

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2020**

Mayor Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan (Via Zoom Teleconference). Whipple led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Droscha, Ferris (7:41 p.m.) Madden, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple

Absent: None

Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Manager, Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk, Michelle Pietsch, Finance Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- A. Minutes:
  - 1. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting May 18, 2020
- B. Correspondence:
  - 1. Receipt of City Attorney's Report Dated May 28, 2020
- C. Financials:
  - 1. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$263,912.86
  - 2. Authorize Contract with Automation Engineering Ltd. For the Installation SCACA Radio System in the Amount of \$37,586.45 and Waive the Bidding Process
  - 3. Adopt Changes to the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreements and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Agreements
- D. Resolutions:
  - 1. Resolution 2020-14: Approve Establishment of a Request for Funding, Designate an Agent, Attest to the Existence of Funds and Commit to Implementing a Maintenance Program for Rayner Street, Eugenia Drive, Hall Boulevard, and W. Columbia Reconstruction Funded by the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program

**CITY OF MASON  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A REQUEST FOR FUNDING, DESIGNATE AN AGENT, ATTEST TO THE EXISTENCE OF FUNDS AND COMMIT TO IMPLEMENTING A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR RAYNER STREET, EUGENIA DRIVE, HALL BOULEVARD, AND W. COLUMBIA STREET RECONSTRUCTION FUNDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND CATEGORY B PROGRAM**

**June 1, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason is applying for \$250,000 in funding through MDOT from the Transportation Economic Development Category B Program to completely reconstruct Rayner Street, Eugenia Drive, Hall Blvd, and W. Columbia Street including the removal of the existing bituminous surface; concrete work as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, MDOT requires a formal commitment from the public agency that will be receiving these funds and will be implementing and maintaining these infrastructure project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City attests to the existence of, and commits to, providing a least \$250,000 toward the construction costs of the project(s), and all costs for design, permit fees, administration costs, and cost overruns; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, that the City has authorized Deborah Stuart, City Manager, to act as agent on behalf of the city to request Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program funding, to act as the applications agent during the project

development and to sign a project agreement upon receipt of the funding award; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT**, the City commits to owning operation, funding, and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed with Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program funding.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Ordinance 220 – First Reading and Adoption of Emergency Ordinance to Authorize the City Manager to Temporarily Approve Uses of Public Spaces.

MOTION by Brown, second by Madden,  
to read and adopt Ordinance 229 – Emergency Ordinance to Authorize the City Manager to Temporarily Approve Uses of Public Space.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

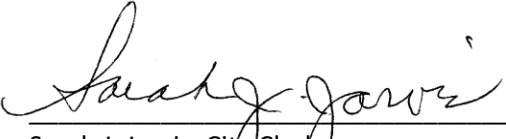
- Vogel reported the Historical District Commission met on May 26. They elected a new chair and vice-chair. They discussed budget challenges. Approved two certificate of appropriateness for Pierce Plumbing and Fielder Insurance.
- Vogel acknowledged the tragic loss of life of George Floyd on May 25<sup>th</sup>. With the last few days of National unrest, she has noted these things to be true: You can want justice reform and support law enforcement, and you can have protestors and rioters with completely different motivations. To the families of color who have chosen this community as their home Vogel wanted them to know that she stands with them.
- Brown announced that the MML Conference will not be taking place in person and that it will be held virtually with more details to come.
- Ferris acknowledged that several businesses have started to open up with health and safety precautions implemented.

**MANAGERS REPORT (05/29/2020)**

Stuart noted Governor Whitmer has implemented another Executive Order moving most of the State of Michigan to Phase 4 of the reopening plan. Stuart wanted to remind everyone that there are still many restrictions and requirements in place for businesses to reopen. One of those restrictions could be the wearing of masks, it may not be optional for that business to be able to maintain the safety of their employees and customers as well as guidance from their liability insurance carriers to maintain licenses and certifications. Stuart is requesting that people be flexible and understanding as these businesses start to open up. Stuart reported that a meeting has been set up with our Faith Community and with the Ingham County Health Department to discuss best practices for opening up. Stuart acknowledged we have been getting some questions from citizens in regards to George Floyds death and what are police policies are here locally. Stuart reported that our police department has reviewed the tape and that our police department has noted that this is not a legitimate technique used or taught here at our Police department in any way. Stuart reported that we are using this incident as a mandatory training, where all of our police officers are discussing it and talking about different ways they could have intervened or done something different. Stuart said we hope we are moving forward and that we learn from these tragedies and we are becoming more professional because of them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



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Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk