

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2020**

Mayor Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan (Via Zoom Teleconference). Droscha 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, Michelle Pietsch, Finance Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Schaffer, second by Madden,
to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- A. Correspondence:
 - 1. Receipt of City Attorney's Report Dated July 31, 2020
 - 2. Receipt of City Manager's Response to Letter from Paul Kato
- B. Financials: Approve Bills in the Amount of \$197,599.59
- C. Resolutions: Resolution 2020-20: Addition of Kiwanis Street as a Public Street

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2020-20**

ADDITION OF KIWANIS DRIVE AS A PUBLIC STREET IN THE STREET SYSTEM

August 5, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Mason did on August 5, 2020 acquire title to Kiwanis Drive (through an easement); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to furnish certain information to the State of Michigan to place this street within the City Street System for the purpose of obtaining funds under Act. 51, P.A. 1951 as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) That the center line of said street is described as:
A ROAD CENTERLINE KNOWN AS KIWANIS DRIVE, IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, VEVAY TOWNSHIP, CITY OF MASON, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8; THENCE NORTH 89°41'17" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 8 2091.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00°00'29" WEST 179.11 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°39'35" WEST 30.21 FEET; THENCE ALONG A CURVE(C-1) TO THE LEFT 57.13 FEET (CURVE C-1 HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 08°40'12" EAST, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 57.13 FEET, AND A RADIUS OF 270.05 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 15°01'36" EAST 339.62 FEET; THENCE ALONG A CURVE(C-2) TO THE RIGHT 130.72 FEET(CURVE C-2 HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 03°53'46" WEST, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 128.36 FEET, AND A RADIUS OF 198.25 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 22°46'46" WEST 79.75; THENCE ALONG A CURVE(C-3) TO THE LEFT 72.76 FEET(CURVE C-3 HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 10°24'49" WEST, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 72.32 FEET, AND A RADIUS OF 192.72 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 00°02'04" WEST 233.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING AT THE CENTERLINE OF ASH STREET. BEING 1122.40 FEET IN LENGTH OR 0.21 MILES.
- 2) That said street is located with a City right-of-way and is under the control of the City of Mason.
- 3) That said street is a public street and is for public purposes.
- 4) That said street is accepted into the municipal street system and is open to the public for public use.

Yes (7) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple

No (0)

MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Minutes: Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting July 20, 2020 (Whipple)

MOTION by Madden, second by Droscha,
to approve the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting July 20, 2020

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to amend the July 20, 2020 minutes by replacing the first bullet point under Council Reports with the full text of Mayor Whipple's prepared remarks.

Yes (7) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple
No (0)

MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes (7) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple
No (0)

ORIGINAL MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

NEW BUSINESS

A. Request from the Board of Ethics for Council Direction on Any Scope and Responsibility Changes

Will be addressed at a Workshop at the next meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

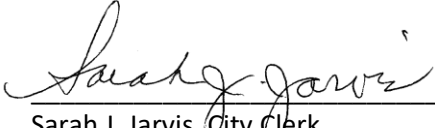
- Droscha reported that the August Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled due to lack of business.
- Vogel reported that the August Historical District Commission meeting has been cancelled due to lack of business.
- Ferris reported she attended a Zoom meeting on Accountability and Security in the Public and Private sectors in regards to COVID-19.
- Brown reported that the tentative schedule for the Virtual MML Conference should be in your emails soon. Dates are September 30 – October 2, 2020 with session mostly taken place between 9 AM – 3 PM. Pricing is still being worked out but should be somewhere around \$200 - \$300 per person. However, there could be a pricing break if you have three (3) people register from your Municipality, that after that everyone else can register for free, therefore more council members should be able to attend sessions virtually.

MANAGERS REPORT (07/02/2020)

Stuart acknowledged the City Clerk on the August Primary Election running smoothly and the set-up due to COVID-19. Stuart reported that it will most likely be the case that we will need to move one (1) precinct to the Fire Hall for the November 2020 election. Stuart reported that the City Hall hours where we are open to the public are still Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM with Friday's still be closed and by appointment only. Stuart reported that we have seen a large shift of residents taking advantage of other options of making payments either online, the drop box or by phone. This is allowing for staff to have uninterrupted time on Friday's to concentrate on special projects. Stuart reported she attended the last MML – Future City Program Session and how with COVID-19 that it was brought forth the roll of Local Government and what layers of government do what and how important it is to communicate this to our citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk

CITY OF MASON
WORKSHOP – TO DISCUSS PERCEPTION OF MASON BEING AN UNWELCOMING COMMUNITY
AND REVIEW OF THE LETTER FROM PAUL KATO
MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2020

Mayor Whipple called the workshop to order at 7:52 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan (Via Zoom Teleconference).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WORKSHOP – PERCEPTION OF MASON BEING AN UNWELCOMING COMMUNITY AND REVIEW OF THE LETTER FROM PAUL KATO

Mayor Whipple started out the discussion by identifying the question of whether Mason is unwelcoming to people of color.

Discussion took place regarding race relations, biases and staff's response to Paul Kato's letter. Mayor Pro Tem noted that part of the City's role is to inform the public on our position and policies related to these topics.

The next steps identified by the consensus of the Council include:

- Send response to Paul Kato's letter directly to him from the Mayor and the City Manager.
- Continue to have staff expand our current FAQ documents related to these issues as more questions come up from the public.
- Incorporate questions related to this topic in the Master Plan process.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



Deborah Stuart, City Manager