

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2, 2017**

Mayor Pro Tem Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Ferris led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

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

Councilmember Droscha asked, under NEW BUSINESS, to include a discussion on rescheduling of the November 6, 2017 City Council. There was unanimous consent among Council members to add the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

- A. Mason Public School's Bond Proposal by Ron Drzewicki, Superintendent of Mason Public Schools

Drzewicki distributed materials and explained the bond proposal. Vogel asked additional questions regarding the presentation.

** Mayor Whipple took over control of the meeting at 7:19 pm and apologized for being delayed.*

- B. City of Mason's 2016-2017 Audit by Stevens, Kirinovic & Tucker (formerly Abraham & Gaffney)
Representatives from SK&T gave an overview of the audit and answered questions from Council members.

MOTION by Brown, second by Ferris,
to accept the City of Mason 2016-2017 audit and place on file.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. Approve Minutes: Regular Council Meeting September 18, 2017
B. Financial Items:
1. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$96,101.30
2. Resolution 2017-34 – Adopt 80%/20% Cost Sharing Model as Set Forth in Section 4 of Public Act 152
C. Special Events Road Closures:
1. Motion – Approve Street Closure Request from VFW Post #7309 and the Mason American Legion post #148 for the Saturday, November 11, 2017 Veterans' Day Parade from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm and to Waive Associated Fees
2. Motion – Approve Street Closure Request from the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC) for the November 24, 2017 Holiday Lighted Parade from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

3. Motion – Approve Street Closure Request from Mason High School for the October 13, 2017 Homecoming Parade from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- D. Correspondence – Receipt of City Attorney's Report – September 28, 2017

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing for Amended Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for the Mason Square Properties Located at 160 E Ash Street

Stuart gave an overview of the Mason Square Properties project located at 160 E Ash Street.

The Public Hearing opened at 8:02 pm. John Kelsey spoke on the project and noted his appreciation for the support of the project. The Public Hearing closed at 8:04 pm with no action required.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Removed
- B. Discussion – Overnight Parking (Droscha)

Droscha began the discussion by requesting that the policy of no parking on City streets between the hours of 2 am – 6 am beginning every November 1st and ending on May 1st be discontinued. Vogel felt research by staff was needed before a decision could be made. There was additional discussion regarding the topic and the need for all departments to weigh in. Council agreed to consider the item once staff had time to do an analysis of the issue.

- C. Discussion of conflicting Council meeting dates.

Concern was raised about the conflict between the scheduled November 6, 2017 Council Meeting and the November 7, 2017 election. Vogel moved to reschedule the meeting to Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Droscha seconded. There was discussion about the best date for staff and Council.

MOTION FAILED UNANIMOUSLY

Droscha made a motion to reschedule the meeting to Monday, November 13, 2017, seconded by Waltz.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

- Vogel – Historic District Commission approved Mason Street Mall improvements.
- Droscha – Planning Commission issued a Special Use Permit for Klavon's.
- Ferris – Gave update on Columbia sidewalks and Mason Service Club Cooperation
- Whipple – Requested information regarding the canceling of meetings and the cost of a charter amendment.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Updated the Council on plans to change landscaping at City Hall that is easier to maintain and that a design has been drafted that will be bid out in the future.

- Updated on the Council on a presentation to the Library and that the Library continues their desire to work with the City on renovations of the facility.
- Noted that she will be meeting with the Friends of the Lansing Regional Trails to sign MOU and discuss how Mason can work with FLRT.
- Provided updates on all construction projects.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Deborah Stuart, Interim City Clerk

Russell W. Whipple, Mayor