



**Town of Mason
Mayor & Board of Alderman
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday December 19, 2022, 6:32PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Emmit Gooden

OPENING PRAYER: Vice Mayor Virginia Rivers

ROLL CALL: Mayor Emmit Gooden, Vice Mayor Virginia Rivers, Alderman Celia Chastain, Alderman Sylvester Harvey, Alderman Shate' Toliver, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris
(Alderman Carolyn Catron, Alderman Alethea Harris, and Alderman Mary Mason)
Arrived later in the Meeting after the Presentation of TDOT's Proposed Roadway Improvements

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Davis, Assistant to the Mayor/Officer Manager; Michele Scott, HR; Rick Jewell, Chief of Police; Marvin Norfolk, Lieutenant of Mason PD; Jordan McKenzie, Town Planner; Tanner Jenkins, Fire Chief; Rose Mackey, Lieutenant of Fire Department; Matalée Hall, Public Works Director; Elaine Allen, I/T; and Terry Clayton, Esq. City Attorney

VISITORS:

Meredith K., Laura Moribe, Zacal Brazelton, Lee Malone, April Adams, Maybell Holly, Laloma Harris, Michael Harris, Jennifer Donaldson, April Patton, Zach Lapin, and William Norvell

Adoption of the Board Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2022

Vice Mayor Rivers made a motion to adopt the Board Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2022, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Chastain: vote passed 4-0

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

• **MAYOR JEFF HUFFMAN – SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

The swearing in of the newly elected officials took place at Mason Methodist Church, and Mayor Huffman presented the officials with their certificates. The Meeting was posted on the TOM website to be held at the Mason Police Department, located at 12169 Main Street.

Mayor Eddie Noeman, Alderman Carolyn Catron, Alderman Alethea Harris, and Alderman Mary Mason came to the Meeting at the Mason PD, after the swearing-in ceremony at Mason Methodist Church. Mayor Gooden, Vice Mayor Rivers, Alderman Chastain, Alderman Toliver, Alderman Harvey, and Town Recorder Lureatha Harris were not in attendance for the swearing in ceremony. These individuals were in attendance where the Meeting was posted to be held, located at 12169 Main Street.



- **MAYOR EDDIE NOEMAN (Mayor Emmit Gooden introduced Mayor Eddie Noeman to the Board and the constituents as the Mayor of Mason)**
- **ALDERMAN CAROLYN CATRON**
- **ALDERMAN ALETHEA HARRIS**
- **ALDERMAN MARY YANCEY MASON**
- **VOTE FOR VICE MAYOR (Vice Mayor Virginia Rivers made a motion that Alderman Carolyn Catron be elected as Vice Mayor, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Alethea Harris: vote passed 4-2 (Alderman Toliver and Alderman Chastain voted no) Copies of the candidates certificates were requested later by Lureatha Harris**
- **TDOT'S PROPOSED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT THE BLUE OVAL DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTED BY MERIDITH KERBS, SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, REPRESENTING THE TDOT ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION KIMLEY-HORN, NASHVILLE TENNESSEE**

Providing Environmental Assessment

Need and Purpose of the Project....

Support Ongoing Development in the Region

Existing Operational Deficiencies

Insufficient Connectivity to the Memphis Regional Megasite and the Surrounding Area

The purpose of the proposed Interstate 40/State Route 194 (Project (Project Blue Oval) has been identified as the following:

Accommodate Ongoing Development in the Region

Improve Traffic Operational Efficiency

Improved Connections to the Memphis Regional Megasite and the Surrounding Area

Comments and Feedback were Encouraged with Comment Cards Presented to be Returned after Completion

- **Damage to the highways from the big trucks**
- **Trucks getting stuck while attempting to redirect traffic**
- **Use diversity for contract bidding**

City Attorney: Terry Clayton, Esq. City Attorney (No report)

Economic & Community Development and Office Manager

Norma Davis, Assistant to the Mayor

Mayor Noeman said he has not had an opportunity to read the Economic & Community Development Report and stated it would be postponed to the next Board Meeting.



HR Department

Michele Scott, HR Manager

Mr. Hall will be resigning as Director of Public Works, as of January 2nd, 2023. A Public Works Director and two additional employees in that department are needed. Mr. Hall will work as a consultant until a Public Works Director is hired. Vice Mayor Catron made a motion to accept the HR Department Report, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Harris: vote passed 5-1 (Alderman Toliver voted no)

Finance and Administration Department

Ronda & Cortez Hughey Financial Consultants

(Absent)

Fire Department

Tanner Jenkins, Fire Chief

The department has located two identical fire engines of interest being sold by the San Bruno Fire Department in San Bruno California. Both vehicles meet the fire department needs and are being sold for \$25,000 each and come with complete service records. Potential package purchasing may be available. Everything financially will need to be turned in to the Finance Department. Alderman Chastain made a motion to accept the Fire Department Report, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Toliver: vote passed 6-0

Parks & Public Works Department

Matalee Hall, Public Works Director

Attorney Clayton said a lawsuit will need to be filed with the insurance company regarding an accident that occurred at the Regulator Station in Richland Hills, due to no response from the insurance company. The lawsuit will need to be filed before December 28, 2022, for statute of limitations purposes. Blue Oval will require someone with a certification to continue with the fire hydrogens that were requested. Mr. Hall reported that he received a call from Blue Oval to set fire hydrogens at Jack Pond Road and Keeling Road, and Blue Oval will supply the material needed and the city can put them in. Chief Tanner Jenkins said the fees would be \$10,000 per hydrogen. Alderman Toliver made a motion to accept the Parks and Public Works Department Report, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Chastain: vote passed 6-0

Police Department

Chief Richard Jewell

Friday, December 16, the blue light cameras were relocated near the clubs and from Richland Hills Subdivision to Finde Naifeh Rd., at the entrance to Beaver Creek Subdivision. Also 3 LPR's (License Plate Readers) will be added to the cameras. A wireless transmitter will be added to the cameras at the clubs to provide the Police Department with 24-hour access to monitor club activity through a tv that must be purchased. Mayor Noeman had concerns about officers covering the weekends. Alderman Toliver made a motion to accept the Police Department Report, and the motion was 2nd by Vice Mayor Catron: vote passed 6-0



Mayor's Period:

Constituents Comments/Concerns: (2 minutes)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

CLOSING PRAYER: Mayor Eddie Noeman

Motion To ADJOURN: Vice Mayor Catron made a motion to adjourn, and the motion was 2nd by Alderman Toliver: vote passed 6-0 (Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm)

Eddie Noeman, Mayor

Date

Lureatha Harris, Town Recorder