CITY OF MASON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2016

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

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Ferris*, Mulvany, Waltz
Absent: Councilmember: None
Also present: Deborah S. Stuart, City Administrator
Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer
Tom Hitch, City Attorney

*Ferris arrived at 7:32 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ingham County Trails and Parks Task Force meeting with Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails (TART) – Hilliard Building – May 26, 2016

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

Jim Maddix of 450 High Point Street, Apartment No. 2, stated that he would donate two hours per week to maintain Rayner Park, as he has in the past. He added that if 18 others would volunteer two hours per week, it would be equivalent to having a full-time employee.

Jack Carmichael of 519 South Rogers asked for direction to obtain water quality data regarding copper levels. Administrator Stuart stated that Mr. Carmichael may be referring to testing conducted by the school district and suggested that they would be in possession of that data.

Jena Keller, owner of Salon 130, stated that she was opposed to food truck vendors parking on downtown streets due to concerns for customer parking. Her customers express that they have difficulty finding parking.

Seth Waxman, Planning Commission Secretary, encouraged Council to approve the proposed Food Truck Vendor Ordinance for first reading this evening. He asked that the sunset provision be extended to 18 months to allow a complete year to evaluate the pilot program.

Joe Ghinelli, owner of the Courthouse Pub, stated opposition to food truck vendors parking on downtown streets. He suggested allowing the use in parks and on private property for the pilot program. He echoed the parking concerns of Ms. Keller stating that his employees have difficulty finding parking.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Droscha, second by Bruno,
to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes
   - Regular Council Meeting: May 4, 2016

B. Approval of Bills
   - Approve the bills in the amount of $ 126,210.37.

C. Amend the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget
   - Amend the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion – Introduction and First Reading – Mobile Food Vending Regulation Ordinance

MOTION by Brown, second by Droscha,
to introduce City Council Ordinance – Mobile Food Vending Regulation, and consider it read for the first time.

There was extensive discussion regarding the proposed mobile food vending regulation ordinance. Suggestions were offered for changes. Statements of support as well as opposition were made.

Vote on the motion:
Yes (4) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Waltz
No (3) Bruno, Clark, Mulvany
MOTION APPROVED

Resolution – Adoption of FY 2016-2017 Budget

MOTION by Droscha, second by Brown,
to consider City Council Resolution – Adoption of FY 2016-2017 Budget, as read.
MOTION APPROVED

City Council Resolution – Adoption of FY 2016-2017 Budget was introduced by Brown and seconded by Mulvany.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget saving and customer service justification for hiring a full-time building inspector who would conduct building inspections, take the role of code enforcement, and be available on-site for customers. This action would result in termination of the agreement with Meridian Township for building inspection services, as well as the part-time code enforcement officer position.

MOTION by Clark, second by Brown,
to not expand the office of building inspector and leave the code enforcement officer position in place.
Yes (2) Bruno, Clark
No (5) Brown, Droscha, Ferris, Mulvany, Waltz
MOTION FAILED

CITY OF MASON
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2016-14
ADOPTION OF THE FY 2016-2017 BUDGET
May 16, 2016

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mason did hold a public hearing on the proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year budget on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 as prescribed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed 2016-2017 Operating Budget is filed with the City Clerk, providing for the sums of $15,414,810 to expend for municipal purposes of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, Trust and Agency Funds, Enterprise Funds, Intergovernmental funds, and Special Assessment Funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, and the said amount of $2,828,170 shall be raised by taxes, or a levy of 13.25 mills, upon real and personal property of the City of Mason;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that whereas the captured State Taxable Valuation for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) District is $2,009,379, the sum of $26,930 shall be placed in the DDA Fund along with other taxing jurisdictions' appropriate tax dollar amounts, and together this money will be used for future improvements within the District, and bond payments;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that whereas the captured State Taxable Valuation for the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) District is $46,880,431, the sum of $129,055 shall be placed in the LDFA Fund along with other taxing jurisdictions' appropriate tax dollar amounts, and together this money will be used for future improvements within the District, and bond payments;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the 2016-2017 Governmental Fund Budgets shall be automatically amended on July 1, 2016 to re-appropriate encumbrances outstanding and reserved on June 30, 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mason hereby adopts the 2016-2017 proposed fiscal year budget which is currently on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Yes (5) Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Mulvany
No (2) Ferris, Waltz
RESOLUTION APPROVED

Motion – Authorizing the City Administrator to Proceed with Amended Terms for Rayner Park
Stuart informed Council regarding the meeting with the County to renegotiate the terms of the Rayner Park quit claim deed. A lengthy discussion was held regarding items of concern.

MOTION by Brown, second by Clark,
to authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to proceed with requesting the amended terms inclusive of the concerns relating to parking on the grass and the costs incurred from parking on the grass.

Yes (5) Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Mulvany
No (2) Ferris, Waltz
MOTION APPROVED

Bruno stated that it is time to notify WOW cable that many residents of Mason are not happy with the service.

NEW BUSINESS
Clark informed City Administrator Stuart that Gorsline Runciman Funeral Home is

requesting removal of the unhealthy tree in front of the building at their cost.

Mulvany stated that the building permit requirement for re-roofing is excessive and unnecessary and should be reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Brown informed Council regarding Planning Commission business.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Ferris informed Council that the Friends of Lansing Regional Parks will be providing an overview of the ambassador program on May 26, 2016 at the Hilliard Building.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Stuart informed Council regarding current City business. She commended Fire Chief Minshall on his recognition as Citizen of the Year by the Brothers of Mason Lodge No. 70.

A brief discussion was held regarding sidewalk placement along the front of the Summerwood neighborhood development.

City Attorney Tom Hitch presented his quarterly report to Council. He commended Finance Director Smith for compiling an uncomplicated, straightforward legal fee summary. A brief discussion was held regarding a former decision of Council to execute traffic violations as municipal civil infractions in order to receive one-third of the fine revenue.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwiertniewicz, City Clerk

Michael F. Waltz, Mayor