

**CITY OF MASON
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
NOVEMBER 4, 2002**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McCurley at 6:13 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of Council were present: Jim Fox, Dick Staten, Tom Grossmann, Pete Beck and John McCurley. Victor Kidd and Charlene Pelfrey were absent.

TENNIS MASTERS SERIES

Scot Lahrmer gave an update on the status of the negotiations with the owners of the facility. A contract was discussed and specific items were addressed to be included such as first right of refusal if the facility would ever be for sale in the future and rezoning issues. The contract will appear before Council at the next regular Council meeting.

SNIDER ROAD EXTENSION

A general discussion took place among Councilmembers regarding the assessment of the road extension and what it should include. Sidewalks, street trees and bike paths were mentioned. It was decided the road extension should proceed and the assessment would be for the road only.

The realignment of Snider Road at SR 42 was mentioned and those in attendance concluded this was the time to proceed with the necessary changes. Scot stated the plans are complete for this realignment.

Rezoning issues were discussed and it was agreed the City wants to lock in desirable zoning on the property affected by the road extension. Negotiations with the property owner will begin to determine how cooperative they will be with this plan.

SECOND AVENUE

Richard Fair explained to Council the City has received a grant to change the traffic signals from Second Avenue to Kings Mill Road to a closed loop system. Due to the reduction in the amount of traffic now at the Second Avenue location, it was determined to eliminate that area from the grant. The Ohio Department of Transportation will review this decision and determine if they are in agreement. It is City Council's desire that a traffic signal remain at that intersection even though the traffic light does not meet warrants.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR THE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

A general discussion took place among Councilmembers regarding the advantages and disadvantages to hiring a Construction Manager. The Utility Committee has reviewed this matter and been unable to reach a consensus on how to proceed. Historical information was shared as to how Council arrived at the decision to build the new plant on the former Biehle property. After much discussion, it was agreed to proceed with the Construction Manager contract with Jacobs but request they remove item number six (6) from their calculation. Item number six reads as follows: Prepare estimate of construction cost based on 100% complete construction documents. Cost=\$101,057.00

FUTURE USE OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Options of what to do with the old municipal building and the red house directly behind the building were discussed. It was unanimously agreed to sell the properties.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mayor McCurley reported he had met with Butler County, Warren County and Liberty Township to discuss the formation of a JEDD. The catalyst for this discussion is Butler County's desire to proceed with major road improvements that will impact the City of Mason's roads. Mayor McCurley stated the discussions are in the preliminary stages.

Mayor McCurley reported he has been asked why the City is discontinuing the logo for the Parks and Recreation Department. Scot Lahrmer reported the City is attempting to unify the departments and feels one logo should be utilized throughout all departments.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor