

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2019**

Mayor Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Madden, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple  
Absent: None  
Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Manager, Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- John Alfano of 500 Hogsback Road who is the Facilities Director at Dart Container came and spoke in support of the Kerns Road Project but encouraging the council to seek a different method of funding besides a Special Assessment District.
- Scott Sommerville of 700 Acme Drive spoke on the quote he provided to the Council for repaving Kerns Road.
- Roger Howery of 1633 Plains Road spoke on how he didn't see any reason for the Kerns Road project and how this project would have no increase to the value of his property.

MOTION by Brown, second by Vogel,  
to approve the Amended Agenda as presented.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,  
to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- A. Minutes: Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting April 1, 2019
- B. Correspondence:
  - 1. Receipt of City Attorney's Report Dated April 12, 2019
  - 2. Receipt of Scott Somerville Proposal for Kerns Road
- C. Financials:
  - 1. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$54,811.62
  - 2. Receipt of Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for Period Ending March 31, 2019
  - 3. Receipt of Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending March 31, 2019
  - 4. Approve Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc. to provide Professional Planning Services for the Parks, Recreation and Non-motorized Plan and Necessary Budget Amendments
- D. Resolutions:
  - 1. Resolution 2019-10: Approve Mayoral Appointment of Megan Wren as a member of the Planning Commission and Cori Thackery as a member of the Downtown Development Authority

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10**

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

April 15, 2019

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Mayor, with confirmation by the City Council, does hereby make the following appointments/reappointments to the specified boards and commissions of the City with the following terms:

Board/Commission	Appointments/Reappointments	Term End
Planning Commission	Megan Wren	2020
Downtown Development Authority	Cori Thackery	2022

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### A. Authorize the Execution of the Mason Public Schools Lease of City Hall

MOTION by Brown, second by Ferris,  
to approve the Execution the Mason Public Schools Lease to expire on December 31, 2028

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### NEW BUSINESS

None

### COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- Vogel welcomed Megan Wren to the Planning Commission and Cori Thackery to the Downtown Development Authority Board.
- Vogel reported that the Budget Workshop was good and requested an additional workshop.
- Vogel reported that the Historical District Commission has completed training that will allow for certification which will put the City in a better position for receiving funding for future projects.
- Ferris reported that the community Good Friday service will be held at Eden Church at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26.
- Mayor Whipple announced that the Kosovo Reception will be held on Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- Ferris reported that on Friday, April 26 the Tree City/Arbor Day Recipient presentation will take place at Griffin Park with this years Honoree being Doug Klein.

### MANAGERS REPORT (4/12/2019)

A. Receipt of Redevelopment Ready Communities Baseline Report (to be provided at Budget Workshop)

#### B. Resolution 2019-11: Authorizing the Implementation of Recommendations Necessary to Receive a Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation

MOTION by Ferris, second by Droscha,  
to approve Resolution 2019-11: Authorizing the Implementation of Recommendations Necessary to Receive a Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2019-11**

**AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE A REDEVELOPMENT READY  
COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION FROM THE MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDC)**

**April 15, 2019**

**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**, in September 2017 (Resolution 2017-33), City Council authorized a memorandum of understanding with the MEDC to participate in the Redevelopment Ready Communities certification process and undergo an evaluation of the City's redevelopment practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the MEDC completed the City of Mason's "Redevelopment Ready Communities Baseline Report" dated January 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the MEDC has developed a program for certifying Redevelopment Ready Communities, and the City of Mason desires to achieve that certification by implementing best practices and recommended strategies for redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the program includes evaluating the partnerships with City boards and commissions related to development, including the City Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Downtown Development Authority; and

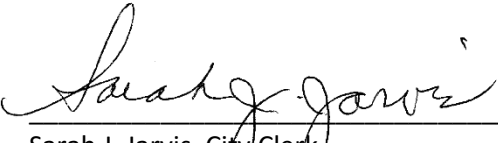
**WHEREAS**, after review of the "Redevelopment Ready Communities Baseline Report" the City of Mason is willing to complete the tasks as outlined in the report.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Mason, Michigan, through its City Council, authorizes the implementation of the MEDC recommendations necessary to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification with appropriate public hearings, discussion and official action as required.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

  
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Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk