

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Chaplain Marc Champagne opened the meeting in prayer. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the January 25, 2021 Council Meeting minutes was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Chance. A motion to table the January 25, 2021 Council Meeting minutes was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of President's Day. Mason Community Center will be open with normal operating hours.

A motion to not request a public hearing for a transfer D5 liquor permit for Dolsot LLC from 5893 Pfeiffer Road to 7876 Mason Montgomery Road was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

February is National Heart Health Month and Council approved Resolution 2021-3 declaring February as Heart Health Literacy Month in Mason, serving as another opportunity to further the City's mission of building a culture of wellness in the community and acknowledge the innovation of Mason's businesses. Michele Blair said there are many activities planned this month around Heart Health Literacy which provides an opportunity for Mason to be one of the healthiest communities in the United States as well as the one of the most educated cities around heart health. This initiative combines education and exposure of new cutting-edge science advances to the public through collaboration with Mason's innovation partners. She introduced Alyssa Ward, American Heart Association (AHA) Development Director; Sam Privitera, Chief Technical Officer at AtriCure, Inc.; Peeyush Shrivastava, Co-Founder and CEO at Genetesis; Brad Enos, Fitness and Health Coordinator at Mason Community Center; and Nate Wyatt with Mason's Fire Department. She also thanked City staff for assistance in launching the Heart Health Literacy initiative in the City. Alyssa said the AHA mission statement is to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. There are five key health impact priority areas in the Cincinnati region: reducing women's heart disease, COVID-19 research, tobacco and e-cigarette usage, high blood pressure, and physical and mental healthy living. Sam said AtriCure is fortunate to have City of Mason and AHA as partners. Each day AtriCure produces products in Mason that improve lives of patients around the world, affecting over 100,000 lives in 75 countries. AtriCure's partnerships

have added value to overall wellness initiatives and employee engagement. He said AtriCure's growth thrives due to the public/private partnership in Mason and appreciates Council fostering bio-tech growth in Mason. Peeyush discussed the importance of heart health in the community and being recognized by the FDA with a breakthrough device designation for the CardioFlux. Genetesis' new CardioFlux is an evolution to heart health technology and is available in Mason. He invites residents to see their technology live. Brad reviewed cardiovascular training, how heart health applies to fitness, and exercising in healthy heart rate zones. Nate demonstrated how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and utilize an AED. If residents are interested in learning CPR, classes are available through Mason's Fire Department. Imaginemason.org will feature information about innovation companies and learning more about heart health. Mayor Grossmann thanked staff and partners collaborating for heart health.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Councilmember Honerlaw said a three-minute time limit provides a chance for everyone to speak. A motion to limit public input dialogue to three minutes per guest was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Rick Inskeep of Butler Warren Road said adding a roundabout will not address volume or excess speed. He said residents should have a choice about what is included in their neighborhoods.

Sonia Milrod of 4270 Fontenay recapped Councilmember Honerlaw's actions that she does not approve of.

Councilmember Honerlaw described the difference in partisan versus non-partisan. He is transparent about being republican and conservative and is a representative of everyone in Mason.

### **ORDINANCE 2021-5 AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, REGARDING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

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

Public Hearing was opened at 7:53 p.m.

Eric Hansen stated Mason residents approved Issue 2, a Charter Amendment that permits public notifications to be published on the City of Mason's Website as an alternate to newspaper publishing. The website posting offers added benefit of continuously being available versus a single-issue hard copy newspaper. Additionally, the site will have an option to sign-up for newsletters to allow interested residents or others to receive any new notifications via e-mail. The proposed change is keeping with current times and avoids the expense and timing demands for meeting newspaper publishing deadlines.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:54 p.m.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-5 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-24 APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A KENNEL ON A B-3 ZONED PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF 2720 WATER PARK DRIVE (PET SUITES)**

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

A Public Hearing was set for Monday, March 8, 2021.

**ORDINANCE 2021-25 AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 0.4 ACRES FROM B-2 (SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICT) TO B-3 (ROAD SERVICE COMMERCIAL) LOCATED AT 5614 TYLERSVILLE ROAD (TYLERSVILLE ROAD UDF)**

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

A Public Hearing was set for Monday, March 8, 2021.

**ORDINANCE 2021-26 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY FOR AS NEEDED TREE REMOVAL SERVICES**

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

Jennifer Heft discussed Ordinance 2021-26 and Ordinance 2021-27 together. The City's tree removal program consists of the removal of hazardous trees that present safety concerns or are aesthetically unpleasing. Staff is recommending contracting with two commercial tree removal companies to obtain the best price per tree when a removal is needed. Having the option of obtaining competitive quotes from two contractors for this service is the most cost-effective method for this initiative. She said Ordinance 2021-26 and Ordinance 2021-27 will not exceed a total amount of \$125,000 between both contracts.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-26 was made by Councilmember Styrcula, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-27 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPE SERVICES FOR AS NEEDED TREE REMOVAL SERVICES**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-27 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-28 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WARREN COUNTY ENGINEER’S OFFICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT**

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

Jennifer Heft said stated the City began participating in the Warren County Co-operative agreement for rock salt several years ago as an additional option for obtaining rock salt at the lowest price possible. The City typically uses 5-6,000 tons of salt for 15-16 snow events each year. The Warren County Engineer’s Office is requesting a formal commitment from each jurisdiction for their participation in the program.

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

Councilmember Honerlaw commended City staff for effective snow removal and utilizing all departments.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-28 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor requested a motion for reappointment of Dick Staten, Dean McCurley and Don Prince to Planning Commission; Greg Cocca, Adam Ayers, and Mike Mumma to Park Advisory Board; Roger Herron and John Looker to Board of Veteran’s Affairs; and new appointment of Rick Roderer to Park Advisory Board. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Councilmember Honerlaw and Mayor Grossmann discussed the Policy and Legislation Committee reviewing adopting rules for Council and the audience.

Mayor Grossmann stated instead of a Council Work Session on February 16, a Wellness Committee meeting and Policy and Legislation Committee meeting will take place. She said the CenterPoint magazine has an article reviewing the Small Businesses Recovery Program.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mark Burrell of 6370 Caddies Way appreciates Councilmember Honerlaw's service and desire to do a good job in Mason.

Terry Piening of 5056 Village Green Drive said she supports unity and Council needs to work as a team. Councilmember Chance and Terry discussed both political sides being counterproductive and moving on with City business.

Councilmember Honerlaw reiterated he cannot control what is printed about him.

Mayor Grossmann stated she has not received Council feedback to her report about the 2020 recall petitions and Councilmember Chance should denounce his participation in the recall petition.

Councilmember Chance said he was not highly involved in the recall petitions and the community should be about the people, not politics.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:21 p.m.