

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2011

The first semi-monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Councilman Mike Hill led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered present at roll call: Carmichael, Haring, Hazen, Hightower, Hill, Jefferson, Rock, Scott and Versaw.

There being no objections, the reading of the Journal and Communications were dispensed with.

MR. HAZEN: I've called a Utilities Committee meeting to discuss the credit card program and debit card program. We'll be doing that before the next Council caucus session. We've scheduled a 20 minute session for that for Director Messer and Director Klousiadis to present the materials.

MAYOR CULLIVER: I just want to say that the leaf pick up program started yesterday and we hope that you have leaves out and rake them to the edge of your property and we realize that there are some areas that haven't fallen yet but we never know what Mother Nature is going to do and we're doing the best we can with what we have to work with.

DIRECTOR MESSER: Memorial services for Jeff Bard are tomorrow, calling hours 4-8 PM at Snyder Funeral Home on Lexington Ave. and the service will be Thursday at 11 AM at Berean Baptist Church on Middle Bellville Rd.

WEDNESDAY DEADLINE

MRS. CARMICHAEL: I move that with respect to Bill 11-198 that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Wednesday noon be suspended and that Bills 11-198 be allowed on the floor tonight, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. The motion was passed by voice vote.

SUSPEND RULES

MRS. CARMICHAEL: I move with respect to all bills that come before Council tonight that the rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended and that each bill be read one time by title only, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

LEGISLATION

CLAIM – LOUIS & NELLIE STRUBHAR, \$600

BY: MR. HILL

ORDINANCE 11-190

Authorizing payment, on a partial assistance basis, of the request of Louis & Nellie Strubhar, 68 Westgate Drive, Mansfield, Ohio.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill that Bill 11-194 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The bill was read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Carmichael, Haring, Hazen, Hightower, Hill, Jefferson, Rock and Versaw.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

APPROP \$1,094,564 TO CAPITAL OUTLAY

BY: MR. JEFFERSON

ORDINANCE 11-191

Appropriating the sum of One Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-four Dollars (\$1,094,564) from the unappropriated Grant Fund (#224) to certain Capital Outlay Contractual Services classifications therein.

Upon motion by Mr. Jefferson that Bill 11-195 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The bill was read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Carmichael, Haring, Hazen, Hightower, Hill, Jefferson, Rock and Versaw.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

APPROP \$ 35,000 FROM TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TO OTHER CHARGES

BY: MR. JEFFERSON

ORDINANCE 11-192

Appropriating the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) from the unappropriated Transient Occupancy Fund (#808) to the Other Charges and Transfers Out classifications therein.

Upon motion by Mr. Jefferson that Bill 11-196 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The bill was read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Carmichael, Haring, Hazen, Hightower, Hill, Jefferson, Rock and Versaw.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

AUTH SSD EXECUTE LEASE WITH CONVERSION SCHOOLS

BY: MR. JEFFERSON

ORDINANCE 11-193

Authorizing the Service-Safety Director to execute an Amendment to Lease with the Mansfield Conversion Schools to provide for the use of two additional (2) rooms in the building known as 445 Bowman Street, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Jefferson that Bill 11-197 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The bill was read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Carmichael, Haring, Hazen, Hightower, Hill, Jefferson, Rock and Versaw.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

AUTH SSD EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH DRCA & CONVER. SCHOOL

BY: MR. JEFFERSON

ORDINANCE 11-194

Authorizing the Service-Safety Director to execute a Contract on behalf of the City's Department of Regional Community Advancement, retroactive to October 31, 2011, to provide service coordination to the Mansfield Conversion Schools for its STAR Program, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Jefferson that Bill 11-198 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The bill was read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Carmichael, Haring, Hazen, Hightower, Hill, Jefferson, Rock and Versaw.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2012

BY: MR. JEFFERSON

ORDINANCE 11-195

An Ordinance making temporary appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Mansfield, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012.

Upon motion by Mr. Jefferson that Bill 11-199 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The bill was read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Carmichael. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Carmichael, Haring, Hazen, Hightower, Hill, Jefferson, Rock and Versaw.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

AFTER LEGISLATION:

MR. VERSAW: I do have a question and maybe the Law Director can answer it. We are an entitlement city and I understand that we are only one of 6 or 7 in the state. How would we get classified as a non-entitlement city? Is that something you can answer tonight or something you can find out for me?

LAW DIRECTOR REMY: (Microphone not on). Are you talking about Community Development?

MR. VERSAW: Not necessarily. I see there's grants out there and a lot of them are for non-entitlement cities. And somebody was saying, well, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Cincinnati, Youngstown and Mansfield are like the only entitlement cities in the state. I didn't know if that was true or not. There are other grants for non-entitlement cities too. I was just curious what the difference is. If there's more pluses to being an entitlement city then we'll see.

Lots of talk amongst council.

MR. VERSAW: If that's the case, then why aren't more cities entitlement cities? Why do we qualify and the rest of the cities in Ohio don't?

Mr. Jefferson, Mayor Culliver and other talking without microphone on.

MR. VERSAW: That would be interesting to know whether Block Grant money starts drying up and goes away, is there an advantage of being an entitlement city then? Just something I was curious about.

Mayor Culliver, Mr. Versaw talking without microphone on.

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Rock, and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Amy Walker
Clerk of Council

Phillip Scott
President of Council