

**CITY OF MASON**

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**AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MASTER PLAN**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Monday, August 5, 2013**

**6:00 p.m.**

**CITY OF MASON**

201 West Ash St.  
Mason, MI 48854-0370

**Master Plan Workshop 6:00 PM**

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING - COUNCIL CHAMBER  
Monday, August 5, 2013**

**7:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
4. Announcements
5. People from the Floor
6. Presentations
7. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting: July 15, 2013
  - B. Approval of Bills
8. Regular Business
  - A. Motion—Street Closures—Commercial Shoot
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. Correspondence
  - Letter from Mason citizen William Savage dated July 15, 2013
  - Email from Patrick McPharlin, President/CEO of MSUFCU, dated July 22, 2013
  - Registration Form for the 2013 Michigan Municipal League Convention
12. Liaison Reports
13. Councilmember Reports
14. Administrator's Report
  - House Appropriations Committee Votes to Cut Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds in Half
15. Adjournment

**CITY OF MASON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2013**

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

Present: Councilmembers: Brown, Bruno, Clark, Droscha, Ferris, Naeyaert  
Absent: Councilmember: Mulvany (excused)  
Also present: Martin A. Colburn City Administrator  
Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk  
Eric Smith, Finance Director/Treasurer  
John Stressman, Chief of Police

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Kiwanis invited Council to attend the Tuesday, July 16 meeting – Guest Speaker is from FAN, Families Against Narcotics
- Thursday Night Live! – July 18, 2013 on the Courthouse lawn

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Council Meeting: July 1, 2013
- B. Approval of Bills - \$55,247.03
- C. Motion – Request to be Excused – City Council Member Jim Mulvany  
Excuse the absence of Councilmember Mulvany from the July 15, 2013 meeting.
- D. Motion – Alley Closure – Bad Brewing Company  
Approve the closure of the alley between Bad Brewing Company and Keans Store Co.  
from Jefferson Street to the end of the Bad Brewing Company building to allow a hot dog  
vender to sell refreshments for the company's first year anniversary in business.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Second Reading and Adoption – Ordinance No. 194 - An Ordinance, Granting to Consumers Energy Company, Its Successors and Assigns, the Right, Power and Authority to Construct, Maintain and Commercially Use Electric Lines Consisting of Towers, Masts, Poles, Crossarms, Guys, Braces, Feeders, Transmission and Distribution Wires, Transformers and Other Electrical Appliances On, Under, Along and Across the Highways, Streets, Alleys, Bridges, Waterways, and Other Public Places, and to Do a Local Electric Business in the City of Mason, Ingham County, Michigan, for a Period of Thirty Years.**

Colburn gave a brief summary of proposed Ordinance No 194. McGinty spoke to the legal components of the franchise agreement.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha,  
to consider Ordinance No. 194 read for the second time and adopted.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**CITY OF MASON  
ORDINANCE NO. 194**

AN ORDINANCE, GRANTING TO CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT, POWER AND AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND COMMERCIALY USE ELECTRIC LINES CONSISTING OF TOWERS, MASTS, POLES, CROSSARMS, GUYS, BRACES, FEEDERS, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION WIRES, TRANSFORMERS AND OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES ON, UNDER, ALONG AND ACROSS THE HIGHWAYS, STREETS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, WATERWAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, AND TO DO A LOCAL ELECTRIC BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF MASON, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY YEARS.

THE CITY OF MASON ORDAINS:

**Section 1. Grant, term.** The City of Mason, Ingham County, Michigan, hereinafter "City," hereby grants the right, power and authority to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances, hereinafter referred to collectively as electric lines, for the purpose of transmitting, transforming and distributing electricity on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the city of Mason, Ingham County, Michigan, for a period of thirty years.

**Section 2. Consideration.** In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

**Section 3. Conditions.** Except in cases of emergency, no work requiring any excavation in, opening in, or tunneling under any highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway, or other public place shall be commenced by said Grantee without first obtaining a permit for said work from the City. Except in cases of emergency, no work requiring the obstruction of any portion of any right-of-way for longer than one day shall be commenced by Grantee without first obtaining a right-of-way permit from the City. In cases of emergency, the required permits shall be obtained as soon as practicable after commencement of the work. No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway, or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's structures and equipment shall be so placed on either side of the highways so as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes. All of Grantee's wires carrying electricity shall be securely fastened so as not to endanger or injure persons or property in said highways. The Grantee shall have the right to trim trees if necessary in the conducting of such business, subject, however, to the supervision and reasonable control of the City's Public Works Department or its successor.

**Section 4. Hold harmless.** Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the City free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the electric lines hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the City on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the City and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of the electric lines. Provided, however, that Grantee's obligations under this Section 4 shall not apply to any loss, cost, damage, or claims arising solely out of the negligence of the City, its employees, or its contractors. Furthermore, in the event that any loss, cost, damage or claims arise out of the joint negligence of the City, its employees or its contractors, Grantee's obligations under this Section 4 shall not apply to the proportional extent of the negligence of the City, its employees or its contractors.

**Section 5. Extensions.** Said Grantee shall construct and extend its electric distribution system within said city, and shall furnish electric service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**Section 6. Franchise not exclusive.** The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

**Section 7. Rates.** Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said city for electric furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate electric rates and rules regulating such service in said City, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said City, acting by its City Council, or by said Grantee.

**Section 8. Revocation.** The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation at the will of the City Council or Grantee and upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

**Section 9. Right of regulation.** The Grantee shall be and remain subject to all charter provisions, ordinances, rules and regulations of the City now in effect, or which are subsequently adopted for the regulation of land uses or for the protection of the health, safety and general welfare of the public; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver by Grantee of its existing or future rights under State or Federal law.

**Section 10. Use of streets of streets.** The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to the right of the City to use, control, and regulate the use of its streets, alleys, bridges, and public places and the space above and beneath them. The Grantee and its contractors and subcontractors shall, at Grantee's own cost and expense, relocate or remove Grantee's facilities from streets, alleys, bridges, and public places whenever (i) the use of such streets, alleys, bridges, and public places by the public for the installation or repair of public improvements, such as, but not limited to, drains, sewers, water mains or pipes, road construction, grading or repair, or (ii) the vacation of any street or public right of way, necessitates such relocation or removal; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver by Grantee of any of its existing or future rights under state or Federal law. Nothing herein shall restrict or impair Grantee's rights under any statutes or laws regarding the vacation or relocation of public streets. Grantee shall permit joint use of, or attachment to, its poles and other appurtenances located within the streets, alleys and other public places of Grantor in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission and the Federal Communications Commission, as applicable.

**Section 11. Michigan Public Service Commission, jurisdiction.** Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed that fall within the jurisdiction of the Michigan Public Service Commission, be and remain subject to the rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to electric service in said City.

**Section 12. Repealer.** This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of an electric ordinance adopted by the City on January 15, 1979 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, GRANTING TO CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT, POWER AND AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND COMMERCIALY USE ELECTRIC LINES CONSISTING OF TOWERS, MASTS, POLES, CROSSARMS, GUYS, BRACES, FEEDERS, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION WIRES, TRANSFORMERS AND OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES ON, UNDER, ALONG AND ACROSS THE HIGHWAYS, STREETS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, AND TO DO A LOCAL ELECTRIC BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF MASON, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY YEARS.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby an electric franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

**Section 13. Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon the latter of (i) the day after the date of publication thereof and (ii) twenty days after adoption thereof by the City Council; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the City Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said City and said Grantee.

**ORDINANCE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion – Directory of Charges**

Colburn summarized the proposed changes to the Directory of Charges. A brief discussion ensued regarding various City fees. Stressman responded to questions regarding fees for police services.

MOTION by Naeyaert, second by Droscha  
to approve the Directory of Charges dated July 15, 2013.  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council asked staff to pursue a request for proposals for LEED landscape renovations around the city hall parking lot to allow estimating the cost of a new landscape plan, working with the American Legion project, for consideration in the next budget.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was distributed. Clark read a letter received from Allison Doneth, age nine, regarding an art program.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

- Naeyaert informed Council regarding Planning Commission business
- Clark informed Council regarding Downtown Development Authority business

**COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed Council regarding City business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

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Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

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Leon R. Clark, Mayor

08/02/2013 09:41 AM  
User: TF  
DB: Mason City

INVOICE APPROVAL BY INVOICE REPORT FOR CITY OF MASON

EXP CHECK RUN DATES 07/20/2013 - 08/07/2013  
BOTH JOURNALIZED AND UNJOURNALIZED  
BOTH OPEN AND PAID

COUNCIL REPORT  
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2013

Vendor Code Invoice GL Number	Vendor Name Invoice Description GL Description	Invoice Date	Amount
07800	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN		
GRP#7029499710DIV#00 750-000.00-231.015	HEALTH INS ~ CITY EXPENSE HEALTH INS ~ CITY EXPENSE	07/23/2013	5,868.16
GRP#7029499710DIV002 750-000.00-231.015	CITY EXPENSE HEALTH INS HEALTH INS CITY EXPENSE	07/23/2013	6,040.94
GRP#70294999DIV#001 101-855.00-874.001	RETIREEES INS ~ CITY EXPENSE RETIREEES - CITY EXPENSE	07/23/2013	6,923.39
		VENDOR TOTAL:	18,832.49
05016	GRANGER		
JULY 2013 101-528.00-818.000	JULY REFUSE CHARGES 2277 CUSTOMERS JULY REFUSE CHARGES 2277 CUSTOMERS	08/02/2013	27,073.53
		VENDOR TOTAL:	27,073.53
06205	KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS		
901734180 592-555.00-757.000	FERRIC CHLORIDE 9.55 DRY TONS OF FERRIC CHLORIDE	08/02/2013	5,034.19
		VENDOR TOTAL:	5,034.19
06869	L-3 COM MOBILE VISION INC		
0200895-IN 101-305.00-970.000	INTERVIEW/INTERROGATION ROOMS VIDEO SYST INTERVIEW/INTERROGATION ROOMS VIDEO SYST	08/02/2013	17,286.00
		VENDOR TOTAL:	17,286.00
07096	SPEEDWAY, LLC		
AUGUST 2013 661-568.00-731.000	JULY FUEL USAGE 1804.9 GALLONS JULY FUEL USAGE 1804.9 GALLONS	08/02/2013	6,699.32
		VENDOR TOTAL:	6,699.32
		TOTAL - ALL VENDORS:	74,925.53

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the above bills and expenses and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they cover expenditures of City services and materials and are within current budget appropriations.



Martin A. Colburn  
City Administrator

**CITY OF MASON**  
**STAFF AGENDA REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

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**Meeting Date:** August 5, 2013

**Agenda Item:** 8(A)

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**AGENDA ITEM**

Motion – Street Closures – Commercial Shoot

**EXHIBITS**

- Letter of Request – Aaron Greer, Representative for Harvest Creation Services
- Memorandum – John Stressman, dated August 1, 2013

**STAFF REVIEW**

- Police Department
- City Clerk

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Monday, July 29, 2013, Mr. Alan Greer, of Harvest Creative Services, contacted staff to request street closures in the downtown business area to perform a commercial shoot August 21 – 22, 2013, between the hours of 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. In addition to the street closures, sidewalk along those streets, and possibly various parking spots, may be requested for use during this time. The company is also planning to place a tree, held by a crane, against a residential house for the commercial.

Harvest Creative Services has not decided if Mason will be chosen as the site location, nor have any of the other possible requests been established. The request is before Council today because the next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 19, and the applicant would like to hold Mason as a possible location.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff is recommending denial of the request.

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Aaron Greer and I represent Harvest Creative Services. I am location scouting for a commercial shoot that we are planning for the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, 2013. The commercial will consist of an insurance agent leaving his downtown "main street" office, making his way through town, and arriving at a house with that a tree has fallen on.

The city of Mason is a perfect candidate for the feel of the commercial. We are not 100% sure how we are shooting this, be it one continuous dolly shot or jump cuts to different parts of town. So, what we would need for street closures is not finalized. There are a couple of businesses that we would like to use as well as the side walk on Jefferson, from Ash to Maple, and on Maple, Jefferson to Rogers. We are discussing full road closures or the possibility of only reserving the parking spots and filming within those confines. We will also be bringing in a tree to place against a house, and a crane to hold it up.

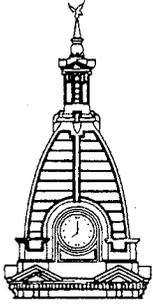
I would like to get this on the agenda to be discussed at the city council meeting on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. I am planning to attend said meeting to answer any questions or concerns that the council may have concerning our presence and use of streets. A decision on which city we are filming in has not been finalized, but I would like to make sure we have Mason as a possibility, if the council approves us.

Thank you.

Please feel free to call or email me.

Aaron J. Greer  
Harvest Creative Services  
1011 N. Washington Ave.  
Lansing, MI. 48906

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517-896-5767 Cell  
greer@harvestcreativeservices.com



# Mason Police Department

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JOHN STRESSMAN  
*Chief of Police*

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MASON\_PD@ingham.org

## MEMORANDUM

To: Martin Colburn  
City Administrator

Debbie Cwiertniewicz  
City Clerk

From: John Stressman  
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Stressman', is written over the printed name of John Stressman.

Date: August 1, 2013

Ref: Street Closure Request

The department has been asked to review and recommend action on a requested (possible) two block street closure, in the downtown business area to occur August 21 and 22, 2013, starting at 6:30 a.m. through 6:30 p.m. The streets involved include Jefferson Street between Ash and Maple Streets and Maple Street between Jefferson and Rogers. The purpose of the request made by Harvest Creative Services, 1011 North Washington Avenue, Lansing, is for the filming of a television commercial.

The requestor has identified other logistical issues involved with the filming and the street closure request is one of a number of options being considered by the company. However, with such short notice before the requestor's appearance at the August 5, 2013 City Council meeting, the department will not endorse the street closures without a more thorough review of the impact on downtown business and Ingham County business that the requested closures would have—especially regarding vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

With the current request in mind, at this time the department recommends the street closure request be denied.

Attachment

William G. Savage  
3110 W. Harper Rd.  
Mason, MI 48854  
July 15, 2013

Mason City Council  
City Hall  
Mason, MI 48854

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: WOW Cable Issues

I am writing to you, the mayor and mayor pro tem to thank you all for the action taken on behalf of WOW customers/ constituents which resulted in a significant reduction in our monthly payments for the WOW cable service

I received a letter from the Public Service Commission, to whom you referred this matter, and they informed me of the corrective measures undertaken by WOW to address the twin concerns of service quality and increased rates.

It is refreshing to find local public servants who are willing to step up and weigh in on behalf of those citizens affected by this matter. Your work on our behalf is appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
William G. Savage

## Ingrid Nova

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**From:** Pat McPharlin [patm@msufcu.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 10:12 PM  
**To:** Ingrid Nova  
**Cc:** Martin Colburn; April Clobes  
**Subject:** RE: Correspondence From Marty Colburn

Martin

I am preparing for the credit union board meeting and realized I put your letter in the board information without answering you. Please accept my apology for my very slow response to your letter.

Thank you for the very kind letter.

We are very pleased with the welcome, understanding and assistance that we received from everyone associated with the city. We were very pleased that so many Mason City leaders attended the ground breaking event and the dinner

afterwards. I enjoyed sitting with you and learning more about each of you and the city. Our conversations and the more I learned about Mason just reaffirmed our decision to locate the branch office in Mason.

Thank you once again for your assistance.

*Pat*

*Patrick M. McPharlin*

President/CEO

Michigan State University Federal Credit Union

Phone: (517)333-2200

[patm@msufcu.org](mailto:patm@msufcu.org)

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**From:** Ingrid Nova [<mailto:ingridn@mason.mi.us>]

**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2013 4:48 PM

**To:** Pat McPharlin

**Cc:** Martin Colburn

**Subject:** Correspondence From Marty Colburn

Good afternoon. Please see the attached correspondence from Marty Colburn, which is self-explanatory. Thanks!

*Ingrid Nova*

Executive Assistant to the City Administrator

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Municipality Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name (person completing this form) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendee Information (please complete another form if registering more than one attendee):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Hotel housing code will be sent here

Guest Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant Type	Early Rate by 8/23/13	Rate after 8/23/13	Day Rate: Wed, 9/18 only	Day Rate: Thurs, 9/19 only (does not include banquet)
MML Liability Pool and/or Workers Comp Members	<input type="checkbox"/> \$349/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$649/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200/person
MML Full & Associate Members/ BAP Participants	<input type="checkbox"/> \$449/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$749/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250/person
Nonmember Government Entities	<input type="checkbox"/> \$499/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$899/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300/person
Nonmember	<input type="checkbox"/> \$599/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$999/person		
Guest (includes reception and banquet only)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150/person		

Additional Meal Options	
<input type="checkbox"/> MI Women in Municipal Gov't Breakfast, Wednesday 09/18	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> MI Association of Mayors Breakfast, Thursday, 09/19	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Ticket (with Thursday Only rate), Thursday, 09/19	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Meal - Wednesday Lunch, Wednesday, 09/18	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Meal - Closing Breakfast, Friday, 09/20	\$30

Banquet Meal Selection (Thursday, 9/19)	Registered Delegate	Registered Guest
Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vegetarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will Not Be Attending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Michigan Municipal League Foundation Events, Wednesday, 09/18, 7:00pm	
<input type="checkbox"/> Take Me Out to the Ball Game! Detroit Tigers	\$35
Quantity _____ X \$35 = \$ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Strolling Reception at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum	\$50
Quantity _____ X \$50 = \$ _____	

Mobile Workshops (select one) Thursday, 9/19, 10:15am-1:00pm	Registered Delegate	Guest (\$35)
Bike the Dequindre Cut	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detroit Music History	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmer's/Eastern Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Innovation Districts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public/Private Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retail Revitalization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urban Core Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Questions	
Does your community wish to participate in the Parade of Flags? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you require a vegetarian/vegan meal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you require special assistance/accommodations? If so, please specify:	

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Online:** To register and pay online visit [www.mml.org](http://www.mml.org). On the home page located on the right hand side under "My League," click on "Log On" and enter your name and password. After you are logged in, click on "Events."

**Fax:** Please fax registration form to 734-669-4223, then mail with check payable to: Michigan Municipal League P.O. Box 7409 Ann Arbor, MI 48107-7409

**Registration Questions?**  
Call 734-669-6371 or email [registration@mml.org](mailto:registration@mml.org). For a full list of Convention registration policies, visit [www.mml.org](http://www.mml.org), click on Training/Events, click on Convention Registration Policies.

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members**

**FROM: Martin Colburn, City Administrator**

**DATE: August 5, 2013**

**RE: City Administrator's Report**

### **House Appropriations Committee Votes to Cut Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds in Half**

The US House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development voted to cut Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to communities in half from \$3.08 Billion in 2013 to \$1.6 Billion in 2014. This reduction is on top of the cuts from the sequester. An amendment by Rep. Fattah (D-PA) would have restored the funding to \$3.3 Billion, but was defeated.

Community Development Block Grants are a vital component for communities to provide enhancements through numerous projects and activities. This cut will hurt communities such as Mason who have used them to help maintain the downtown core of our business community as well as other housing rehabilitations. These forms of grants allow communities to eliminate blight by assisting in maintaining properties, particularly with low and moderate income. In addition, our business community has utilized the grant funding extensively with the lofts in our historic downtown. CDBG's can be used for other activities as allowed by each state such as economic development. Mason has had to compete for these funds, and with less funding available, it becomes more difficult to acquire and implement these positive community enhancing programs.