

**CITY OF MASON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members of Council were present: Ashley Chance, Diana K. Nelson, Tony Bradburn, Joshua Styrcula via video conferencing technology, Michael Gilb, T. J. Honerlaw, and Kathy Grossmann.

**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 Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 5:37 p.m.

A motion to reconvene into Regular Session was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 7:02 p.m.

Chaplain Robert Moertle opened the regular meeting in prayer. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the January 11, 2021 Council Meeting minutes was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Sergeant Jeremy Saylor introduced Chaplain Robert Moertle and said the City's police and fire chaplains provide comfort and healing during tough situations to families at all times of day/night and rides with officers for support to maintain a culture of health and wellbeing. Mayor Grossmann conducted the swearing-in of Chaplain Robert Moertle. Mayor Grossmann and Eric Hansen discussed this program beginning in 1998.

Senator Steve Wilson formally announced a State of Ohio Capital Budget award of \$675k towards Makino Park Adaptive Use Fields for athletes with special needs. Senator Wilson has been very helpful in advocating for the City in this process. This is significant towards the project moving forward and follows the success of the Mason Challenger League receiving a \$25k grant from State Farm for the Adaptive Use Fields at Makino Park.

Duane Stansbury, Warren County Health Commissioner, provided COVID-19 vaccination updates. He said the Warren County Health District has received 2,575 doses and administered 2,110 doses. They receive 100-400 doses per week. School employee vaccinations begin next

week and individuals that fall in Phase 1A and Phase 1B are encouraged to register for vaccination. The Health District will continue to push for more vaccines to get those in the community as protected as possible. Residents can get an appointment by calling 695-7468 (SHOT) or via the website at warrenchd.com. Council and Duane discussed more vaccines becoming available, thirteen other locations currently receiving vaccines, the shelf life for vaccines in the refrigerator and freezer, the Health District not charging for the vaccination, but other sites may charge for the administration of but not the vaccine, and scheduling an appointment at only one location so doses do not get wasted.

Mason's Corporate partners were challenged to show their company spirit and commitment to wellness in the City via a reimagined Mason Corporate Challenge photo campaign. Nearly 150 participants from across Mason's international portfolio provided images from a variety of U.S. states, five countries, and three continents. Special congratulations to our three top performers, Altix, AtriCure and IncludeHealth. A video recap of the photos was displayed.

The City will continue to pick up Christmas trees through the end of January. Residents should place their trees at curbside for pickup.

The Area Progress Council of Warren County will take place at a Business After Hours meeting on Wednesday, January 27.

Mason Deerfield Chamber will be hosting the Beacons of Resilience Awards Night on Thursday, January 28 at the Manor House.

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of President's Day.

The City has made approximately \$855,000 available to the local small business community through the first two rounds of this program. To date, over \$400,000 has been redeemed. The remaining e-gift cards are set to expire on March 31, 2021. Currently, 79 small businesses in Mason are participating in the program. An article in the spring issue of CenterPoint highlights the Small Business Recovery Program.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Randy Stegbauer of 5358 Hidden Creek Circle joined via video conference and Duane Stansbury discussed local pharmacies needing to register with the Ohio Department of Health to be eligible to be a provider for vaccine distribution.

Mark Lortz of 5145 Minuteman Court, co-owner of The Common Beer Company, submitted a letter of interest two years ago and again in December 2020 to purchase .1 acres of property from the City. The Common Beer Company has seen an increase in sales and has a need for an increase in production. This additional land would offer the opportunity to expand. Councilmember Nelson and Councilmember Chance congratulated The Common Beer Company for winning beer awards and discussed the need to be community driven instead of real estate driven. A motion to allow the City to negotiate with The Common Beer Company was made by Councilmember Nelson. Mayor Grossmann advised this property is in discussion for negotiations with Jim Cohen via a previously

passed motion Council had made. Councilmember Bradburn stated administration is working on details for Council to make a final determination.

**RESOLUTION 2021-3 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY AS HEART HEALTH LITERACY MONTH IN MASON**

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

Eric Hansen said February is National Heart Month and was developed to reinforce the importance of heart health and highlight the need for more education. The City is launching a pilot initiative with the Cincinnati American Heart Association and corporate partners to bring awareness and valuable tools to the corporate and residential community. This public/private partnership is an example of how the City leverages strong corporate partnerships and unique innovations in the City's growing bio sector to benefit the Mason community. As part of the City's Economic Development strategy, earlier this year we announced collaboratives with Genetesis and Atricure as part of the City's Living Lab Initiative that uses the City as a pilot location to explore and test new state of the art innovations. Throughout February there will be several events open to the public and for businesses to bring further awareness of heart health literacy.

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

A motion to adopt Resolution 2021-3 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-6 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAMS, AMEND THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE MASON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION, AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Eric Hansen stated at the last Council meeting, Council passed a motion to help the CIC move faster and exhaust all funds originally authorized by providing a \$60,000 line of credit to ensure success for businesses applying for support.

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

Vice Mayor Gilb provided a program overview of the Small Business Recovery including the relaunched program.

Mayor Grossmann and Councilmember Chance discussed waiting to deliver a successful program, the length of time taken to roll out a recovery program, the success of the Small Business Recovery program and thanked CIC members and City employees for their efforts.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-6 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-7 AUTHORIZING NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE MIAMI VALLEY RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (MVRMA)**

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

Eric Hansen said since 1997 the City is self-insured as a member of the Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA). Revisions to Agreement and Bylaws is recommended and has not been amended since 2002. It is estimated the insurance pool saves the City approximately 35% from traditional commercial insurance. In addition, the City has experienced a total refund amount of over \$1.5 million. The City realizes the benefits of self-insurance, experiencing lower insurance costs and the rebate of excess pool funds while lessening loss impact by sharing the risk with other member cities and excess insurance carriers. Amendments require a recommendation by at least 2/3 of the Board of Trustees and an approving resolution approved by the governing bodies of at least 2/3 of the members.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-7 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-8 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPORTSWORKS DESIGN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$91,800 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ADAPTIVE BALLFIELDS AT MAKINO PARK**

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

Kurt Seiler said this is a preliminary layout for three adaptive ballfields that were to be included in future phases of Makino Park once the playground was complete. With Senator Wilson's announcement, the City was granted \$675,000 in funds for the construction of adaptive ballfields at Makino Park. Staff received letters of interest from five engineering firms with appropriate experience in sports field design. Sportsworks Design, a division of the Kleingers Group, specializes in sport fields and athletic facilities with involvement in high profile facilities such as Paul Brown Stadium, FC Cincinnati, University of Cincinnati Nippert Stadium and Miami University. Staff have met with Mason Challenger League representatives to gather input on what challenges their athletes experience such as field surfacing, dugout layout, access, and field sizing. The fields will be flexible for numerous user groups, a truly all-inclusive approach with an

emphasis on special needs children. He said Sportsworks' proposal for design services is \$91,800 for the estimated \$1.8-million project and will include designing the complete build out of the three adaptive ballfields. The overall design cost is well under the typical standard of 10% engineering cost compared to construction cost. The cost also includes a discount of 10% as a contribution toward the project. The proposal includes items such as surveying, dugout design, specialized turf design, spectator area/bleachers, intercom system and fully accessible plaza areas around the fields. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2022 dependent on continued fundraising efforts.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-8 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Nelson. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-9 AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION OF \$100,000 TO THE WARREN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE**

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

Eric Hansen stated the City of Mason has participated in the Warren County Drug Task Force since its inception. In 2018, the Warren County Drug Task Force funding significantly decreased due to changes in seizure and forfeiture laws resulting in fewer funds. Preserving this program was identified as a priority by Mason's Safety Committee and the committee recommended the City provide funding of \$100,000 to be directed toward maintaining the Drug Diversion Program. He said historically the Warren County Commissioners have used Mason's annual payment, along with other communities as leverage for state and federal monies to assist in fighting drug related crimes and the opioid epidemic. The Task Force handles drug related cases and complaints in the City of Mason as well as multi-jurisdictional investigations. They also share equipment and investigative resources with the Mason Police Department.

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

Councilmember Nelson suggested the current Safety Committee make opioid concerns in the community a priority. She would like to have the City of Franklin Mayor Brent Centers speak at a meeting to discuss their drug program.

Councilmember Chance said mental health and what we can do to help as a City needs to be addressed.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-9 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-10 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 WITH THE MASON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

Jennifer Heft discussed Ordinance 2021-10, Ordinance 2021-11, Ordinance 2021-12, and Ordinance 2021-13 together. Council authorizes funds as contributions to local non-profits organizations that demonstrate a benefit to the City of Mason. A service agreement approach includes funds provided to the organization in exchange for services provided to the City and community, aligning with both the City's and organization's mission. These service agreements provide a service the City does not provide or enhances the services the City does provide. The City has a long history providing contributions to the Mason Historical Society since 1993 and they significantly preserve Mason's history. The Warren County Humane Association provides services throughout Warren County protecting animal safety. She said the Warren County Abuse and Rape Crisis Shelter's (ARCS) is a valuable resource for the Campus Safety and first responders through their assistance with intervention and education. Women Walking West's mission is to enhance education for foreign born women through a mentor/mentee program.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-10 was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-11 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 WITH THE WARREN COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-11 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-12 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 WITH THE WARREN COUNTY ABUSE AND RAPE CRISIS SHELTER**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-12 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-13 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000 WITH WOMEN WALKING WEST**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-13 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-14 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH R.B. JERGENS CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE BUTLER WARREN ROAD AND WESTERN ROW ROAD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,668,681**

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

Kurt Seiler said this project consists of improving the intersection from a 4-way stop controlled intersection to a roundabout intersection with curb and gutter, proper storm drainage, safer roadway geometrics, culvert replacement, and utility relocation. The project will also correct the drastic grade change through the intersection, a 16' elevation difference. This steep grade through the intersection adds to the inefficiency, congestion, delay and increased accident rate. The roundabout will significantly improve traffic flow, reduce vehicle emissions, and improve safety at this intersection. He said staff was successful in obtaining an OKI Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant in the amount of \$1,264,163 for the construction cost of a roundabout at the Butler-Warren Road and Western Row Road intersection. Staff also successfully received OPWC funding for this project in an amount of \$662,151, which will go towards the City's local share contribution for construction. Butler County will reimburse 50% of the local share as a result of a cooperation agreement. Eleven bids were opened electronically. Kurt stated this project will be a Local Public Agency (LPA) administered project with City staff managing the construction contract and inspections, similar to the SR 741/Parkside Intersection Improvement Project and the Mason Lebanon Bike Path Project. The 2021 Budget included \$2,000,000 for this project and federal grant funds will reimburse 80% of these costs and OPWC will assist with covering the 20% local share. Construction is expected to start early 2021 and should be completed this fall.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-14 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Honerlaw. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-15 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LARKIN GREENWOOD FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2021 FORD INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,922**

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

Jennifer Heft discussed Ordinance 2021-15 through Ordinance 2021-23 together. Fleet maintenance and preparedness is the backbone to delivering a high level of service in the City of Mason. Currently, there are 33 vehicles in the City's fleet that are due for replacement. Replacement and purchasing fleet at the beginning of the year helps keep costs for repairs and maintenance in the City's fleet from increasing. Ordinance 2021-15 authorizes the purchase of two 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles. One of these vehicles will replace a 2017 model Ford Interceptor Utility that was a total loss due to a recent accident. The second vehicle will be used as the City-wide pool car for 2021 then move to front line service in 2022, replacing a 2008 Ford Escape. Additional equipment totaling \$9,000 is needed to fully equip this vehicle for emergency response when it goes into service in 2022. She said Ordinance 2021-16 authorizes the purchase of two 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles. These vehicles will replace two 2015 model Ford Interceptor Utility vehicles used by the Police Department with over 100,000 miles. The two existing vehicles will be cycled out of front-line duty. The lead time for the replacement vehicles to be delivered is six to eight months. Additional equipment totaling \$12,000 per vehicle will be needed to fully equip these vehicles for emergency response. Ordinance 2021 – 17 authorizes the purchase of one 2021 Ford F-150 pickup truck to replace a 2005 model Ford F-150 in the Engineering and Building Department that has over 100,000 miles and is in poor condition. Jennifer stated Ordinance 2021-18 authorizes the purchase of one Kubota SVL-95-2SHFC Skid Steer. This skid steer will replace a 2004 Model Caterpillar skid steer. The Kubota skid steer has many additional attachments to be a more versatile piece of equipment. Ordinance 2021-19 authorizes the purchase of one Vermeer S925TX Mini Skid Steer from Vermeer, Inc. The small size of the mini skid steer allows access to areas where a traditional skid steer may not fit, as well as reducing the amount of area disturbed. Ordinance 2021-20 authorizes the purchase of one Toro Groundsmaster 4100-D rough mower for use at the Golf Center and replace an existing 1993 model Toro Groundsmaster mower that is in poor condition with limited replacement parts available. She said Ordinance 2021-21 authorizes the purchase of two Pro Core 1298 Aerators from Century Equipment for use at the Golf Center to replace existing 1994 and 1995 model Cushman aerators that are both in poor condition with limited replacement parts. Ordinance 2021-22 authorizes the purchase of one Workman HDX-4WD Utility Cart from Century Equipment for use at the Golf Center to be used for daily golf course inspections and repairs. Currently, a Ford F-150 pickup truck is used for this purpose, but the weight and width of the truck is causing damage to the edges of the cart paths. Ordinance 2021-23 authorizes the purchase of one JLG 3246ES Scissor Lift for use at all City facilities in the amount of \$21,825. This scissor lift will replace an existing Sky Jack

brand scissor lift. This lift is worn and has become unstable. Jennifer stated all proposed replacement vehicles and equipment are available through either the State of Ohio Purchasing Program or the Sourcewell (NJPA) Purchasing Program. The 2021 Budget included a vehicle contingency fund of \$600,000 plus a carryover contingency balance of \$1,746,368 for the purchase of replacement vehicles. With the approval of the above ordinances, a balance of \$1,945,783 will be available in contingency funds.

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-15 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Bradburn).

**ORDINANCE 2021-16 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LARKIN GREENWOOD FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2021 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,530**

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-16 was made by Councilmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Bradburn).

**ORDINANCE 2021-17 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KINGS FORD INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2021 FORD F-150 PICKUP TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,232**

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-17 was made by Vice Mayor Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 ABSTAIN (Bradburn).

**ORDINANCE 2021-18 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZIMMER TRACTOR FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) KUBOTA SVL-95-2SHFC SKID STEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,053**

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-18 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-19 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VERMEER INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) VERMEER S925TX MINI SKID STEER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,650**

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-19 was made by Vice Mayor Gilb, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-20 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CENTURY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) TORO GROUNDSMASTER 4100-D ROUGH MOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,328**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-20 was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-21 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CENTURY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) PRO CORE 1298 AERATORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,641**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-21 was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-22 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CENTURY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) WORKMAN HDX-4WD UTILITY CART IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,326**

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-22 was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

**ORDINANCE 2021-23 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EQUIPMENT DEPOT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) JLG 3246ES SCISSOR LIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,825**

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

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

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-23 was made by Councilmember Honerlaw, seconded by Vice Mayor Gilb. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

A brief recess was held at 8:52 p.m.

The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

**OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Nelson said a new State of Ohio legislation committee has been announced with five new committees. Senator Steve Wilson is the chair of the new committee, Financial Institutions and Technology. She explained how to register and reviewed the age timeline for a COVID-19 vaccination, another round of state funding for small businesses should be coming, encouraged residents to address Council, and said any video or presentation should be reviewed before being played at a meeting. She said Council needs to advance discussion of the Mason Arts Council.

Councilmember Chance recognized residents that supported the Day family with the loss of their son and provided accolades to the community for embracing this family.

Councilmember Bradburn and Councilmember Chance discussed steel going up for the 50-meter pool and the Aquatic Center leisure pool being ready for opening this year.

Councilmember Honerlaw stated Council meetings are open to the public and encourages constructive public input. He read the guidelines for public input including waiting for acknowledgement by Mayor and stating your name and address, one person may speak at a time, speakers will have approximately three minutes to address Council, and anyone who willfully disrupts a Council meeting may be asked to leave Council Chambers. A motion to adopt these as public input rules was made by Councilmember Honerlaw. Mayor Grossmann discussed information technology and propriety concerns with visitors bringing in video or presentations to be displayed. Jeff Forbes said a motion for this can be adopted for one meeting, adopted for a longer period of time, or can be a more permanent legislative action. A motion to table the public input motion was made by Councilmember Chance, seconded by Councilmember Bradburn. VOTE: ALL YEAS.

Councilmember Honerlaw read a statement explaining he accepts that President Biden is the U.S. President and still believes there was fraud. He went to Washington D.C. as a resident of the United States and as the Vice Chairman of the Warren County Republican Party. He did not violate any laws and does not condone illegal acts. He provided a reminder to Council to conduct business fairly, be recognized by the Mayor before being heard, that a proposal or motion is subject to debate without personal attacks, and that when one Council member is speaking another must wait to speak.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Tom Muennich of 206 Short Street read Amendment 14 of the U.S. Constitution, said it is up to each citizen to uphold the law, and wants no more taxes.

Joe Kraimer of 4192 South Shore Drive provided a political PowerPoint presentation of people at the rally who were not actual Trump supporters and said Councilmember Honerlaw was with actual supporters. He requested the individuals who denounced Councilmember Honerlaw publicly apologize.

Niki Foster of 5716 Running Fox Lane and a member of the U.S. Air Force said Councilmember Honerlaw's decisions, as an elected official, influenced 33,000 residents and is disappointed with his judgement. She said he disrespected the law and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution. Councilmember Honerlaw said he saw a peaceful and civil rally and was not aware of unsafe ongoing.

Katie Hauer of 5405 Harvestdale Drive is disappointed in Councilmember Honerlaw advertising his pride of rallying with zero evidence of fraud and needs to be held accountable for his long range impact.

Ron Macey of 1067 Cherokee Drive discussed the timeframe of Trump speaking occurring at the same time individuals rushed the Capitol. He said residents showing no grace for Councilmember Honerlaw is wrong.

Mark Haake of 3620 Dunlop Court said many supporters for Councilmember Honerlaw's actions do not even know him, per Councilmember Honerlaw's social media. He said Mason deserves

better and Council should focus on what is good for the City instead of an “us versus them” mentality. Mayor Grossmann stated visitors had come to speak in support of Councilmember Honerlaw for liberty.

William Dowden of 1341 Meadow Vista Drive in Maineville shared his disappointment of shameless attacks by citizens of Mason against a public official and Council needs rules for order in government. He came to show moral support for Councilmember Honerlaw for serving his community.

Chuck Blair of 7585 Lakota Springs Drive in West Chester stated Councilmember Honerlaw intended to attend a peaceful demonstration rally. He had a right to attend as a citizen, not a representative of the City.

Terry Piening of 5056 Village Green Drive read descriptions of previous rallies and riots and condemns bad actions that occurred during the Trump rally. She is proud Councilmember Honerlaw is on Council and said this is a time for reflection and change on all sides.

Mary Sue Krummen of 3796 Heritage Pointe Boulevard said Councilmember Honerlaw is not responsible for what happened at the Capitol or what was written about him.

Mayor Grossmann said she is honoring everyone’s freedom of expression at Council meetings and she’s proud of the work done in the City and on Council. She will continue to dream big for the City and to be a successful Council.

Nichol Leporati of 6400 Amber Court joined via video conference and said Veteran’s Affairs has vaccinated 2,200 veterans and the telephone number for veterans to get vaccinated is 513.475.6468. She thinks it was okay for Councilmember Honerlaw to protest, but he continues to tie it to Council and there is a better way to handle the situation.

Randy Stegbauer of 5358 Hidden Creek Circle joined via video conference and said when a person takes a role of leadership, he/she is held to a higher standard. He stated Councilmember Honerlaw brought dishonor to the City.

Councilmember Honerlaw reiterated his location in Washington D.C. during the rally. He thanked residents who spoke at the meeting.

Mayor Grossmann read a statement regarding providing a platform for active discourse and Council rules are designed to provide civil discourse. She stated she condemns violence.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bradburn, seconded by Councilmember Chance. VOTE: ALL YEAS. TIME: 10:32 p.m.