

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition/disposition of property and employment/compensation of public employees was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 5:34 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 6:09 p.m.

A brief recess was had until 6:20 p.m. to reconvene in the Atrium.

A reception for the 13 City of Mason Manta Rays U.S. Olympic Trials qualifiers began at 6:30 p.m. The City of Mason recognized Manta Rays athletes who competed in Wave I and Wave II of the U.S. Olympic Trials in competition for a position on Team USA at the 2020 Olympics.

Pastor Alan Baumlein opened the regular meeting in prayer, all those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to remove the April 26, 2021 Council Meeting minutes from tabled was made by Councilmember Styracula, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Mayor Grossmann provided amendments to the minutes. Councilmember Nelson stated additional time was needed to review the amendments. A motion to table the April 26, 2021 Council Meeting minutes was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to approve the June 14, 2021 Council Meeting minutes was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City hosted a brief reception to honor and thank the Mason Manta Ray swimmers who represented at the Olympic Trials. Thirteen Mason Manta Ray swimmers earned a spot to compete

at the Olympic Trials held in June. The Mason Manta Rays are one of the only municipal owned programs in the country.

The City's Red, Rhythm and Boom event will be hosted along with the City's traditional annual Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 18. The event will begin at 4:00 p.m. with kid zone activities and stage entertainment will begin at 6:00 p.m. A fireworks display presented by Rozzi's Famous Firework will conclude the evening at 10:00 p.m.

The 2021 Music in Mason Series continues with Friday night concerts on July 16, July 23, and July 30 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Plaza.

The Aquatic Center Shop Local event has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 7 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be local merchants and home sale representatives that sell a variety of items. This event is open to the public.

The 2021 Western & Southern Open returns to Mason on Saturday, August 14 at the Lindner Family Tennis Center. The tournament features the world's top ten ranked men and women in this combined week of tennis. The City of Mason will be hosting our economic development partners and international partners at different events during the tournament to strengthen our regional relationships and maximize our opportunity to promote Mason.

The Municipal Aquatic Center Leisure pool is heated and will be open extended hours, pending staffing availability, to test the interest and explore event opportunities in September and October.

SHERRY TAYLOR, MADE CDC

Sherry Taylor presented on the difference between the CDC and MADE Chamber of Commerce, CDC interests aligning with stakeholders for Downtown Mason improvements, and items discussed in a recent Downtown Committee of Council meeting. She reviewed the importance of Downtown Mason being walkable for connectivity, making an informed analysis, and having a consensus-based approach for development.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Minda Bower-Cornett of 5083 Concord Hills Circle stated Mason has enough roundabouts and is unable to sustain the traffic capacity with new development. She said the Mayor should not work on new projects due to her role in project management.

Margie Murray of 5625 Richmond Park Drive presented an ordinance sample to be a sanctuary city for the unborn. Thirty-three cities in the U.S. have outlawed abortion in effort to protect those cities. Councilmember Honerlaw stated he and the Mayor met with Mark Lee Dickson and legislation is anticipated for Mason.

Annie Droege of 4509 Estate Court read ideas provided through social media from the community, for Council to consider before voting on the current Downtown proposed project.

Samantha Davis of Lebanon said after Lebanon passed the sanctuary city legislation, boycotts have occurred, people stopped attending events, and businesses have less profit.

Leslie Nahigyan of Lebanon said passing a sanctuary city ordinance created 40-50% drop in sales for stores, has created less attendance to events, and provides no provisions for rape or incest.

Laura Alessi of Lebanon discouraged passing a sanctuary city ordinance and Lebanon already has legal fees to pay.

Veronica Strevel of Lebanon said a sanctuary city criminalizes anyone who helps a woman in need.

Randy Stegbauer of 5358 Hidden Creek Circle said developing with the current Downtown proposal uses prime real estate and the resolution for disclosing property relationships should be any relationships.

Mark Lortz of 5145 Minuteman Court encouraged discussion of the current Downtown development proposal be discussed in a public forum. Mayor Grossmann said once acquisition/disposition specifics are further discussed, the ordinance will have a first reading and a second reading for residents to provide input.

Lori Viars of Warren County Right to Life said she connects residents who want to pass the ordinance with legal experts for the National Sanctuary City for the Unborn initiative and said legislation protects a city.

Minda Bower-Cornett of 5083 Concord Hills Circle said a bill against abortions is not needed if the city does not have an abortion clinic.

Rick Sykes of 7556 Central Park Boulevard said growth is important and the community needs taxpayers, businesses, and revenue. The success and benefits of the City outweigh a few opinions.

Josh Beckman of Lebanon reviewed the timeline of sanctuary city legislation in Lebanon and encouraged passing legislation.

RESOLUTION 2021-16 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-6 ESTABLISHING A POLICY RELATED TO NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ENGAGED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Eric Hansen said on April 26, Council established a policy related to non-profit corporations that may be engaged in political activity. The intent of the resolution was to create a policy where City funds were not confused with the mission of a local non-profit organization who may be engaged in political activity. The Policy and Legislation Committee met with staff to understand the wide

scope of non-profits and services they provide to the City. The Committee recommends Resolution 2021-16 which provides modifications to better conduct City business.

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

Councilmember Nelson stated this legislation hurts the City's relationships with other non-profits including the MADE Chamber. Council discussed the Policy and Legislation Committee learning of the many partnerships throughout the City and updating the resolution to make it clearer.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2021-16 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 NAY (Styracula).

ORDINANCE 2021-71 FIRST READING AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 13.31 ACRES FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-PUD (RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) WITH APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN LOCATED AT 6369, 6429 AND 6465 MASON ROAD (AINSLEY PUD)

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

A Public Hearing date was set for Monday, August 9, 2021.

ORDINANCE 2021-72 ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR AMBLESIDE MEADOWS PHASES 3B AND 3C AND RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BONDS

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

Kurt Seiler said 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 3B and 3C include Southfork Drive and the southern portion of Crowtrack Drive. 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 the 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 Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-72 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2021-73 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A WATER LINE AND SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CT DEVCO INC. (CROOKED TREE PRESERVE)

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

Kurt Seiler said as part of the Crooked Tree Preserve development, the developer installed a new public road which allowed the City to vacate an existing access easement to the existing water tower. Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) reviewed and agreed to vacate the access when these changes were made. However, GCWW has clarified that an easement should have been included to allow for the future extension of water and sanitary services to the water tower. GCWW worked with the developer and has arranged for the recording of a Water Line and Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement which will satisfy these requirements. Since the benefit of the agreement is for the City of Mason water system, it will need to be signed by the City Manager.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-73 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2021-74 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,000 FOR FUTURE LIFT STATION SEWER FLOW ANALYSIS AND DETAILED DESIGN OF A GRAVITY SEWER LINE SEGMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Kurt Seiler stated the Mason R&D Park is located on the northern edge of the City of Mason. Sewer service to this development is provided by two lift stations; one is located on State Route 741 north of Avalon Drive and the other is the Willow Brooke Lift Station at the end of Rosins Drive. The Willow Brooke lift station currently services the Willow Brooke and Ambleside Meadows subdivisions. A gravity sanitary sewer that flows through Ambleside Meadows at Ambleside Drive is stubbed across US 42 at the SPS Technologies site to provide sewer service to properties in that area. He said the City staff have identified the need for a future sanitary sewer lift station to provide sewer services for a portion of the R&D Park property along US 42 since lower ground elevations prevent gravity sewage flow to current infrastructure. The station would provide service to future developments. The primary objective of this project is to identify the potential wastewater user flows and infrastructure required for a future lift station in the described geographical area and design a receiving gravity sewer segment designed for future flows to be installed during the construction of the US 42 and Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Roundabout Project.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-74 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2021-75 AUTHORIZING THE CITY LAW DIRECTOR TO FILE A PETITION FOR APPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR THE U.S. 42 ROUNDABOUTS PROJECT, DETERMINING PUBLIC EXIGENCY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (STATE ROUTE 42 MASON, LLC & ICP STATE ROUTE 42, LLC)

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

Kurt Seiler discussed Ordinance 2021-75 and Ordinance 2021-76 together. In 2017, Council authorized a grant submittal for the US 42 Roundabouts Project to the Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ grant program, which is a federally funded, OKI administered program through ODOT. The project will include the construction of two roundabouts at the intersection of Bethany Road & US 42 and at the intersection of Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road & US 42. The project will also include street trees, street lighting and a shared use path that spans from State Route 741/Bethany Road to the Mason Sports Park. This project is on schedule and anticipated to begin in early Spring 2022. He said construction of the US 42 Roundabouts Project requires permanent easements and temporary construction easements on six parcels. The costs for purchase of these easements have been determined by an ODOT approved appraiser and verified by an ODOT approved appraisal reviewer. Three of the six properties have signed the easements required for the project. One of the three parcels remaining is owned by Duke Energy, which staff is working with on a storm revision that will allow the project to move forward. Kurt stated to keep the project on schedule it is necessary to appropriate the remaining two parcels: ICP State Route 42 Mason, LLC/State Route 42 Mason, LLC and Sandra Eves. The property owners were served with the City's intent to appropriate in June of this year. The next step is for Council to approve Ordinance 2021-75 and Ordinance 2021-76 permitting the Law Director to file the appropriation action for the remaining parcels. This action allows the road project to continue and remain on schedule even before the appropriation is completed.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-75 was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2021-76 AUTHORIZING THE CITY LAW DIRECTOR TO FILE A PETITION FOR APPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR THE U.S. 42 ROUNDABOUTS PROJECT, DETERMINING PUBLIC EXIGENCY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (SANDRA L. EVES)

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-76 was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2021-77 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT #36152 WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING THE STATE ROUTE 741 - 1.44 WIDENING PROJECT

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

Kurt Seiler said staff was successful in obtaining a federal grant in 2019 for the widening of SR 741 from Cox-Smith Road to Spyglass Hill from its current configuration to five lanes. The project will widen SR 741 between Cox-Smith Road and Spyglass Hill to include two lanes of travel in each direction with left turn lanes at all intersections, minor modifications to two existing signals at Stone Ridge Drive and Cox-Smith Road, street trees, street lighting, medians, a shared use path, and sidewalk. This ordinance authorizes the City Manager to enter an LPA Federal Local Let Project Agreement for this work and is necessary to receive grant funds. The agreement defines the requirements for the federal funding and provides ODOT's approval to allow the City to administer the design, bidding, construction management, and inspection services for the SR 741 Widening Project. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2023.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-77 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2021-78 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARGILL, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 5,500 TONS OF HIGHWAY ROCK SALT AT \$57.22 PER TON

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

Jennifer Heft discussed Ordinance 2021-78 and Ordinance 2021-79 together. The City uses about 5,500 tons of rock salt on an annual basis for an average 12-14 snow events. She stated the City purchases in two different cooperative purchasing programs for the City's rock salt. The low bid through both purchasing programs is Cargill Inc. again this year. An additional legislation authorizes an alternate contract in the amount of \$250,000 for the purchase of rock salt should the need arise. Staff is exploring options for an additional salt barn and likely will recommended it for inclusion in the 2022 Budget. Having an additional salt storage facility will allow the City to leverage the commodity market taking advantage of attractive salt prices, reducing reliance on salt suppliers when most needed during the snow and ice season, and potentially serve as a conduit for local communities in servicing their salt storage demands and needs.

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

Councilmember Honerlaw complimented the clean streets during snow and ice events and utilizing an Incident Command structure, making Mason unique.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-78 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2021-79 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ALTERNATE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY ROCK SALT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-79 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2021-80 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SUPERGAMES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000 FOR KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT ATTRACTIONS FOR THE 2021 RED, RHYTHM & BOOM/HERITAGE FESTIVAL EVENT

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

Eric Hansen said SuperGames Inc. has provided a variety of activities for the City's signature special events such as Red, Rhythm, and Boom, Heritage Festival, and the Christmas in Mason Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Kids Zone has been an extremely popular aspect of this signature event, and the event footprint for Red, Rhythm & Boom has expanded in years past to accommodate additional kids' activities for the growing crowd. The City pre-sells the wristbands

inside Mason Community Center leading up to the event as well as sells wristbands during the event at information tents located throughout the venue. All proceeds from wristband sales benefit the Mason Parks and Recreation Foundation. For the 2021 event, staff is recommending adding additional activities with a focus on providing activities and attractions that circulate patrons quicker allowing for a shorter wait time for the attractions. In addition to the activities and attractions provided, he said SuperGames will continue to coordinate and secure food vendors for the event. They have agreed to work with local food vendors that have participated in Mason events in the past and then fill any additional food vendor needs with unique food trucks. Applications to participate as a food and non-food vendor will be available on the City's website this week.

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

A video was displayed announcing the Headlining entertainment artist, Clint Black.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-80 was made by Vice Mayor Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2021-81 DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, AT THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021, GENERAL ELECTION, A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.07(K) (POWERS OF COUNCIL)

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

Eric Hansen stated the Policy and Legislation Committee recommended this legislation which places a charter amendment on the November 2, 2021 election ballot to include additional language to Section 3.07(K) regarding the Powers of Council related to real estate powers.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 NAY (Nelson).

Council discussed this legislation being an ordinance instead of a Charter amendment and not legislating through the Charter, Chapter 125 and Ohio Ethics Commission already requiring disclosure, amending with additional items not just real estate, creating a public record for real estate acquisition and disposition, and this charter amendment allowing Council to correct any timing concerns with written disclosures. Eric stated an ordinance can be changed or modified with Council vote and any charter amendment changes need to be on a ballot for voters.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-81 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 NAYS (Styracula).

A motion to add Ordinance 2021-82 to the agenda was made by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2021-82 APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MASON AND TRUCK DRIVERS, CHAUFFEURS AND HELPERS LOCAL 100, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Jennifer Heft said the Teamsters contract expired and new contract was negotiated for the next three years.

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 2021-82 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A brief recess was held at 9:10 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A motion to increase the City Manager's base pay by 2.5% with a one-time merit bonus of 9% of his current annual salary was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Councilmember Styrcula said the Downtown Committee met and discussed creating a master plan for a vibrant downtown Mason including alignment within the community, building a strategy and then starting with tactics. The MADE CDC was invited for parallel planning. The Committee also discussed Christmas lights, adding a digital countdown clock for the tree lighting ceremony, and electric charging stations for vehicles.

Mayor Grossmann stated the Policy and Legislation Committee discussed an amendment for Resolution 2021-6, adding a Charter amendment to the November ballot, sanctuary city legislation promoting the choice of life and supporting mothers, and options of addressing leaks of confidential information.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Nelson provided an overview of HB 110, a two-year state operating budget bill. She recommends the Policy and Legislation Committee review a Charter Amendment to continue to allow Council members to hold Council Meetings via electronic technology in the event a Council member is unable to attend in person. She is proposing legislation to continue providing a Zoom format for residents to call in during Council Meetings. Councilmember Nelson provided a recap on the Treasury Offset Program, Local Law Enforcement Funding, Multi-Agency Radio Communication System, and continuation of Local Government Funding.

Councilmember Styrcula thanked the community for the outpouring of support for his family over the past week.

Mayor Grossmann said the Midwest Cricket Academy has outgrown the youth size cricket pitch at Quinn Park and an additional cricket pitch will be installed at Sundin Fields at Heritage Oak Park. Jennifer Heft said the group reached out for partnership several years ago to pilot a cricket program in the community and the program continues to grow. The new adult size field will be located between the baseball fields. She complimented the July 3 Downtown Block Party event and the community coming out to celebrate. Mayor Grossmann had an opportunity to tour the new renovated Sinclair University building which has STEM labs and new classrooms. This addition provides connection between workforce, the education community, and local government. She recently attended the At Work On Purpose conference.

Councilmember Honerlaw provided an update on HB 248, enacting the choice to vaccinate and an Anti-Discrimination Act.

Councilmember Bradburn complimented the Fire Department for their response during the lightning strike in the Preserves of Crooked Tree and the City for crack sealing work on City streets.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Amy Stoltz of 3260 Spalding Drive said she wants to be a part of the development of Downtown Mason and does not support the abortion legislation.

Sherry Taylor of the MADE Chamber and Eric Hansen discussed Resolution 2021-16 suggesting locally based means Mason specific political endorsements. Sherry said if a non-profit is in Deerfield Township, the City can support that organization.

Barbara Hogan of 5572 Crestwood Drive thanked Council for considering legislation to be a sanctuary city.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:47 p.m.