

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Vogel, Waltz, Whipple
Absent: None
Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approve Minutes: Regular Council Meeting September 5, 2017
- B. Financial Items:
 - 1. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$98,078.74
- C. Receipt of:
 - 1. Interim Finance Director's Monthly Revenue Report – August 31, 2017
 - 2. City Attorney's Report – September 14, 2017

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 212 – Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 42-93 Possession or Consumption of Alcohol by Underage Person – And to Repeal Section 42-96 – Deferral of Proceedings and Probation in Cases of No Previous Conviction Under Section 42-93 of Article III – Offenses Involving Public Peace and Order – of Chapter 42 – Offenses- of the Code of the City of Mason, to Make the Minor in Possession of Alcohol Laws to Correspond to State Law Changes Within the City of Mason

MOTION by Brown, second by Waltz,
to introduce and read for the first time of an ordinance to amend Section 42-93 Possession or Consumption of Alcohol by Underage Person – and to repeal Section 42-96 – Deferral of Proceedings and Probation in Cases of No Previous Conviction under Section 42-93 of Article III – Offenses Involving Public Peace and Order – of Chapter 42 – Offenses - of the Code of the City of Mason, to make the minor in possession of alcohol laws to correspond to state law changes within the City of Mason.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 2017-33 – Authorizing the City of Mason to Participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Redevelopment Ready Communities Program

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,
to authorize the City of Mason to participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Redevelopment Ready Communities program.

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2017-33
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MASON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
September 18, 2017**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has established the statewide Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program to empower communities to shape their future and maximize economic potential; and

WHEREAS, RRC is a program that provides technical assistance to and certifies Michigan communities who actively engage stakeholders and plan deliberate, fair and consistent processes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason recognizes the value of the RRC Program and seeks to improve its redevelopment readiness through a detailed review of existing development processes; and

WHEREAS, the RRC Program includes evaluating and strengthening the development-related partnerships between the Council and stakeholder organizations; and

WHEREAS, the RRC Certification is a multi-year process and the pace of the adoption of best practices will be based on the City's capacity, available funding resources, and priorities with no commitment of a deadline.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The City of Mason City Council is willing to participate in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, including increased interaction and partnership with the other stakeholders in the development review process; and
2. It is the intention of the City of Mason to utilize the RRC Best Practices and evaluation process to improve our processes and communications with those interested in investing in Mason; and
3. The City Administrator is hereby authorized to proceed toward implementation of the recommendations necessary to receive RRC Certification from the MEDC.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**DISCUSSION – CONSIDERATION OF NAMING A STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF MASON
HONORING MALCOLM X AND HIS TIME IN MASON (VOGEL)**

Vogel requested that the City Council consider honoring Malcolm X due to his impact Nationally. Brown thanked Vogel for beginning the discussion. He suggested the City could either rename an existing street, provide a section in honor but not rename or identify a new street. Waltz suggested waiting to name a future street in Malcolm's honor. Droscha wondered if rather than naming a street, the City could recognize him with an annual day. Whipple thought recognizing Malcolm X in the area of his greatest impact would also be good – maybe a plaque where he attended

Vogel thanked Council members for the discussion. Whipple asked her to undertake more research on location and Brown suggested consulting the Historical Society as part of her research. Vogel agreed to come back to the City Council with more information.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

- Droscha gave update on Planning Commission and noted there will be a special meeting on Thursday, September 28.
- Vogel thanked the Fire Fighters Association for their pancake breakfast.
- Ferris gave an update on Tree Commission Business.
- Brown reported on the MML Convention in Holland.
- Vogel mentioned that she witnessed two police officers handling a sensitive citizens situation well today.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sarah Jarvis began today as the City Clerk/Human Resources Coordinator. The MML meeting dealt with issues smaller communities are faced with: medical marijuana, ethics, gender efforts (parental leave, diversity [sex, race, age]). Stuart will be meeting with the Ingham County Parks Board about reallocation of

funds for the Hayoe Riverwalk bridges projects. North Jefferson will be milled beginning Sept. 19. City Council requested an update on the construction at Elem and Columbia at the next meeting

CLOSED SESSION

Motion – Adjourn to Closed Executive Session to Discuss Labor Contract

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha
to adjourn to Closed Executive Session to Discuss Labor Contract

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Mayor Whipple reconvened to the Open Meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Brown made a motion, second by Vogel, to approve the contract with Capitol City Labor Program, Inc. – Mason Police Department, Non-Supervisory Unit.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Deborah Stuart, Interim City Clerk

Russell W. Whipple, Mayor