

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. 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.

Mayor Spaeth said in success of the Cincinnati Bengals, the City of Mason will be encouraging community support for the team with “Who-Dey in Mason”. Residents are encouraged to wear black and orange spirit wear and have the opportunity to participate in raffles and giveaways. The City also encourages residents to visit their favorite Mason business to watch Sunday’s playoff game as the Cincinnati Bengals play in the AFC Championship Games on Sunday, January 30 with a chance to play in the Super Bowl.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the January 10 Council Meeting minutes was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

A motion to appoint Dan Chambers acting as Clerk of Council as the elected official designee for all Councilmembers for public records law training was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

The Community Wellness Expo scheduled for Saturday, January 29 was cancelled due to vendor cancellations.

Mobility Health is partnering with the City to host a pop up COVID-19 testing location at the Mason Municipal Aquatic Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Mobility Health is located within the Mason Tech Elevator and can provide test results within 24 hours of the test.

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 21 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 D5 liquor permit for Shooters Winton LLC was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

AMERICAN LEGION PRESENTATION

Mayor Spaeth introduced American Legion Post 194 Commander Mark Baseman.

Commander Mark Baseman and Mark Charpentier presented a check to the Mason Parks and Recreation Foundation in the amount of \$10,400 for alcohol sales during City of Mason events in 2021.

Mayor Spaeth and Vice Mayor Nelson thanked the American Legion Post 194 for choosing to partner with the Mason Parks and Recreation Foundation.

ORDINANCE 2022-19 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PLATTENBURG & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ACCRUAL CONVERSION AND ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT PREPARATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Eric Hansen said the City's Finance Department, with assistance from an accounting firm has prepared an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report since 1997. The City's growth and complexities has required the assistance of a firm with a high level of knowledge and experience, and the City has selected a firm who is qualified to perform Tier I audits for the Auditor of State.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-19 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-20 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CENTURY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE TORO 3150-Q MOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,555 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Kurt Seiler said Ordinance 2022-20 authorizes the purchase of one Toro Greensmaster 3150-Q mower to be used at the Golf Center from Century Equipment. The Toro Greensmaster 3150-Q mower will replace an existing 1989 model mower that is in failing condition. Ordinance 2022-21 authorizes the purchase of one Toro Multi Pro 5800-G Sprayer for use at the Golf Center, this sprayer will replace a 1996 model sprayer that is in poor condition with limited replacement part availability.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-20 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-21 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CENTURY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE TORO 5800-G SPRAYER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,371 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-21 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-22 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY FOR AS NEEDED TREE REMOVAL SERVICES

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

Jennifer Heft said the City's tree removal and maintenance program consists of the removal and replacement, if necessary, of hazardous trees and dead trees that present safety concerns or are aesthetically unpleasing. The price for removal of a tree varies depending on size, number of cuts, equipment needed and location for the removal. When a tree or a series of trees are slated for removal staff evaluates both doing the work in house as well as obtaining a quote from both the Davey Tree Company and Brightview Landscape Services. Ordinance 2022-22 and Ordinance 2022-23 authorize contracts for both Davey Tree Company and Brightview Landscape Services for as needed tree removal services.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-22 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-23 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT 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 Haake. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-23 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS

ORDINANCE 2022-24 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH POOL SUPPLY SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,000 TO REFURBISH THE COMMUNITY CENTER INDOOR LEISURE POOL SLIDE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Jennifer Heft said the Community Center indoor leisure pool opened to the public in 2003, and the indoor leisure pool slide is due for refurbishment. The slide has received general maintenance since opening and now requires restoration of the slide surface and replacement of the slide connecting hardware. Refurbishing the slide will help preserve the slide for future use and improve the performance of the slide for riders.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-24 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula.

ORDINANCE 2022-25 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RECREONICS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF INFLATABLE WATER SPORTS PRODUCTS FOR THE MASON AQUATIC CENTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Jennifer Heft said the Mason Municipal Aquatic Center enclosed 50-meter poolmeter pool is anticipated to open in Spring 2022. Staff have been working on programming for the new pool that includes recreational swimming, competitive swimming, aquatic events, swim meets and rentals supporting the financial performance of the Center. The Wibit Aquatrack Combo and the Wibit Rodeo Splash are two, new and unique amenities to the 50-meter pool offering flexibility for programming. The two new amenities would provide an additional attraction and interest in the 50-meter pool, and these amenities can also be used year-round to generate additional revenue through group event rentals.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-25 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Haake. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-26 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PCI SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$117,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AIR CONDITIONING UNITS AT THE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

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

Jennifer Heft said the current air conditioning units at the water reclamation plant are 16 years old and reaching the end of their serviceable life, and parts are difficult to locate and costly. The current system was not able to maintain temperatures in the facility throughout much of last year and leaks were found in the coils of these units. Maintaining a temperature of close to 68 degrees is critical for laboratory operations and EPA testing requirements.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-26 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

ORDINANCE 2022-27 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SAFETY/SERVICE CENTER ANNEX BUILDING 4 PHASE 4 PROJECT FROM GERALD NOE ARCHITECTS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,900 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

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

Kurt Seiler said in 2006, the City relocated wastewater treatment operations from the former plant located on U.S. Route 42 to the new Water Reclamation Plant located on Mason-Morrow-Millgrove Road. At that time, the former plant located on U.S. 42 was used as a storage site for overflow service materials and equipment as well as office space for the City's Parks Maintenance Department. Building #4 at the site was identified as a suitable location for a training facility as a three-story training facility that provides opportunities to practice proper fire hose deployment, search and rescue drills, rescue team maneuvers, and confined space training. Kurt said completion of Phase 4 will complete the building providing a fully functioning space that will have multiple training props, restrooms, and classroom that will provide ADA meeting space.

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

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

ORDINANCE 2022-28 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 Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Eric Hansen said the City has participated in the Southwest Ohio Purchasers for Government (SWOP4G) purchasing program to buy rock salt for snow and ice removal operations. Through SWOP4G, the City has successfully purchased bulk rock salt cheaper than through the State Procurement Program. The City also 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.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-28 was made by Councilmember Styrcula, seconded by Vice Mayor Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Mayor Nelson said the Arts and Culture Committee will meet monthly on the third Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at the Mason Municipal Center. The Committee discussed the future for the arts in Mason. Vice Mayor Nelson said the Mason Symphony Orchestra is performing February 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Mason Methodist Church.

Vice Mayor Nelson said the Warren County Municipal League met to discuss the schedule for the remainder of the year and events throughout the summer.

Councilmember Chance said the Downtown Committee met and discussed a successful strategy to revitalize Downtown. Future Downtown Committee meetings will take place monthly on the fourth Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at the Mason Municipal Center.

Councilmember Chance said the Golf Course Committee discussed RMS meeting revenue benchmarks and updates on the The Golf Center's 50th anniversary.

Councilmember Grossmann said Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Transportation Board met to discuss a new board of directors and budget committee appointments for 2022, and amendments adopted to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Councilmember Grossmann said the Park Advisory Board met and discussed updates to the Mason Municipal Aquatic Center, use of fields at Heritage Oak Park, the Mason Youth Basketball program, and Mason Community Center visit counts.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A motion to appoint John Looker to the Board of Veterans' Affairs was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to appoint Rachel Kopfler and Charlene Burrell to the Local Board of Tax Review was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to appoint Chad Vordemesche to the Park Advisory Board was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Vice Mayor Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to appoint Lloyd Kinkaid and Vito Peraino to Planning Commission was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to appoint Deb Franke, Bernard Kiessling, James Woolfork, Chris Calpin, and Chris Kim Kahn to the Zoning Board of Appeals was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to appoint Betty Davis and David O. Smith to Mason Port Authority was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to appoint David Smith, Dick Staten, Tom McCormick, Councilmember Styracula, and Councilmember Haake to the Mason Community Investment Corporation (CIC) was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to appoint David Smith, Tom McCormick, Councilmember Styracula, and Councilmember Haake to the City of Mason Housing Council was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Susan Lirtzman of 7343 Red Oak Court discussed schedules of City of Mason public meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing details of security arrangements and emergency response protocols and acquisition/disposition of property was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 7:59 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Haake. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:53 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Haake.
VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:53 p.m.