

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL/CHAMBER JOINT MEETING  
August 30, 2004**

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were in attendance: Tony Bradburn, Steve Osborne, Victor Kidd, John McCurley, Tom Grossmann and Peter Beck.

**MASON UPDATE**

Scot Lahrmer provided an update of the City's road improvement projects including the following specific jobs:

1. Western Row Road at Snider Road
2. Western Row Road east to Tylersville Road
3. Kings Mills Road
4. Socialville Fosters Road
5. Snider Road extension to Tylersville Road

In addition he provided an update on the status of the City's bike paths, Storm Water Utility and Plan Your Park discussions. Scot also gave a brief overview of the status of the grant for the downtown area. He mentioned the City has purchased the Speedway Station in the downtown area and the future use has yet to be determined. He said the proposal of the new mall on SR 741 will come before Council on the September 27, 2004 Council meeting. He concluded by mentioning the status of the Water Reclamation Plant on Mason Morrow Millgrove Road and other sewer projects.

A general discussion followed in which members from the Chamber discussed their traffic concerns with the proposed mall project.

**CHAMBER UPDATE**

John Harris presented a schedule of events planned for the Chamber. He stated they will be meeting with the Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau to review the events that occurred this year.

John complimented the City for their ability to host the Archery Event and the assistance the City provided for the Heritage Festival. He mentioned the *Mason Idol* finals have been rescheduled for September 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

He stated they are already planning for Christmas in Mason and may have a sponsor lined up for that event. He said if their budget allows they will do renovations to the interior of their building this year. He stated the Wednesday Leads Exchange program continues to be a success with 50 to 60 companies present every week. He stated their membership is now at approximately 800 businesses and growing at a rate of 18% per year. Their retention rate is approximately 80-85%.

He also stated they are in the planning stages of possibility adding a staff level position for economic development and small business liaison purposes.

A general discussion followed in which John McCurley reported on the status of the Southwest Ohio Transportation Committee and the future threat to Local Government Funds.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting closed at 6:30 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor