

**CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2021**

Mayor Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Councilmember Vogel led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Schaffer, Vogel, Whipple
Absent: None
Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Manager, Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk, Thomas Hitch, City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MOTION by Clark, second by Droscha,
to amend the agenda by adding Closed Session to consult with City Attorney regarding trial strategy in connection with Jean Karslake v City of Mason lawsuit after the City Manager's report.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION by Droscha, second by Ferris,
to approve the Consent Calendar with the amendment of moving Item C2 – Authorize Contract for Professional Planning Service Related to the Master plan and Ordinance Updates (CIP: 2018-B23) with Smith Group in the Amount of \$125,000 to New Business

- A. Minutes:
 - 1. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting June 21, 2021
- B. Correspondence:
 - 1. Receipt of City Attorney's Report Dated July 8, 2021
 - 2. Receipt of Letter Regarding the Audit Process from Maner Costerisan
- C. Financials:
 - 1. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$114,264.84
 - 2. Authorize Contract for Professional Planning Services Related to the Master Plan and Ordinance Updates (CIP: 2018-B23) with Smith Group in the Amount of \$125,000 -
Moved to New Business
- D. Right Of Ways:
 - 1. Approve Use of Public Right-of-Way for the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce, Down Home Days Courthouse Show on September 18, 2021

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Parks, Recreation and Non-Motorized (PRN) Activities
 - 1. Resolution 2021-16: A Resolution to Place on the Ballot at the Special Election to be Held on November 2, 2021, the Question Whether the City of Mason Shall Impose and

Additional Millage of One Mill Annually for a Term of Five Years to Provide for Improvements to Parks, Trail Ways and Pathways, Including Restoring and Upgrading Existing Park and Trail Facilities, within the City of Mason.

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha
to adopt Resolution 2021-16: A Resolution to Place on the Ballot at the Special Election to be Held on November 2, 2021, the Question Whether the City of Mason Shall Impose and Additional Millage of One Mill Annually for a Term of Five Years to Provide for Improvements to Parks, Trail Ways and Pathways, Including Restoring and Upgrading Existing Park and Trail Facilities, within the City of Mason.

Yes (6) Brown, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Vogel, Whipple
No (1) Schaffer

MOTION APPROVED

2. Approve Budget Amendments Related to the PRN Millage Proposal

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to amend the 2021/2022 Clerk's Budget by \$14,000 to pay for the expenses of conducting an election for the PRN Millage Proposal

Yes (6) Brown, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Vogel, Whipple
No (1) Schaffer

MOTION APPROVED

B. Discussion on Revenue Ideas to Help Offset Taxpayer Burden of New Wastewater Treatment Plant WTP, Replacement of Lead Service Lines and Park Millage through Exploration of Solar Energy and Opting In to one or more Parts of Marijuana Law like Manufacturing (Vogel)

Vogel provided information and research conducted regarding Solar Energy. Vogel brought up the possibility of revisiting the City's Marijuana Ordinances.

C. Authorize Contract for Professional Planning Services Related to the Master Plan and Ordinance Updates (CIP: 2018-B23) with Smith Group in the Amount of \$125,000

MOTION by Clark, second by Droscha,
to Authorize Contract for Professional Planning Services Related to the Master Plan and Ordinance Updates (CIP: 2018-B23) with Smith Group in the Amount of \$125,000

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

None

MANAGER'S REPORT: 07/09/2021

City Manager noted that the unfunded liability workshop would be held in the Fall instead of July as the City will receive additional information by that time that will assist in the discussion.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Clark, second by Brown to Adjourn to Closed Session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with the City Attorney regarding trial strategy in connection with Jean Karlake v. City of Mason lawsuit

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

No (0)

Absent: (0)

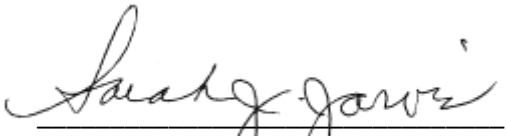
MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Meeting adjourned to close session at 7:58 p.m.

Mayor Whipple reconvened to the Open Meeting at 9:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



Sarah J. Jarvis, City Clerk