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“The only thing I had suggested to the county attorney is that even though probably the full development agreement is...won’t be ready for approval by the time you do your second reading of the zoning ordinance, at a very minimum, I would like to see a binding term sheet be executed and approved that sets the basic commitments of the company to the project,” said Parsons.

He added that they are in the process of working through that and some parameters of it include that any cost created by the project will be paid for by the project and not by the citizens or community. According to Parsons, there will also be community benefits in the agreement for certain commitments to the community, including things such as infrastructure and public safety.

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Germantown City Council Member, stated that his campaign is focused on “restoring the trust and faith of our government back to our people.”

“I believe in full and complete transparency of government,” he continued. “When elected, my philosophy will be, if an individual of our community wants to know what is happening in our community, my answer will go one of two ways: ‘Here’s what I know,’ or ‘I will find out.’”

During his introduction, Bach described his administrative experience, as well as his work with an organization that oversees a multi-million-dollar budget. He further expressed that he would ensure that the county’s departments have the tools, equipment and salaries necessary to keep its citizens safe.

The moderators then asked each candidate, “What is your stance on the data center, and how comfortable are you with signing an NDA?”

Bach stated that he did not believe the data center had been handled correctly, expressing his opinion that the process “should have been more transparent.” He added that he believed the Economic Development Director and board should handle NDAs, and that there should be a liaison between them and the fiscal court.

Moran then explained his belief that if the proposed data center had been zoned for industrial parks, “We can make this work.” He further expressed that the county works for the people, not corporations, concluding that elected officials should not sign NDAs due to the risk.

Frame stated that a data center might be beneficial if it were zoned in an industrial park; however, there has been no transparency, and they do not have “any actual facts.” She noted that she had been asked to sign an NDA for the proposed data center project and refused, claiming that she did so because of how people were being treated for their land. Frame conceded that although she previously signed an NDA for the Mitsubishi project, she “has since learned a lot about NDAs and I will never do it again.”

The moderators then asked each candidate, “What is the greatest challenge you feel the county is facing right now, and, if elected, how do you plan to address it?”

Moran stated that transparency and the job market were two major issues, noting the lack of a public comment period at the fiscal court as an example of the former. He further suggested holding Fiscal Court meetings at a different time and stated that if he were Judge Executive, he would like to bring aerospace jobs into Mason County.

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Frame stated that she believes the county’s biggest concerns are the job and housing markets. She suggested considering competitive companies to encourage better wages. She then explained that there are “young people” who work in Mason County but must live somewhere else due to the county’s “the five-acre rule.”

Frame suggested repealing the rule and amending it to one acre instead.

Bach listed the lack of jobs, public safety, the animal shelter and the homeless and drug crises as concerns in Mason County. He suggested paying the county’s workers more and stated that, if elected, he will start work groups to determine how to improve the animal shelter, as well as the homeless and drug crises. He added that he would also like to financially support public safety.

Fiscal

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ment plant or at a dedicated site at the existing treatment plant could improve its operations.

City Commissioner Ann Brammer expressed that the Commission “shouldn’t jump the gun” on this issue, and Wallingford agreed.

Spence then noted that a resettling basin would require more maintenance than he had originally anticipated, increasing from \$50,000 last year to \$100,000 this

fiscal year. He added that he is currently waiting on a more precise estimate, but that the basin’s wall would have to be done prior to the upcoming year.

Afterward, the Commission discussed Public Works Director Luke King’s budget, which included requests for a dump truck bed swap, a 20-yard packer, a trailer to pull heavy equipment and shock vehicles.

Wallingford stated that the Public Works Department currently has three packers; one of which, King added, is not used often. King further expressed that, while

the department’s current packers are still usable, they are becoming worn and damaged.

According to Wallingford, the packers currently service the city’s buildings twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Wallingford then estimated that a “good, used” packer would cost approximately \$280,000. He suggested purchasing a smaller, “10-yard” packer, keeping the city’s current best packer as a backup and surplus the other two. King stated that he did not know how much a small packer would cost.

King noted that two

of the department’s salt truck beds must be replaced with stainless steel, and that another one of its trucks requires engine repairs. Wallingford stated that he had recommended placing the latter in the department’s maintenance budget.

Maysville Police Department (MPD) Chief Patrick Boggs then discussed his budget, which included grants for two new officers, as well as new pistols and rifles. Boggs expressed interest in hiring a handler for a new K9 unit separate from that of the Mason County Sheriff Department, noting that

there is “great money out there” for one. He also explained that, although the MPD has applied for a grant for tasers, there is a monopoly on them, requiring the department to “knock those two out one or two at a time.”

Boone then asked about the status of the lease on the Forest Avenue substation. Boggs stated that he was unsure of the lease’s status due to changes in ownership but expressed interest in reviewing the lease in May or June.

“I know we talked about police being more, you know, in the community walking and that kind of thing, too,” Boone stated, “and that would probably help with just the visibility if this substation is eliminated, then, you know, it’s still welcoming because people are seeing officers in the community.”

“Yes, I’d much rather us, rather than sit in a substation, or even the station, us walking around downtown,” Boggs responded.

Afterward, Maysville Fire Department (MFD)

Chief Kyle Carpenter presented his budget, which included increased staffing, a new boat and equipment, scuba and water rescue gear, and two pickup trucks to replace Carpenter’s and the Assistant Chief’s vehicles, which Wallingford stated will be recycled. Carpenter added that the department also needs a new vent for its second ambulance

Carpenter noted that the department also expects to receive a new fire truck between November 2026 and January 2027.

Wallingford concluded the budget session by requesting that the code enforcement budget for demolitions be increased from \$60 to \$75,000 and stating that Maysville Main Street Director Caroline Reece has requested an increase from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for a special projects line item for Main Street.

He then requested that the Commission reconvene to discuss the budget during Memorial Day week so that it can hold the first reading in June.

Afterward, the Commission voted to enter a closed session. Upon returning, it unanimously voted to appoint Michael Todd Tims and Derek Lee Duncan as probationary officers with the MPD.

The meeting adjourned shortly afterward.

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