

**CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 31, 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, Michelle Pietsch, Finance Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing Related to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2020 Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Recreation Passport Grants to Assist with Proposed Rayner Park Playground Improvements

Mayor Whipple opened the public hearing Related to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2020 Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Recreation Passport Grants to Assist with Proposed Rayner Park Playground Improvements at 7:38 p.m.

No public comments were received.

Mayor Whipple closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.

1. Resolution 2020-23: Approval to Submit Grant Applications for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2020 Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Recreation Passport Grants to Assist with Proposed Rayner Park Playground Improvements.

MOTION by Vogel, second by Schaffer,
to approve Resolution 2020-23: Approval to Submit Grant Applications for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2020 Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Recreation Passport Grants to Assist with Proposed Rayner Park Playground Improvements.

CITY OF MASON

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL FOR THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 2020 TRUST FUND, LAND AND WATER, AND RECREATION PASSPORT GRANTS TO ASSIST WITH PROPOSED RAYNER PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

August 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has prepared three grant applications to be submitted for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2020 Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Recreation Passport grants to assist with proposed Rayner Park playground improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has committed funding in its six-year Capital Improvement Program 2020-2026 to support the required match for an awarded grant being either the Land and Water Conservation Fund or National Resources 2020 Trust Fund in the amount of \$242,000 (50% of total project cost); or the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant in the amount of \$363,750 (75% of total project cost); and

WHEREAS, the recommended playground improvements are based upon public input and research completed for the recently approved City of Mason five-year Parks, Recreation, and Non-motorized Plan 2020-2024, and an assessment of the playground completed by the manufacturer – Playgrounds by Leathers; and

WHEREAS, two community open houses were held on October 12 and December 14, 2019, at Mason City Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to provide input regarding parks, recreation and non-motorized opportunities within the community for the five-year plan; and

WHEREAS, citizens were provided opportunities for providing input specifically for the Rayner Park playground improvements through an on-line public opinion survey from March 24 through March 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, an electronic public hearing was held on Monday, August 31, 2020, via Zoom to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the grant and proposed Rayner Playground improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason has prepared the grant for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreational needs at Rayner Park.

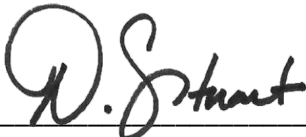
Yes (7) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Madden, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple

No (0)

MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Stuart', written over a horizontal line.

Deborah Stuart, City Manager