

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 15, 2017

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Councilwoman Garnetta Pender led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered present at roll call: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock, Scott and Van Harlingen.

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

ASST. LAW DIRECTOR BROWN: Good evening everyone. I would ask that someone make a motion and Council vote to move into Executive Session for the discussion of purchase of real estate by the City. So I would need a Council member to.....

MR. VAN HARLINGEN: I make a motion that we move into Executive Session for the reasons just mentioned (seconded by Mr. Rock). Passed by voice vote.

MR. BRYANT: Thank you everybody for coming tonight, whether you're here specifically for this or not, I want to talk about the Mansfield City Council Internship Program. I want to thank the Mayor and President Scott for allowing me to do this, thank you Amy for all your help, but this internship program started about 9 years ago when I was an intern for the first, I was the first intern for the office of the Mayor in 2008 and then I later became a Congressional intern for Senator Sherrod Brown, so, even before that, in 2004, I left for college and I wasn't so smart with my finances, I spent my college savings on, I was in the Virginia Beach area, I spent my college savings on food, going out to eat, parties, drinking, a lot of stupid stuff, but from that, I ended up moving back to Ohio, I didn't graduate from college at the time, so I moved back home with my parents, who are here tonight, and it wasn't good. I had to move back into my old room at home and we were fighting all the time. Bills were piling up, I couldn't find a job, I didn't have a college degree, so, in 2007, a new Mayor was elected to town. I didn't know this guy, but I went up to the 9th floor and I asked the Mayor, Mayor do you have anything available? You're the new Mayor, I'm sure you can hire. He said no, we have a hiring freeze right now, so, not knowing what that is, I just left, but I came back the next day and asked him again, Mayor can I have a job? Can I just have something? He said no, we have a hiring freeze, so I said, what is a hiring freeze and he explained it to me, and from then, I asked him if I could work for him for free. At that point, it changed my life forever. I got my life together, I ended up finishing college, finishing my Master's program, found jobs and it was basically a second chance. It turned my life around. So, from that experience, I wanted to create something similar on City Council, so I created

the Mansfield City Council Internship Program. This program is a teaching and learning program, it was geared to give young people some civic skills to help them navigate a successful future. So, I have Kyle and Olivia here with me tonight. Kyle and Olivia were selected out of 34 applicants. The Mansfield City Council Internship Program was a 10 week program to explore all the city departments, they met a lot of the elected officials, especially the Mayor, I want to thank you for letting us use your conference room, Law Director, thank you for letting us use your conference room, Phil, thank you for letting us have this time. So, I have something for you guys.

OLIVIA: So, Members of City Council. We are here for you to approve and support the establishment of the Mansfield City Council Program, which we have been a part of for the past 10 weeks. Throughout the summer, Councilman Bryant has offered us a full experience of what it is like to be an elected official. As an elected official, his first and foremost duty is to serve the people and ideal he has conveyed the importance of to us. I know that Councilman Bryant values transparency and honesty, which is something that is fantastic to see in a public office and he's influenced me greatly by giving me hope for the future. This is very important for me too, as I want to run for office one day to enact change to open public policy and public discussion. I hope the other elected officials value that ideal as much as I do because it is an ideal that this country was founded on and it keeps our government in check and representative of the people. This Resolution hopes to recognize the great influence mentors can have on college students and how important they are for the development of their professionalism. Throughout this program, we have enhanced skills such as public writing and public speaking, which will definitely come in handy in the future. One person we frequently met with is Asst. Law Director Chris Brown, thanks Chris, whom we see as a mentor as well. He offered us brilliant legal advice and engaged in thoughtful discussions around issues we brought to him. As we both see Law School on the horizon, we value and appreciate the time he took to work with us. This Resolution also seeks to recognize the energy and new ideas that the youth of today can bring to the table. College students have plenty of untapped potential, which city governments can and should take advantage of. We bring innovation and progressive ideals, which are ever sought after in this globalized world. Councilman Bryant exemplified this one day by says, and I quote, I can't believe I'm taking notes from you guys. We can bring different experiences and important discussions. I hope that more people look to college students to take their opinion and advice since we are educated and constantly being educated. This Resolution brings young, fresh minds to the City of Mansfield. It also paves the way for new opportunities for college students to work and learn about city government, a knowledge many young adults lack. In summary, this Resolution supports the value of young people in a community by offering them educational and professional opportunities, so members of City Council, I ask tonight that you pass this Resolution in support of the Mansfield City Council Internship Program.

KYLE: Over the past 10 weeks of summer, I have been given the opportunity to work with Councilman Bryant and my other intern Olivia. This past 10 weeks I've established connections within every department of local government and because of this, I've been able to, first hand, experience some of the hardships that some of you may face on a daily

basis. Though, I did not expect to be doing this this summer, the Mansfield City Council Internship has opened my eyes. For the first time in my life at work I felt pressure. To work under someone who demands good work, proficiency and doesn't baby you, is something new that many won't get to experience coming home from their first year of college. Many of my friends have come home to work a 40 hour a week, mind numbing factory boring job. For what? Money. Over the summer, I have found something that makes money inferior. I have gained the ability, through this internship, I've gained preparatory training, not only for the work force, but for all of my future life endeavors. I feel more confident in everything I do because I've been trained to speak with authority and know my material to the T. I've been trained to create a lasting impression on whomever I address because there's only one opportunity to leave a great first impression. I've been given the opportunity to express my ideals and values to Councilman Bryant on some of the most complex issues I've ever been burned with. And regardless of that issue, Councilman Bryant has treated me as an equal and accepted all of my thoughts to take into consideration. I've been given the ability to work with, first hand, with local community development groups such as We Act and with that, I've been able to improve the town that has put so much into me and that I was born and raised in. Not only have I been able to grow professionally and create connections that are going to be accessible moving forward in my career, but I've been given the opportunity to give back to the community that's put so much in me. Over the course of the last 10 weeks, I have watched Councilman Bryant work relentlessly to ensure, not only the success of each of his goals, but to ensure the success of mine and Olivia. I view Donnie as a mentor, role model and an elected official. No matter which side of Donnie I'm speaking to, he stays the same and he stays grounded to his morals. That is something I can hope I can take from him and learn. This internship has given me and Olivia all the steps that we need to be successful and the future is ours. This internship provides direct correlation to creating young leaders and gives other young students the opportunities that we were given ourself, and with that, I encourage you to pass this Resolution. Thanks you.

COUNCILMAN BRYANT: This Resolution they're talking about is getting introduced next City Council session because I was late introducing the bill, so I apologize to you guys. I want to give you guys a round of applause for your hard work (applause). They are awarded academic credit, Kyle goes to Ohio University, he will receive academic credit, Olivia from the Ohio State University in Columbus. She will receive academic credit for her time with the internship program, so I thank you guys for your service. Olivia is from Wooster, Kyle is from Mansfield. I appreciate your time.

SUSPEND RULES

MR. HILL: 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. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

LEGISLATION

AUTH FIN DIR TO MAKE END OF YEAR TRANSFERS

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-140

Authorizing the Director of Finance to make transfers, among the City's appropriated funds by classification within departments and sub departments, necessary to balance accounts for proper accounting purposes at year-end (as of December 31, 2017), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-141 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

APPOINTMENT TO POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION

BY: MR. BRYANT

ORDINANCE 17-141

Appointing Chauncey Bragg to fill vacant position on the Police Review and Community-Police Relations Commission, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Bryant that Bill 17-143 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

CLAIM – KIM SCHAMERLOH, 330 FERN AVE

BY: MR. MEARS

ORDINANCE 17-142

Authorizing payment of the claim of Kimberly A. Schamerloh 330 Fern Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44903, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Mears that Bill 17-144 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

CLAIM – GARY & LESLIE WEBB, 165 BUCKINGHAM AVE

BY: MR. MEARS

ORDINANCE 17-143

Authorizing payment of the claim of Gary & Leslie Webb 165 Buckingham Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44903, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Mears that Bill 17-145 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

DESIGNATE 46 PARK AVE WEST AS HISTORIC PROPERTY

BY: MR. VANHARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-144

Designating 46 Park Avenue West as a historic listed property upon the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission and the Mansfield City Planning Commission due to its interest or value as part of the heritage of the City.

Upon motion by Mr. VanHarlingen that Bill 17-146 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

MR JEFFERSON: Can someone jog my memory about where this is located?

MAYOR THEAKER: Right next to the Fork & Finger restaurant.

THEN & NOW – NORTH END COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATIVE

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-145

Authorizing payment to North End Community Collaborative, Inc. in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-147 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

AUTH SSD ACCEPT DONATIONS OF \$7,000

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-146

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate donations from an anonymous donor in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be used for canines, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-148 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

AUTH SSD ACCEPT GRANT OF \$15,000 FOR BRIDGE AT DEER PARK

BY: MR. ROCK

ORDINANCE 17-147

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept a grant from Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for a new bridge at Deer Park, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Rock that Bill 17-149 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

APPROP \$50,000 FROM PARKS

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-148

Appropriating the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the unappropriated Parks and Recreation Fund (#236), to be used for additional funds which will be available for capital outlay, contractual services and supplies for the remainder of 2017, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-150 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

AUTH SSD ENTER CONTRACT FOR YEARLY NEEDS

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-149

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for certain yearly needs of the City, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-151 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

AUTH AGRMNT WITH BUCKEYE ENERGY BROKERS

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-150

Authorizing an agreement with Buckeye Energy Brokers and the selected supplier and adopting City of Mansfield Electric Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance pursuant to Section 4926.20, Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-152 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8,

Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

AUTH SSD ENTER SOFTWARE AGRMNT WITH SUPERION

BY: MR. BRYANT

ORDINANCE 17-151

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a software maintenance agreement with Superior LLC, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Bryant that Bill 17-153 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

AFTER LEGISLATION:

MR. BRYANT: Thank you Council members, I know you hate me tonight.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: That's your words, not ours. (laughter)

MR. BRYANT: I know. I finally got Tracy Raziani to come in and take our pictures. I was talking to a few City Council members in Columbus and they were bragging about their group pictures so why not take some of own and plus, this is Mr. Hill's last year so we want to give him something special, since he cleans up for us during Christmas time, so we appreciate that. (Group picture of Council and Clerk were taken).

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

Amy Yockey
Clerk of Council

Phillip Scott
President of Council