

Maggie Lortz of 5145 Minuteman Court stated her family owns a small business in Mason and supports small business assistance in Mason. She thanked some Council members for visiting small business storefronts and being a voice for small businesses.

Joy Bennett of 1054 Willow Lane stated concerns with implementation of Ordinance 2020-43 and Ordinance 2020-46.

Glen Garvin of 4974 Lava Court stated concerns with Councilmember Bradburn's statement in a previous meeting.

Randy Stegbauer of 5358 Hidden Creek Circle provided concerns with Council behavior and delays with Ordinance 2020-43 and Ordinance 2020-46.

Kristin Goecke of 6567 Farmbrook Court stated disappointment with Council behavior and comments.

Courtney Tong of 4721 Country Downs Drive provided feedback on efficiency and professionalism from Council.

Jennifer Jackson of 5754 Richmond Park Drive thanked Council for their commitment to Mason and desire to serve. She provided feedback about Ordinance 2020-46 providing immediate relief to businesses.

Don Williams of 214 West Church Street stated concerns with obstacles to help small businesses in Mason.

Mark Haake of 3620 Dunlop Court is a small business owner in Mason. He provided concerns with Council delays to assist small businesses.

Nicole Haake of 3620 Dunlop Court stated she is dismayed with small business sacrifices and hard work in Mason going seemingly unnoticed during this time of need.

David Meyer of 7821 Clearwater Court provided feedback in regards to disappointment in Council behavior and actions.

Crystal Maag of 4755 White Blossom Boulevard stated concerns with details of Ordinance 2020-46.

Jordan Arnold of 989 Indianwood Drive reviewed the pros and cons of working with Community Development organizations and does not recommend working with Mason's CDC.

Brandi McKinney of 947 Olympia Drive stated recent Council behavior is discouraging. Many people in the community are working together to help small businesses and families.

In response to public input, Council discussed all of Council being concerned with small businesses in need and the best mechanism to implement assistance, state assistance programs and impact on local governments, a Mason Pay It Forward program through the CDC, grants versus loans, City funds for assistance, spending money for a public purpose, financial uncertainty among Mason families, transparency with discussions, Ordinance 2020-43, Ordinance 2020-46 allowing assistance to businesses now and in the future, not voting on Ordinance 2020-46 at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, April 27, and thanked residents for their feedback. Eric and Council discussed Ordinance 2020-43's gift card program and CDC reviewing ways to implement this program.

Mayor Grossmann read a statement from John Looker to display veteran banners throughout Downtown Mason in the month of May and make Mason a Purple Heart City.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 4:34 p.m.