

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2017**

Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Whipple led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Vogel, Whipple  
Absent: Councilmember: Madden, Waltz  
Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Administrator  
Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Kelsey, a Principle of Mason Square Properties, LLC stated that they are in the process of trying to redevelop 160 East Ash Street in Mason. He is requesting façade grants from the DDA which will meet Wednesday, July 5, 2017. His purpose in speaking tonight is to inform the Council and ask the public to attend the DDA meeting if they are interested in seeing a new full-service destination type restaurant in that location.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,  
to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

- A. Motion – Approve Minutes: Regular Council Meeting June 19, 2017
- B. Motion – Approval of Excused Absence for July 3, 2017 Meeting for Councilmember Madden
- C. Motion – Approval of Excused Absence for July 3, 2017 Meeting for Councilmember Waltz
- D. Motion – Approve Street Closures for Riverwalk Meadows Homeowners Annual Picnic on August 20, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- E. Motion – Approve Bills in the Amount of \$818,596.98
- F. Correspondence – Receipt of City Attorney’s Report June 29, 2017

Yes (5) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Vogel, Whipple  
No (0)

Absent (2) Madden, Waltz

**MOTION APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance No. 2010 – Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 62, Solid Waste, Subsection 63-35, Precollection Practices of the Code of the City of Mason**

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,  
to consider Ordinance No. 210 read for the second time and adopted.

Yes (5) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Vogel, Whipple  
No (0)

Absent (2) Madden, Waltz

**MOTION APPROVED**

**THE CITY OF MASON ORDAINS;**

**Section 62-35 of Chapter 62 of the Mason City Code to hereby amended to read as follows:**

**Sec. 62-35. Precollection practices.**

- (a) *Preparation of refuse.* All refuse shall be prepared as required by the City's designated licensed refuse hauler.
- (b) *Refuse containers.* Refuse containers shall be provided by the City's designated licensed refuse hauler for residential properties with four dwellings or less. . Refuse containers shall be maintained in good condition; and any container that does not conform to the provisions of this article, or that may have ragged or chipped edges or any other defect liable to hamper or injure the person collecting the contents, shall be promptly replaced upon notice. The licensed hauler selected by the city shall have authority to refuse collection service for failure to comply with this section, after giving notice to the director of public works. All refuse containers shall be of substantial material and equipped with suitable handles and covers and shall be watertight. All such containers shall be kept in a clean, neat and sanitary condition at all times.
- (c) *Points of collection.* In all areas of the city not served by public alleys, refuse containers shall be placed for collection at ground level between the front curb and the sidewalk of dwelling units, and where there is no curb or sidewalk, the front property line of the dwelling unit.
- (1) Refuse containers shall not be placed on the traveled portion of the street or highway so as to interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
  - (2) The occupant or person in control of the premises shall not place any refuse containers for collection before 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the day of collection, nor later than 8:00 a.m. the day of collection, and the empty containers shall be removed by 9:00 p.m. on the day of collection, such collection days to be determined by the director.

**Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City within 20 days after its adoption and mailed in accordance with the requirements of MCL 125.34.01. This ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of 20 days after its adoption

The foregoing Ordinance was moved for adoption by Council Member Brown , and supported by Council Member Droscha , with a vote thereon being: YES (5) NO (0), at a regular meeting of the City Council held pursuant to public notice in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2017. Ordinance No. 210 declared adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2017.

**ORDINANCE APPROVED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Ferris informed Council on City events as follows:

- Thursday Night Live – July 2, 2017
- Farmers Market – Opening – July 8, 2017

She also reported on the recent Trails Commission meeting.

Whipple stated that the DDA will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. The matter presented by Mr. Kelsey is on the agenda. The new proposal will be reviewed and discussed for the first time at that meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Stuart informed Council regarding City business as follows:

- At the previous meeting, Mayor Whipple inquired about the MDOT detour and if staff

could look into alternative routes. Administrator Stuart stated that staff adjusted the detour plans for the railroad crossing construction.

- Eric Smith provided notice that he is taking a new position ensuing career advancement.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

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Russell W. Whipple, Mayor