

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Posting of Colors was provided by American Legion Post 194. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Diana Nelson, Ashley Chance, Tony Bradburn, Mark Haake, Kathy Grossmann, Joshua Styrcula, and Barbara Spaeth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the October 10 Special Council Meeting and October 10 Council Meeting minutes was made by Councilmember Haake, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The American Legion Post 194's Commander Mark Baseman presented a check to the Mason Parks Foundation for \$17,000 from 2022 summer events proceeds. He said the American Legion is appreciative of the partnership with the City.

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The Community Center will be open on Thanksgiving Day from 6:00 a.m. to noon with access to the fitness floor, walking track, and the annual Tough Turkey Workout from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The Community Center will resume normal operating hours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

To kick off the Christmas in Mason season, the City will host the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mason Downtown Plaza. This annual event will feature holiday music, photos by the tree, iceless ice skating, train rides for kids, food, beverages, and craft stations.

Santa will be making a few stops in Mason this holiday season. Breakfast with Santa is on Sunday, December 4 at The Grizzly's Social Lodge. On Saturday, December 10, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on a Mason fire engine making their way through the City stopping at locations to talk to children, take pictures, and pass out a small gift. Santa will make six stops in Mason between 9:00 a.m. and noon including Fire Station 51, Makino Park, Quinn Park, Fire Station 52, Pawmyra Dog Park, and the Mason Community Center. Santa will also be making one last stop at the Mason Community Center on Thursday, December 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for photos.

On Monday, December 5, the City of Mason will be hosting a Cyber Safety Awareness Event featuring Secret Service Agent Brian Phillips. Agent Phillips will be presenting information developed by the National Missing & Exploited Children's Center aimed at educating parents on

cyber safety and appropriate use of the internet by children. This initiative continues Mason's Campus Safety collaboration with the United States Secret Services.

The Community Center's annual Shop Local event will be held on Wednesday, December 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event features Mason area merchants and home sales representatives that sell a variety of items.

MASON MILE UPDATE – MADE CDC

Kacey Richards of 216 Short Street and MADE CDC representative provided an overview of the community led project including the grant funding partnership agreement with the City and the request for proposal process. MADE CDC signed a contract with Randall Gross/Development Economics and two sub-contracted firms, BLDG Brands and Common Ground Urban Design and Planning, to allow work on planning, community engagement, and branding simultaneously. He thanked the residents and actuators for being involved and City Council for partnering for this project.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Perry Denehy of 4184 Fields Edge Drive shared concerns of the street lighting at Mason Montgomery Road and Tylersville Road.

RESOLUTION 2022-27 RECOGNIZING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN MASON

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

Jennifer Heft said Small Business Saturday designates a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. Now more than ever, small businesses need community support as they continue to navigate, retool, and pivot from the effects of the pandemic. The City will be offering several initiatives that involve the small business community and encourage shopping local this holiday season. On Wednesday, December 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 43 vendors will be participating in the Shop Local event. The Shop Small Holiday Passport Program encourages the community to support local business as part of their holiday shopping by visiting five small businesses from each unique sector – food and beverage, retail, service, self-care and hobbies. She said participants in the program can submit their completed electronic passport on the City's website. Participants will be entered into a drawing to receive a Come Together Mason e-gift card. The City continues to use the Come Together Mason e-gift card program as a tool to encourage community support of Mason's small businesses. The program currently has 84 small businesses participating as redemption locations.

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

Mayor Spaeth, Councilmember Chance and Jennifer discussed being unaware of new small businesses if not requiring a building permit, ways new small businesses are promoted and engaged once the City is aware, and potentially gaining information from the MADE Chamber.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2022-27 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-106 APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT FOR LOT 111 IN HERITAGE CLUB SECTION 6

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

Kurt Seiler said the property owner obtained additional acreage from the golf course and this replat will consolidate the property owner's lots. The existing lot is approximately 0.69 acres and will increase in size to approximately 0.91 acres with this replat. This new lot, which meets current development standards, will be relabeled as Lot 111A.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-106 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-107 APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT FOR WRLD SUBDIVISION, SECTION 3

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

Kurt Seiler discussed Ordinance 2022-107 and Ordinance 2022-108 together. The property is currently zoned MXD-PUD, Mixed Use Planned Unit Development. WRLD Subdivision Section 3 is a replat of WRLD Subdivision Section 2. This replat will split existing Lots 3 and 4 into the multiple commercial/retail lots (Lots 7-12) and necessary open space lots (A – E) as outlined in the approved Concept Plan. The plat also provides the sanitary sewer easements and private access easement for further development of the site. Planning Commission recommended approval of the revised plat as submitted with the condition that the applicant work with staff on the required right-of-way for a proposed sidewalk along Western Row Road. He said in 2021, City Council authorized a purchase and sale agreement plus an Economic Participation Agreement for the Western Row Development Project including anchor Dorothy Lane Market. The authorized Economic Participation Agreement includes a partnership with WRLD for the construction of public improvements for the commercial development using TIF. The TIF Service Agreement requires Mason and WRLD to jointly fund a TIF service account to facilitate the site's needed public infrastructure. Kurt stated action by City Council will continue the economic commitments made to further this development. Additional formal actions by City Council will be needed in the coming months to fulfill the TIF and Special Assessment District commitments.

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

Mayor Spaeth and Kurt said the house on Mason Montgomery Road is anticipated to be demolished soon.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-107 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-108 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE WESTERN ROW DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-108 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-109 AUTHORIZING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM MUNICIPAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS

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

Kurt Seiler said in 2014, ODOT announced the launch of a new three-year program to help municipalities with populations less than 50,000 across the state achieve full compliance with the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) bridge metrics, including bridge inspection. The program is funded 100% by ODOT. With the currently available funding, ODOT is in the process of renewing this program for another year through 2023. Following 2023, ODOT is hopeful to return to a three-year program for 2024 – 2026. He stated this eliminates the need for the City to designate staff resources and time to complete these annual requirements and also provides the opportunity for an independent consultant to evaluate the City's bridges on an annual basis.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-109 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-110 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH OVIVO USA LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$185,000 TO PURCHASE SLUDGE HEADERS FOR THREE (3) SECONDARY CLARIFIERS AS PART OF WASTEWATER CLARIFIER AND THICKENER REHABILITATION PROJECT AT THE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Jennifer Heft stated Council approved Ordinance 2022-71 authorizing a contract with Semper Fi Industrial Coatings, Inc. to complete blasting and recoating clarifiers and thickeners. As part of the blasting, small holes were uncovered on the opposite sides of the sludge header suction holes for each clarifier. These holes were plate welded prior to painting. Purchasing stainless steel sludge headers is a proactive approach to ensure headers are available and staff can replace as needed in a controlled method that does not impede process control. Delivery is estimated at six months with quotes valid less than thirty days.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-110 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-111 AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, SECTION 942.08(A)1. AND (B)2. RATES FOR SERVICE

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

Eric Hansen said the City's Water Reclamation Plant is a key component to the economic growth that directly impacts the services and amenities Mason residents enjoy. The City of Mason's Aaa credit rating by Moody's Investors Service provides the City access and flexibility in maximizing savings because of prudent reserves and debt management. Sewer rates were originally established with annual adjustments based upon usage, growth, and the need to pay off the debt used for construction. The Sewer Bonds were paid off in 2021, earlier than scheduled. This earlier payoff created an opportunity for the City to reevaluate sewer rates. He stated the City contracted with the firm Environmental Rate Consultants (ERC) to conduct a Sewer Utility Rate Study. The Finance Committee emphasized the desire for a rate reduction to be applied across all sewer customers. A decrease to the minimum fixed monthly user fee became the focus of the analysis. The Finance Committee is recommending an option to provide relief to all sewer customers in the form of a decrease to the minimum fixed monthly user fee beginning with usage in January 2023, billed in February. Eric said the recommended option will reduce the fixed charge for all residential and commercial customers to approximately \$15. This reduction equates to an annual savings of \$150 for all residents. Additionally, aligning the residential rates with commercial rates will

provide a 7% rate reduction in the usage rates for residents. This is a significant achievement for the City.

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

Council thanked the Finance Committee and City staff for the work put into this opportunity. Council discussed this opportunity speaking volumes to the City's financial responsibility, always seeking to lower costs for residents when possible, and a neighbor community raising rates. Eric noted the sewer bill is a part of the utility bill that includes stormwater, water and Rumpke fees. Those fees will be rising across the region.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-111 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-112 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE H.B. 687 & H.B. 597 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY RECREATION PROJECT FOR THE ADAPTIVE BALLFIELDS AT MAKINO PARK

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

Eric Hansen said the City in collaboration with residents and the Mason Challenger League has been collecting dollars to extend Makino Park. The City recently received a \$400,000 State of Ohio Capital Grant award. This is the second State of Ohio Capital Grant approved for the Phase II Adaptive Ballfields at Makino Park. The City held a bid opening for the project in October. Despite several contractors that expressed initial interest in the project, only one bid was received that was much higher than the engineer's estimate. Staff met with the contractor to get feedback on the bid items and determined some changes and clarifications may result in more favorable pricing. Staff is currently formulating a rebid process that may result in a wider interest from bidders. In the meantime, the Challenger League will continue their fundraising efforts.

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

Councilmember Chance said Chief Ferrell has been instrumental in receiving grants and commended the public/private partnership with Susan Murdock and the Mason Challenger League.

Vice Mayor Nelson said \$1.7M in State grants were awarded to 68 outdoor recreational projects in Ohio. The Arts Committee will look into more information on how to possibly get more funding for local projects.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-112 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-113 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPES LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$991,339 FOR THE 2023 MOWING, LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE CONTRACT A

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

Jennifer Heft discussed Ordinance 2022-113, Ordinance 2022-114, Ordinance 2022-115 and Ordinance 2022-116 together. Twenty years ago, Council began awarding landscaping and mowing contracts to maintain the City's growing landscaping maintenance needs. Prioritizing this work has been the most economical means to accomplish this work. Brightview was awarded the contract for these services for the past five years and the contract will expire December 31, 2022. Since 2017, additional roadway, medians, parks and facilities landscaping have been added with no increase to the 2017 price. In August, staff began creating bid documents. Staff anticipated a significant increase in pricing based upon current economic conditions and the additions to the contract. She said Contract A includes landscape maintenance on City streets and right-of-ways. Tasks include mowing, litter pick-up, installing and maintaining annual planting beds and the Downtown Plaza area, mulching, watering, irrigation maintenance and repair, and applications of chemical herbicide and fertilizer. Two bids were received; however, the low bid was submitted with several discrepancies and unfavorable recommendations. After discussions with legal counsel, it was recommended that the low bid not be accepted. Ordinance 2022-113 authorizes a contract with Brightview as a one-year contract with option to renew annually up to four additional years with annual increases. This is a significant increase over the previous contract. Jennifer stated Contract B includes landscape maintenance at City owned facilities including the Municipal Center, Community Center, Aquatic Center, Service Center, Water Reclamation Plant, Safety Service Annex, and Fire Stations 51 and 52. Ordinance 2022-114 authorizes a contract with Brightview as a one-year contract with option to renew annually up to four additional years with annual increases. Contract C includes landscape maintenance at City parks. Ordinance 2022-115 authorizes a contract with Brightview. She said Contract D includes landscape maintenance at various City owned properties. Ordinance 2022-116 authorizes a contract with Grunder Landscaping Inc.

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

Councilmember Bradburn and Jennifer Heft discussed the increase amount being two to three times the previous rate. Kurt noted the contracts include the additional intersections and roundabouts constructed since 2017.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-113 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Haake. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-114 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPES LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$199,641 FOR THE 2023 MOWING, LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE CONTRACT B

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-114 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-115 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPES LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,784 FOR THE 2023 MOWING, LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE CONTRACT C

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-115 was made by Councilmember Haake, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-116 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GRUNDER LANDSCAPING CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,096 FOR THE 2023 MOWING, LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE CONTRACT D

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-116 was made by Councilmember Styrcula, seconded by Councilmember Haake. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-117 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH A MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT AGENCY OR AGENCIES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FOR ENTERTAINMENT ARTISTS FOR THE 2023 RED, RHYTHM & BOOM CONCERT

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

Eric Hansen discussed Ordinance 2022-117 and Ordinance 2022-118 together. Ordinance 2022-117 authorizes \$150,000 for the cost of a headline artist and possible opening act. The ordinance does not specify the vendor in order to maximize flexibility since artists belong to various different management groups/vendors. Stage, sound, video, and lighting are among a variety of needs that are required to host the caliber of music entertainment that the City secures for Red, Rhythm and Boom. Frequency City Sound has provided stage production for Red Rhythm and Boom since 2016 as well as the smaller scale Music in Mason concerts on. Staff is confident in their ability to continue to deliver a high quality and successful show for the City's signature event. With adoption, budgeted funds will be encumbered in 2022 for acts anticipated to be announced in spring of 2023 as well as production needs related to the event.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-117 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-118 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FREQUENCY CITY SOUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 TO PROVIDE THE STAGE, SOUND, LIGHTS AND VIDEO SCREENS FOR THE 2023 RED, RHYTHM & BOOM CONCERT

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-118 was made by Councilmember Styracula, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-119 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MASON VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

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

Jennifer Heft stated throughout 2021 the Veterans Board of Affairs had continuously discussed and planned improvements to the Mason Veterans' Memorial. Much of the discussion was related to design and addition of a Gold Star Families Memorial, adding monument stone for the new Space Force military branch as well as upgraded lighting, landscaping and concrete work. The Mason Veterans' Memorial was dedicated in 2003 and will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2023. As plans and preparations for the 20th anniversary in 2023 were discussed, it had been the intention of the Veterans Board to have the Gold Star Families Memorial installed and repairs and improvements completed in 2022, specifically by Memorial Day 2022. However, supply chain disruptions made that plan unachievable. Jennifer said items including monuments stones being delayed provided time to develop a more well-defined layout and design for the Veterans' Memorial that would appropriately reflect the City's commitment to veterans. Kleingers Group have surveyed the memorial area and worked with Laser Imaging to understand the needs involved in adding the Space Force monument, Gold Star Families Memorial and Purple Heart monument stones. As part of their work, they have noted that the memorial bricks at the Memorial were laid on a bed of sand, which has resulted in bricks settling causing a potential trip hazard. The bricks have also become faded and there is a need for additional space allocated specifically for Veterans directly in front of the military branch monument stones. She said the recommendation is that the pavers be removed, and a new concrete base and new pavers be installed to prevent future settling or lifting and provide additional areas for veterans' memorial bricks. Concrete will be needed for the base of the Gold Star Families and Purple Heart memorials as well as a larger monument stone for the Never Forget Garden. Additional lighting and landscaping for the new monument stones was also included as part of the plan. The updates are anticipated to be completed in November 2023.

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

Councilmember Chance thanked the Veterans Board and encouraged residents to attend the Veteran's Day Ceremony next year. He thanked Councilmember Styracula and Councilmember Haake for their service to our country.

Councilmember Grossmann and Jennifer discussed reviewing the plans from Kleingers Group.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-119 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Chance invited residents to attend the next Downtown Committee meeting. He said fifty actuators are engaging in the community, business and property owners, for the Mason Mile project. Eric Hansen said the next Downtown Committee meeting is Thursday, December 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Councilmember Styracula said the Finance Committee discussed the budget process, the City's conservative approach, and sewer reduction rates. He said Council can anticipate a draft budget for approval soon.

Vice Mayor Nelson said the Arts Committee is discussing a Southwest Ohio Philharmonic concert in conjunction with the Memorial Day event.

Mayor Spaeth stated the Ad Hoc Rules Committee has not met yet due to the priority of the budget process.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Bradburn and Kurt Seiler discussed the progress of the Dorothy Lane site and design and estimated cost of street lighting on Hamilton Mason Road and Bethany Road.

Councilmember Grossmann thanked Mr. Denehy for bringing concerns of overhead lighting to Council. Kurt stated LED lights are replacing current overhead lights. If the current replacements do not improve lighting, future improvement options may be looked at. Councilmember Grossmann, Jennifer and Eric discussed the Come Together Mason e-gift card program success, growth, and promotion through social media, e-newsletters, CenterPoint, prizes, new business gift baskets, donation baskets, and more. She encouraged residents to attend the Cyber Safety event on Monday, December 5. Councilmember Grossmann and Eric discussed a potential work session in January, after the holidays.

Councilmember Chance thanked Mason's Green Team for taking a cause and cost approach to sustainability.

Vice Mayor Nelson said a resident contacted her about a tree down in front of a house. Eric stated more details are needed to be able to enforce steps for resolution. Vice Mayor Nelson said the Royal Theatre is currently performing Oliver and the next performance will be Beauty and the Beast.

Mayor Spaeth discussed the positive impact of the Veteran's street banners honoring veterans and active military throughout the City. She encouraged residents to visit the Angel Alley tribute and attend the Cyber Safety event on Monday, December 5.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – None.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:38 p.m.