

**CITY OF MASON  
EXECUTIVE SESSION COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition/disposition of property was made by Councilmember Haake, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 6:04 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Vice Mayor Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 7:01 p.m.

**CITY OF MASON  
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The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Posting of Colors was provided by the Mason Police Department. 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 January 9 Council Meeting and January 23 Special Council Meeting minutes was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Haake. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Eric Hansen introduced Police Chief Levi Wells to celebrate recent promotions within the City of Mason Police Department. This year's priorities focus on staff growing into their new responsibilities, moving to 12-hour shifts, and evaluating civilian positions. The new leadership and changes will prepare the department well into the future. Promotions include Sergeant Ketterer, Sergeant Van Wagner, Sergeant Wallace, Sergeant Yeary, Sergeant Lyons, Lieutenant Walker, Lieutenant Wyss, Captain Dyer, and Captain Saylor. Council expressed appreciate of their service to the community and congratulated the new promotions.

Moneygeek.com ranked the City of Mason as the 2<sup>nd</sup> safest small city in the United States and the safest small city in Ohio. City leadership for years has been very intentional to promote

neighborhoods, civic awareness, and safety resources to merit this and other rankings that further Mason's reputation as a safe, high-quality community.

In honor of the City's recent ranking as 4<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live for Families, the City will be celebrating throughout 2023 with monthly activities aimed at building a healthier and stronger community in partnership with TriHealth. In February, the City of Mason, TriHealth and Mason corporate partners are coming together to recognize Heart Health Month and educate the community on the importance of heart health.

The National League of Cities (NLC) helps represent interests specific to in municipalities. Eighty percent of NLC memberships are cities with a population at 50,000 or under. The Small Cities Council is the NLC arm to give voice and advocacy to communities such as Mason on a national level. Last week, the City was notified that Vice Mayor Diana Nelson has been selected to serve as one of the Vice Chairs of the NLC's Small Cities Council. In this leadership role, she will be uniquely positioned to advocate for communities such as Mason and work on topics including infrastructure investment, job creation, and other national issues that have direct impacts on local communities.

Recreation Management Services manages the City golf course under a management contract with incentives to maximize revenue. Last year, with aggressive management attention, the golf course set a record by meeting not only the first incentive tier for the second time, but also achieving the second tier revenue target. Additional incentive payments were made in recognition of this achievement. In 2022, expectations were on track to repeat that achievement. Once final calculations were made, revenues were .51% or \$2,214 short. If considering a late payment of \$5,458 and the emergency repairs of the bar area meant an approximately \$6,000 impact to revenues, the golf course would have again exceeded the second tier and received the incentive payment. A motion to allow for the second tier incentive to be made was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS. Councilmember Haake and Eric discussed end of year revenue and the \$5,458 not to be considered in the 2023 revenue target.

Renovations have begun on the Mason Veterans Memorial and contractors are preparing the space for the enhancements. Thank you to the many veterans and supporters that retrieved original bricks for themselves or friends and family. All original bricks will be replaced with the same information as the original – there is no fee or registration necessary. Remaining original bricks have been relocated and sorted alphabetically at the Safety Service Center annex on SR 741 for final retrieval.

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of President's Day. Mason Community Center will be open with normal operating hours.

### **MASON MILE UPDATE – MADE CDC**

Sidney Hayes of 6314 Lucina Way and MADE CDC representative said the Mason Mile Project is community led. The Mason Mile Update consulting team has completed field renaissance, a review of past documentation, initial base line analysis, and stakeholder input. Community involvement has included focus groups meetings, in-person meetings with MADE CDC board and

project advisory council, interviews with residents and business owners, and community meetings. The team finalized branding themes for the activation campaign to be implemented this month.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Jurian Yee of 4842 Tillinghast Court would like the muddy creek corridor developed into a bike path to connect directly to Downtown Mason.

Sonia Milrod of 4270 Fontenay thanked Council for the Mason Symphony Orchestra performance.

### **RESOLUTION 2023-5 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY AS HEART HEALTH LITERACY MONTH IN MASON**

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

Jennifer Heft said heart disease has long been the leading cause of death in the United States, claiming nearly 700,000 lives a year. Nearly half of all American adults have at least one major risk factor for cardiovascular disease and the threat of cardiovascular disease touches almost every family in Mason. Throughout February, the City of Mason is celebrating Heart Health Literacy along with the 60<sup>th</sup> annual National Heart Month in partnership with the American Heart Association (AHA), TriHealth and Mason's Corporate business community. Some initiatives happening in Mason that bring national attention include: Mason headquartered Atricure, a leading innovator in surgical treatments and therapies for atrial fibrillation (Afib) and left atrial appendage (LAA) management, announced the first patient was treated with their new device for Left Atrial Appendage Exclusion for Stroke Prevention (LeAAPS™) clinical trial; Mason start-up, Genetesis, will launch a new micro trial in collaboration with Christ Hospital utilizing the Cardio-flux Imaging Institute on the Mason Municipal campus as the location for heart imaging, and cardiologist reviews. Genetesis will also offer the Mason community the opportunity to participate in a Cardiac Imaging Registry later this month; and the City's partner in Wellness, Trihealth, recently announced a partnership with the Cleveland Clinic Heart, Vascular, & Thoracic Institute that will further elevate cardiovascular care in Mason. She said Resolution 2023-5 recognizes February as Heart Health Literacy Month in Mason and acknowledges the significance of education, advocacy and research that is taking place to continue Mason's culture of wellness.

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

Mayor Spaeth shared personal experiences and said heart issues need to be taken seriously.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2023-5 was made by Councilmember Styrcula, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**RESOLUTION 2023-6 ENDORSING WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. TO RECEIVE FEDERAL DESIGNATION AS WARREN COUNTY'S COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**

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

Eric Hansen said the Warren County Community Services (WCCS) is seeking endorsement to become a federal designated Community Action Agency (CAA). A CAA is recognized at the federal level as an organization that carries out Community Action Programs. This federal designation will provide WCCS the ability to receive funding directly from federal Community Services Block Grant dollars which will expand their financial resources and increase their ability to address community members in need. He introduced Dawna Fogarty, WCCS's CEO. Dawna provided a history of WCCS since 1966 and reviewed resources and services provided to the community including services to individuals of all ages in the areas of early childhood education, affordable quality childcare, aging and elderly housing, nutrition, care coordinating, workforce development, transportation, adult literacy, and energy, rental and emergency assistance. WCCS recently received funding for the mobile outreach unit implemented this year.

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.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2023-6 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**RESOLUTION 2023-7 DECLARING HIGH SPEED WI-FI IN DOWNTOWN MASON TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURSUE CITY INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH A PROJECT**

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

Eric Hansen said the Downtown Committee of Council has met with members of MADE CDC and Altafiber on several occasions to evaluate the benefits of offering a Wi-Fi solution in Downtown Mason. The technology provides an amenity to visitors to access free Wi-Fi. The system also has the capability to be used as a marketing tool to inform visitors of relevant information related to Downtown events, activities as well as promote the small business community. The access area includes access points on the Downtown Plaza which will provide for Wi-Fi access and bandwidth during City events such as Music in Mason, Heritage Festival, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony. He said the ambition is for MADE CDC to authorize an initial 36-month agreement with Altafiber to implement and provide public Wi-Fi access in Downtown Mason. The City would partner with the MADE CDC to contribute financially to the initial implementation and three-year agreement. In exchange, the City would have the opportunity to take advantage of marketing opportunities to promote City amenities, events and other initiatives throughout the initial 36-month agreement and indefinitely thereafter. This legislation declares public purpose for access to free public Wi-Fi in Downtown Mason and allows the City Manager to pursue agreements with MADE CDC to provide free Wi-Fi in downtown Mason.

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.

Council and Eric discussed negotiating a contract, data collection access, promotion of events at no further charge, ensuring equal opportunity for advertisements, other communities currently providing public Wi-Fi access through partnerships, setting Mason up for the future, and this being a unique opportunity for businesses to get data and to provide push notification coupons.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2023-7 was made by Councilmember Styrcula, seconded by Vice Mayor Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**RESOLUTION 2023-8 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETITION FOR THE ADDITION OF PROPERTY TO THE I-75 ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEES TO THE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Michele Blair said this Resolution finalizes the incentive with CM Paula/Remtex authorized in September 2022. This is also an opportunity to facilitate a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) within the City of Mason to assist with the attraction of new investment projects as well as reinvestment and expansion. PACE program was developed by the U.S. Department of Energy to incentivize energy efficient improvements to existing buildings and new construction. Utilizing the CRA tax abatement program as well as an inducement statement of a future PACE incentive advances the CM Paula/Remtec expansion by increasing its footprint by 60% and securing capital investment. CM Paula will make an estimated \$1 million energy investment including solar and lighting and is excited to be among early energy investors at this level within the corporate community. She stated the most efficient way to run the PACE program would be to partner with an established Energy Special Improvement District (ESID). The process includes adding the CM Paula parcel to the I-75 ESID, adding the City of Mason to the ESID, establishing board representation and position the project to levy an assessment for the approved project estimated to be authorized in a future Resolution.

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 Resolution 2023-8 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-3 AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO TO PROVIDE THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 10.58 ACRES FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO RES-PUD (RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) WITH APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN LOCATED ON WESTERN ROW ROAD IMMEDIATELY**

**EAST OF THE EXISTING MASON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE PROPERTY (MASON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE PUD)**

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

Kurt Seiler introduced City Planner, Jordie Bacon. Jordie said the subject property is located on Western Row Road immediately east of the existing Christian Village at Mason property. The property is currently zoned R-1, Single Family Residential. The proposal is to rezone the property to a Residential Planned Unit Development and construct 25 residential units as an expansion to Christian Village at Mason. The units will be a combination of single-family buildings and duplex buildings. Access to the development is proposed to be off the extension of Central Parke Boulevard as well as a connection into the existing Christian Village at Mason site.

The Public Hearing opened at 8:15 p.m.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:15 p.m.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-3 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Haake. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-12 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR AINSLEY SUBDIVISION**

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

Kurt Seiler said this legislation is the approval of a final plat for the Ainsley Subdivision, a single-family residential subdivision located off Mason Road, west of Sunset Ridge and east of Whispering Springs. The property is zoned R-3, Single Family Residential. This subdivision consists of 19 single-family lots ranging from 15,000 square feet to over 35,000 square feet and one open space lot. The stormwater detention basin will be in the open space lot. This plat will dedicate the necessary right of way, utilities, storm, and sewer easements necessary for this development.

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.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-12 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-13 FIRST READING: AMENDING THE ZONING CODE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO TO PROVIDE THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 137.419 ACRES FROM WARREN COUNTY R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND WARREN COUNTY I-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING) TO CITY OF MASON R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)**

**AND I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) LOCATED AT BUNNELL ROAD AND US 42 (FORMER CASTLE FARM PROPERTY)**

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

A Public Hearing date was set for Monday, March 13.

**ORDINANCE 2023-14 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MILCON CONCRETE, INC., FOR THE SR 741 WIDENING PROJECT (COX-SMITH ROAD TO SPYGLASS HILL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,904,476**

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

Kurt Seiler stated this is the final phase of the State Route 741 Widening Project from Cox-Smith Road to Spyglass Hill, the “gap” project. This project will widen State Route 741 from Cox-Smith Road to Spyglass Hill to include two lanes in each direction with left turn lanes at all intersections, modifications to two existing signals at Stone Ridge Drive and Cox-Smith Road, street trees, street lighting, a shared use path, sidewalk and landscaped medians. Milcon Concrete, Inc. is an ODOT Pre-Qualified Contractor. They are currently finalizing the construction of a similar size project for the City of Middletown with a favorable recommendation. Completion of this final phase of State Route 741 widening will bring the total investment into the corridor from the Kroger signal to the north corporation limit to over \$28 million.

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.

Council and Kurt discussed an estimated 50% of funding will be covered by grants and federal funding, the engineers estimate, and improvements completed being well organized and a strong investment in connecting the northern corridor.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-14 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-15 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRAND ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$126,400 FOR SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM INFILTRATION/INFLOW FLOW MONITORING**

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

Jennifer Heft said sewer systems in every community have inflow and infiltration (I&I) sources regardless of the age. Infiltration is water that seeps into sewer pipes from ground water and stormwater. Inflow is water that flows rapidly into sanitary sewers via prohibited roof drain downspouts, foundation drains, storm drain cross connections, or surface water that flows into

manholes. The Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) averages 6.5 million gallons of flow per day. A significant rainfall event can cause the Water Reclamation Plant flow to quickly peak at 28-30 million gallons per day for a few hours. Segmenting and identifying areas within the City's sewer system where significant "inflow" is occurring can be critical to managing peak flows to the WRP during these types of events. She said five flow meters were installed in the sanitary sewer system in the fall of 2022 as a preliminary assessment to determine start points for the more comprehensive flow monitoring evaluation. The data from these meters provided insight on where to locate meters as part of this proposed agreement for a more in-depth analysis. The data also indicated the probability of approximately one half-million gallons per day of infiltration (ground water flowing into) at the U.S 42 siphon sanitary sewer pipe which is adjacent to Axis Church on the downstream side of the creek. The siphon goes under Muddy Creek and data shows a significant spike in I&I detected at the manhole near this location. The proposed inflow/infiltration flow metering represents an organized systematic way to work from the WRP back through the sewers to isolate areas of excessive I&I and thereby identify sewers for detailed inspection, repair, modification, and possible reconstruction. Jennifer stated companies were evaluated on technical experience, similar projects, ability to meet project timelines and overall cost. Meters will be placed at strategic locations throughout the City. Meters may be moved during the three-month assessment to continue narrowing in on an inflow point source. The flow monitoring data will provide for an organized approach to search and improve inflow in the City's sanitary sewer system.

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.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-15 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-16 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HORTON EMERGENCY VEHICLES FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE HORTON AMBULANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Jennifer Heft discussed Ordinance 2023-16 through Ordinance 2023-23 together. Historically, within the first two months of a new year, staff prepares legislation for Council's consideration for the purchase of vehicles and equipment. This is to ensure that the vehicles and equipment slated for purchase that year would be delivered prior to end of the year. The inflationary environment as well as supply chain issues have required the City to divert from the typical timeline of purchasing vehicle. She said the City of Mason Fire Department's apparatus replacement schedule includes replacing ambulances after 10-12 years of service. When a new vehicle is placed into service, the current front-line vehicle is transitioned into a reserve status. The proposed ambulance in Ordinance 2023-16 is slated to replace a 2012 Braun Ford F-450 that has been in reserve status since 2018. Maintaining a fleet of five ambulances provides the ability to operate three front-line response units with two units in reserve. Lead times for ambulances have increased from nine months to two years. To anticipate delivery and use by 2025, the ambulance replacement was placed in the 2023 budget. The proposed ambulance model will feature better patient privacy and



comfort, improved storage that allows for separation of firefighting equipment from medical equipment, and additional space for medical equipment that the City's ambulances have began to carry in the past few years to assist in better patient outcomes. An emergency clause was added to the legislation to allow for the City to secure a place in line to order the ambulance at the earliest possible date and avoid the risk of not being able to secure the 2024 model. Ordinance 2023- 17 authorizes the purchase of one Ravo 5-I Series Street Sweeper. This sweeper will replace an existing 2003 model street sweeper that is in failing condition. The City currently has two street sweepers, a large one and a smaller unit. This new sweeper will replace the smaller of the two street sweepers. Ordinance 2023-18 authorizes the purchase of one 2023 ADA Lift Room Plus Restroom Trailer. The trailer will be used to eliminate some of the need for port-o-lets for city events, additional restroom facilities for significant meets and programming at the Aquatic Center and for other City initiatives and programming. It is anticipated that the unit will be available to groups and organizations as a rental to help offset the purchase cost. Ordinance 2023-19 authorizes the purchase of one Intimidator 19XPC Brush Bandit Chipper. This new brush chipper will replace a 1999 model chipper that is in poor condition with limited replacement parts available. The City currently has four brush chippers. The City's brush chipping service is a very popular program with residents and in 2022, over 2,800 cubic yards of brush was chipped. Ordinance 2023-20 authorizes the purchase of one MSM3200 Showmaster Portable Stage. This stage replaces the existing 2001 model portable stage. The current stage has had numerous repair issues, has become challenging to transport and is difficult to setup as a result of its age. Ordinance 2023-21 authorizes the purchase of one Toro Greensmaster 3150Q mower. This mower will be used at The Grizzly golf course and replaces a 1998 mower. Ordinance 2023-22 authorizes the purchase of one Ventrac 4520Z Tractor with attachments for use at The Grizzly. Ordinance 2023-23 authorizing the City Manager to enter a contract with Mobilcomm, Inc. for the removal, transfer, purchase, and installation of emergency equipment into four new police vehicles. Authorizing the purchase of equipment for the next four police cruisers at once will allow for the equipment to be ordered now and ready for installation when the next four cruisers are placed in service.

All proposed replacement vehicles and equipment above are available through either the State of Ohio Purchasing program or the Sourcewell (NJPA) Purchasing Program.

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 2023-16 was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-17 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST SWEEPERS & RENTALS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE RAVO 5 – I SERIES STREET SWEEPER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$287,903**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-17 was made by Councilmember Styracula, seconded by Councilmember Haake. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-18 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AMERI-CAN ENGINEERING FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2023 ADA LIFTRoom PLUS RESTROOM TRAILER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,390**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Haake, seconded by Councilmember Styracula. 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 2023-18 was made by Councilmember Styracula, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-19 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BOBCAT ENTERPRISES FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE INTIMIDATOR 19XPC BRUSH BANDIT CHIPPER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,773**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-19 was made by Councilmember Styracula, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-20 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CENTURY INDUSTRIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE MSM3200 SHOWMASTER PORTABLE STAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197,038**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-20 was made by Councilmember Styracula, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-21 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JERRY PATE TURF & IRRIGATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE TORO GREENSMaster 3150-Q MOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,064**

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 Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Haake. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-21 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-22 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JERRY PATE TURF & IRRIGATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE VENTRAC 4520-Z TRACTOR WITH ATTACHMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,333**

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 Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-22 was made by Councilmember Styrcula, seconded by Councilmember Haake. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-23 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MOBILCOMM INC. FOR THE REMOVAL, TRANSFER, PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT INTO FOUR (4) POLICE VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,800**

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 Haake, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-23 was made by Councilmember Styrcula, seconded by Councilmember Grossmann. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-24 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEDICOUNT MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMS BILLING SERVICES**

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

Eric Hansen stated the City has continued to use Medicount Management to provide billing services related to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) patient transportation to local hospitals and the contract has been renewed and updated several times over the last 25 years. On behalf of the City, Medicount Management invoices insurance companies to receive reimbursement in order to recoup some of the cost of providing EMS. The Safety Committee reviewed and recommends the five-year contract along with some additional language needed to meet insurance requirements and changes to State law as well and language to comply with Medicare requirements establishing the City as the provider and Medicount Management Inc. as the billing agent.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-24 was made by Councilmember Grossmann, seconded by Councilmember Haake. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-25 AUTHORIZING A 10-YEAR COMMITMENT FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF \$100,000 ANNUALLY TO THE WARREN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE**

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

Eric Hansen said the City of Mason has participated in the Warren County Drug Task Force since it began. The Drug Task Force has asked the City to once again consider a \$100,000 contribution in 2023 to continue funding the Drug Diversion Program. The Safety Committee recommends continued support. This action will provide consistency in budgetary planning, assurance in the long-term viability of the Drug Diversion Program and reaffirms the City's commitment to the Drug Task Force and the services they provide to the City of Mason.

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 2023-25 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-26 AMENDING CHAPTER 335 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, REGARDING FAILURE TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT**

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

Eric Hansen said the City Code has a section for failing to stop after an accident, however it does not have the corresponding State law of failing to report an accident. Failing to stop after an accident is a first-degree misdemeanor, while failing to report an accident is a minor misdemeanor. The Prosecutor has indicated that it would be helpful to add the minor misdemeanor section to the City's code.

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 2023-26 was made by Councilmember Styrcula, seconded by Vice Mayor Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2023-27 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 Haake, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Eric Hansen stated the City has continued interest in participating 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. In addition to the City's participation in SWOP4G, the City also participates in the Warren County Co-operative agreement for rock salt as an additional option for obtaining rock salt at the lowest price possible. The City continues to research and pursue alternatives to reduce the budgetary impact of salt prices as well as to ensure available quantities are on hand.

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 2023-27 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Haake said the safety committee discussed and reviewed many items on the agenda. He stated Chief Wells has hit the ground running and Chief Brumagen provided updates about the strategic planning and prepping for the future.

Councilmember Grossmann said Park Board will focus on accessibility and inclusivity in 2023. Park Board discussed the new restroom trailer being inclusive, Community Center program registration beginning February 17, the Aquatic Center hosting regional swim meets, the Music in Mason schedule to come out soon, and recognition of the Manta Rays Champions swim team.

Vice Mayor Nelson said the Mason Symphony Orchestra's first concert of the year had over 650 attendees and the next one is Saturday, May 13 at Great Wolf Lodge. The Arts Committee discussed planning underway for the annual Red, Rhythm and Boom and grant opportunities for the arts. The Veterans Committee is planning for Veterans Day and the year long 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. She praised City staff for organization of the Veterans Memorial improvements.

Councilmember Chance thanked Sidney for the Mason Mile Project overview and said residents complimented the Aquatic Center events and the recent Mason Symphony Orchestra concert.

Mayor Spaeth said the Ad hoc Rules Committee has met twice this year and Council has had a work session in regard to Council rules and code of conduct. Discussion will continue and anticipates updates in the future.

### **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Mayor Nelson shared concerns with possible municipal income tax changes as special interest groups continue their efforts to erode local regulations and compromise the ability of municipalities to operate in a manner consistent with Home Rule Authority. The Ohio Municipal League is advocating to protect municipalities. A motion for the City to provide \$250 to help the Ohio Municipal League to support costs associated with their enhanced advocacy efforts in support of Home Rule Authority and the rights provided under the Ohio Constitution was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Vice Mayor Nelson said she raised awareness for grants for local governments at the National League of Cities. Integrating resources for small cities to take part in grants for local governments and how local governments can help small businesses in the community was discussed.

Councilmember Bradburn and Eric Hansen discussed the City speaking with the Mason Arts Council representatives and the Arts Council is still deliberating.

Councilmember Haake said the Mason Symphony Orchestra concert was a great way to celebrate different cultures.

Councilmember Grossmann will be bringing a draft for ethics legislation for real estate transactions to the next meeting as well as an analysis of rearranging committee assignments.

Mayor Spaeth said the Mason Symphony Orchestra concert brought the eastern and western cultures together.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Styrcula.  
VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 9:08 p.m.