

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Father Jerome Bishop opened the meeting in prayer. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Father Bishop read a Proclamation of Thanksgiving.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Victor Kidd, Barbara Spaeth, Ashley Chance, Jim Fox, and Don Prince. Charlene Pelfrey and David Nichols were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the November 9, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. The Community Center will be open Thanksgiving Day from 6:00 a.m. - noon.

Per City Charter, Council will meet on Tuesday, December 1 at 5:00 p.m. for an organizational meeting.

The Community Center's Shop Local event will be held on Wednesday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On that same day, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mocktail event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Jewish Discovery Center is hosting a Chanukah Celebration/Menorah Lighting on Tuesday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m. Council has been specially invited to attend by Rabbi Kalmanson.

City offices will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holiday. City offices will be opened on Thursday, December 24 and Thursday, December 31 with limited City services. The Community Center will be open on all of those days with limited facility access on Christmas Day from noon - 4:00 p.m.

The regularly scheduled second meeting in December falls on December 28. Staff is working to have all remaining business ready for Council action on November 23 and with adoption of the 2016 budget, no additional meetings apart from the December 14 meeting at Great Wolf Lodge should be needed until January. A motion eliminating the December 28 meeting would be appropriate. A motion to cancel the Council Meeting scheduled for December 28, 2015 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

City of Mason budget staff prepared a presentation to Moody's that successfully affirmed the City's Aaa bond rating. This is the highest rating possible and it is rare for governmental units to attain. Only a few units within the State of Ohio that are rated Aaa. This bond rating says a lot about the quality of the community and allows the City to save money on interest rates.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilmember Spaeth gave a report from the November 12 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting. She listed the many activities happening at the Community Center and in the Parks.

### **PRESENTATION BY STUDENT PEACE COUNCIL**

Councilmember Fox introduced five Mason High School students from the Student Peace Council. The students explained three goals this organization addresses: bullying, drug awareness, and violence. Projects implemented by the Peace Council are designed to motivate other students towards the right path. They explained how they plan to expand Peace Council into other schools, the purpose of Peace Day, and the upcoming production of a video.

### **PRESENTATION OF BICENTENNIAL VIDEO**

The video from Community Unity Days was viewed. Jennifer Heft invited residents to attend the Bicentennial Closing Ceremony to be held on December 14 at Great Wolf Lodge.

### **RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMEMBER JIM FOX**

Councilmembers expressed appreciation to Councilmember Fox for serving on Council this past year. He gave sound and sincere advice and they wished him the best of luck. Eric Hansen stated that over the nine years Councilmember Fox served on Council, he attended 176 meetings, approved 1650 Ordinances, 170 Resolutions, and the population grew from 12,000 to 33,000 residents. Councilmember Fox stated that it has been his distinct pleasure serving on Council. He said most people do not know the countless hours that Councilmembers spend working for the City. City staff members are unparalleled and the people of Mason are very involved, educated hard workers. He has lived in Mason his whole life and it is a great place to live.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** - none

### **ORDINANCE 2015-113 APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR CROOKED TREE PRESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 1A**

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

Kurt Seiler stated that this is the Final Plat approval for Crooked Tree Preserve Phase 1A. This first phase of the Crooked Tree Preserve subdivision is on the former Crooked Tree Golf Course and located off Sentinel Oak Drive, north of Tinewood Drive. Kurt explained that this section contains 23 single-family lots and approval of the plat will dedicate right of way, utilities, storm,

and sewer easements necessary for this development. Approval of the final plat is recommended contingent upon review comments from Greater Cincinnati Water Works, City Law Director and submittal of the floodplain study to FEMA.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-113 was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2015-114 ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR WOODS OF ROSEMONT PUD AND RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BOND**

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

Kurt Seiler stated that the Woods of Rosemont is located at the west end of Evergreen Court, west of Rosemont Manor in Mason and is the final phase of the City's portion of Rosemont Subdivision. Public Utilities, Public Works and Engineering departments, along with Greater Cincinnati Water Works, have inspected the public improvements. The utilities and other public improvements will become the City's responsibility upon acceptance. Staff recommends accepting public improvements, contingent on submission of a one-year maintenance bond and a performance bond for the remaining incomplete items such as sidewalks and street trees.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-114 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2015-115 ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE RESERVES OF CARMELLE, PHASES 1 AND 2 AND RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BONDS**

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

Kurt Seiler stated that the Reserves of Carmelle Phases 1 and 2 is located east of the Carmelle subdivision. Public improvements to be accepted for City maintenance have been inspected and are recommended contingent on submission of a one-year maintenance bond and a performance bond for the remaining incomplete items such as sidewalks and street trees.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-115 was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2015-116 ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR MASON GRAND AND RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BOND**

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

Kurt Seiler stated that Mason Grand subdivision is all private streets, so public improvements to be accepted for City maintenance include deceleration lanes on King Mills Road, sanitary sewer and traffic signal improvements. Staff recommends accepting public improvements, contingent on the submission of a one-year maintenance bond.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-116 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2015-117 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE EASEMENT FOR THE BEACH WATERPARK SANITARY SEWER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, LP)**

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

Kurt Seiler stated that this 30-foot sanitary sewer easement is located along the north property line of the Beach Waterpark. He explained that in 2012 Adventure Holdings, LLC purchased the park and began a \$5 million renovation. During that time, the City spoke to the owners about getting this easement for a future sewer project and last week the City received the completed signed easement from The National Retail Properties, LP owner of the Beach property.

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

Kurt Seiler responded to Councilmember Prince's question by stating that the permanent easement for the existing lift station was never finalized. Because there does not appear to be any future development that will utilize this lift station, staff turned over the operation and maintenance of the lift station to the new owners of the Beach Waterpark. The easement at the north property line will be given with no cost to the City.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-117 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2015-118 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DONATION LETTERS, DEEDS, EASEMENTS, AND OTHER CONVEYANCE DOCUMENTS FOR PROPERTY RELATED TO THE WESTERN ROW ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

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

Eric Hansen stated that the City has been actively participating with the Warren County Transportation Improvement District (TID) in the completion of a full interchange at Western Row Road. He explained that Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) funding was awarded for the right-of-way phase of the project and \$16.4 million in TRAC funding has been awarded for the construction phase. Final right-of-way plans have been approved by ODOT for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project and right-of-way acquisition phase has been authorized. Eric stated that as part of the City's collaboration with the TID, the City agreed to donate right-of-way and provide \$3 million in funding to move the project forward. Ordinance 2015-118 authorizes documents needed to complete property and easement donations to the TID. He explained that the TID provides a convenient conduit for the City to deed right-of-way to be used as part of reconfiguring access for businesses. The project is expected to be completed by 2019 or 2020.

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

In response to Councilmember Spaeth's question, Kurt Seiler stated that several property owners in the area are aware that the Socialville-Fosters Road Bridge over I-71 will be closed next summer. Additional notice will be given with signs posted prior to construction, through the media, and website.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-118 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2015-119 CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE CITY OF MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

Eric Hansen stated that the City has not added new Police Officer positions since 2008 and that Police Department sworn staff dropped from 43 to 38 in 2013. With the pending hire of one additional officer, the department will return to their authorized strength of 43 sworn officers for the first time since 2010. Eric explained that both residential and business growth in the City has increased the need for additional staffing in the Police Department. Recently the City has been provided a unique opportunity to partner with Kings Island in providing police services for the park and enhance staffing city-wide. He explained that Kings Island has always maintained a two-tiered system of providing public safety for the park, maintaining their own police and

security departments, and utilizing commissioned “Private Police Officers.” Private Police used by Kings Island are typically part-time officers from other police departments who are hired on a part-time, seasonal basis and the park maintains a pool of 20 to 25 Private Police Officers during the season. Kings Island has two full-time, year-round Private Police Officers. In addition to their own police and security, Kings Island hires Extra Duty Detail Officers (typically off duty Mason officers) to supplement their staff. In 2015, this amounted to approximately 1900 hours. Eric stated that Kings Island has recently offered to enter into an agreement to pay the total annual cost for two (2) Mason police officers. In exchange, the City would commit to providing approximately 260 days of coverage to Kings Island during their operating season. These two officers would take the place of some of the part-time, seasonal officers hired by Kings Island. In addition, the number of Extra Duty Detail hours required would likely be decreased. Eric explained that outside of the Kings Island season, these officers can be utilized for extra patrol service, increased attention to high-traffic crash locations, assignment to details that may in the past have required hiring of Extra Duty Detail officers and in-house training to meet increasing state Continuing Professional Training requirements. While Kings Island will pay for two of these positions, staff recommends an additional third officer funded by the City. He explained that because of the complexity of police scheduling (24-7 coverage), high demand during the summer months, and a commitment to provide two officers every day during the summer months, hiring a third officer is needed to ensure that meeting the commitment doesn’t result in excessive overtime or reduced coverage during the summer peak. Eric stated that this very generous offer by one of Mason’s significant corporate partners represents the type of creative public-private partnerships that fuels Mason’s success. It does not remove the need for future attention to Police staffing, but it does better position the Department for future development and helps Kings Island’s business interests. An agreement authorizing specific terms with Kings Island will be finalized and returned to Council for authorization. To take advantage of this opportunity in time for next season, however, immediate authorization of the additional positions is necessary. Eric stated that both expense and revenues have been included in the draft 2016 budget in anticipation of this opportunity.

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

During Council discussion, Councilmembers voiced appreciation to Kings Island for the great partnership, shared personal experiences while visiting the park, and gratefulness for bringing something special to the City of Mason.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-119 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2015-120 ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE CITY GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) MAPPING DATA FROM RA CONSULTANTS LLC, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FEE OF \$75,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

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

Kurt Seiler stated that in 2000 the City of Mason began documenting utility information in GIS with an update completed in 2007. The proposed project is a citywide effort between the Public Works, Engineering, Information Technology and Utility Departments to integrate existing data with new and old validated data into one GIS database. The updated system can assist in keeping inventory records, tracking all sanitary, storm and traffic infrastructure maintenance, and in meeting federal and state requirements in the areas of sanitary, stormwater and highways. The information will also be utilized for planning future maintenance and capital improvement projects. Kurt stated that proposals were requested from four Engineering firms with a total of 3 proposals received. The proposal with a total design fee of \$75,000 received from RA Consultants, LLC was found to be the most responsive to project requirements.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-120 was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2015-121 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT #19444 WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING S.R. 741 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE MASTERS/360 PHARMA DEVELOPMENT**

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

Eric Hansen explained that in support of the headquarters project for Masters Pharmaceutical, the City began working with Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to leverage assistance to widen SR-741 at Welden Drive. The City received notice of the award of two grants supporting the widening of SR-741 which helped to finalize the company's decision to locate in Mason. Eric explained that ODOT Jobs and Commerce support for the project comes through a \$90,000 grant that will assist with eligible costs associated with the actual construction of the project along with engineering and inspection activities. Once final paperwork for the ODOD portion of the project is received a future ordinance will be necessary for Council to authorize a matching grant for up to \$180,000 of the project cost. Masters will fund the remaining portion of the final project cost through a local match.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-121 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2015-122 ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN OF THE S.R. 741/PARKSIDE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM TEC ENGINEERING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FEE OF \$453,956 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

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

Kurt Seiler explained that this project is for redesign of the SR-741/Kings Mills Road/Parkside Drive intersection into a "T" intersection. Instead of requiring SR-741 traffic to make a turning movement to continue on SR-741, the project will construct a curve in SR-741 with a revised "T" configuration intersection with Kings Mills Road. A grant was approved for \$4,131,446 in funding toward the project. Kurt stated that of the seven proposals received, TEC Engineering submitted the best proposal of \$453,000 for the design of the project. TEC is a local firm that has successfully completed several projects for the City in the past including the adjacent project that widened SR-741 at Cox-Smith Road. The 2015 Budget included \$600,000 towards this design.

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

Councilmember Fox asked about the addition of sidewalks and bike paths in the area. Kurt stated that bike paths are in the plans. Councilmember Spaeth requested that Kurt explain future improvements along SR-741. Kurt stated that staff has plans to apply in February for grant funds for a project that would improve SR-741 from Cox-Smith Road to Welden Drive, past Bethany Road. This would involve the widening of the bridge over Muddy Creek, traffic signals at US-42, Bethany Road, and the railroad crossing. This project is estimated at \$8.5 million.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-122 was made by Councilmember Prince, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2015-123 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN OHIO SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR SITE PREPARATION WORK FOR COMMON GROUND ALL-INCLUSIVE PARK**

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

Kurt Seiler stated that this is a grant request for CDBG funds. He explained that last year a request for CDBG funds was not approved based on a determination from Housing Urban Development (HUD) that the project must benefit adult aged handicap people. The handicapped age problem was a result of the fact that the project is titled "Common Ground Playground," which appears to benefit only children. This year staff is again proposing to apply for funding for the site preparation work at Common Ground, but not focusing on the "playground" portion of the project. The application will focus on the fact that the park will allow children and adults



with special needs to interact alongside their siblings and peers. The grant breaks the site work into four phases to allow flexibility for receiving grant funds. The phases proposed include site grading (\$143,116), storm sewer (\$111,682), parking lot (\$174,730) and restroom/shelter building and utilities (\$336,705). Total project funding requested is estimated at \$766,233.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-123 was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Prince. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

### **ORDINANCE 2015-124 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

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

Jennifer Heft discussed Ordinance 2015-124, Ordinance 2015-125, and Ordinance 2015-126 together. She explained that the budget process typically begins with the Employee Relations Committee meeting to consider employee compensation updates based on a three-tier program. COLA increases are applied to both payroll and fees related to City operations. Merit increases are based on each individual employee's evaluation. Additional merit amounts are available based upon employees exceeding objectives related to communication, coordination, cooperation, cost savings and health and wellness. She stated that in Ordinance 2015-125, the Employee Relations Committee recommends a COLA increase of 1.5%, a merit amount of 2.5%, and an additional merit amount of \$65,000. Jennifer stated that Ordinance 2015-126 establishes new hiring compensation ranges based upon the COLA increase of 1.5%. Applying this annual increase helps maintain consistency and competes with market rates. Jennifer stated that members of the Finance, Golf Course and Equipment Committees met to review 2016 Budget proposals and make recommendations for the annual appropriation ordinance. The 2016 Budget includes almost \$12.3 million for capital projects and equipment, annual repair and maintenance programs for sidewalk and curb replacement, \$1.3 million street maintenance, stormwater maintenance and repair, water reclamation plant repairs and maintenance, street light replacement and cart path repairs at the Golf Center. City priorities that will be funded by the General Fund include Heritage Oak Park reinvestment, streetscape and master plan, Service Center improvements, and network infrastructure replacement at the Municipal Center. Jennifer stated that major capital improvements included in the 2016 Budget but paid from non-General Funds include citywide traffic signal controller and fiber at \$3.2 million, Community Center improvements at \$1 million, and several design projects for SR-741, Snider Road widening and roundabout, Bethany Road Bridge, and Castle Lift Station elimination. Jennifer explained that again this year the City continues to rely on contingency amounts to more closely align vehicle failure with replacement. The 2016 Budget includes almost \$1.7 million to be set aside for these needs. Jennifer stated that the 2016 Annual Appropriation reflects only a 1% increase over the 2015 Budget and that City's total outstanding debt is anticipated to fall by \$7 million. The Finance Committee recommends the continuation of the matching program at the maximum amounts for both the Mason Historical Society and the Warren County Humane Society. The Committee also set aside \$400,000 for funding community events that will continue to be

explored next year. She stated that while the 2016 Budget does include converting part time hours into four new full time firefighter positions, 21 full time positions are currently vacant throughout the organization. She said that funds have been included that continue partnerships with the Western and Southern Open, AVP Pro Beach volleyball and other partnerships that promote the Golf Course and Community Center. City income tax revenues were budgeted at \$26.7 million, which is less than 2014 actual revenues received. Local government funds from the State and anticipated revenues from local job growth are not included in the 2016 Budget. Jennifer stated that the City is required to prepare a balanced budget, keeping revenue projections very conservative with expenses prudently managed and controlled. The 2016 Budget focuses on the City's priorities of economic development, helping to grow business in Mason, capital projects, and debt reduction.

A motion to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after the first reading was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: 4 YEAS, 1 NAY (Prince).

Jeff Forbes explained that five affirmative votes are required in order to suspend the rule and allow for adoption after a first reading. With only four affirmative votes, Ordinance 2015-124 will require a second reading before it can be adopted. Councilmember Prince explained that he requests that the Safety and Utilities Committees meet to discuss the budget.

**ORDINANCE 2015-125 ESTABLISHING THE SALARY ADMINISTRATION PLAN PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF INCREASES IN COMPENSATION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, AND GRANTING A COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE**

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-125 was made by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2015-126 REPEALING ORDINANCE 2014-119 OF THE CITY OF MASON, OHIO, AND ESTABLISHING HIRING COMPENSATION RANGES FOR CITY OF MASON EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS**

A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Prince, 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 Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Fox. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-126 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

## **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Mayor Kidd conveyed his deep appreciation for the abundant expressions of sympathy he and his family received from City staff, Council, and the community concerning the loss of his mother.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** - none

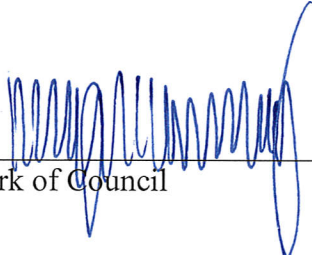
## **EXECUTIVE SESSION: LAND ACQUISITION**


A motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Spaeth. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:20 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Spaeth, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 8:34 p.m.

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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