

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 21, 2020**

The Second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday,  
July 21, 2020 at 7:15 PM via Zoom Meeting,  
due to COVID-19 pandemic

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Council.

Councilman Lawrence led the audience in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** The following answered present at roll call, via Zoom: Burns, Van Harlingen (in Chambers), Davenport, Lawrence, Taddie, Scott, Falquette, and Mears. Mrs. Meier was excused by Mr. Scott, Seconded by Mr. Falquette.

There being no objections, the reading of the Journal and Correspondence was dispensed with.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**TOM PAPPAS:** May I make one comment to everybody before you hang up?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Yes, please.

**TOM PAPPAS:** Give me a call anytime anybody wants to go down to take a look at the cabin or the area for the black out, or the Blacksmith Shop. I think I posted my number, but you can get ahold of Mark or I can give it to everybody now. It's 419.564.5097.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you Mr. Pappas. I'm sure I'll be seeing you there.

**TOM PAPPAS:** Thank you. Very good. Looking forward to it. Good-bye everybody.

**PHIL SCOTT:** Thank you, Tom.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you. Bye. Now this is the portion for public comment, are there any Councilmen or Councilwomen that have readings that came in from residents to share at this time? None at all?

**JEAN TADDIE:** Yes, I do.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Okay.

**JEAN TADDIE:** I have an email that came in late this afternoon. I'll pull it up right here. Uh, this is from Deborah Mount at 114 Cliffbrook Drive. Dear City Council I see that City has gotten large chunk of CARES money and is starting to hand it around. Will there be any left for actual municipal expenses from COVID? What I am particularly wondering is due to the up-tic in local COVID cases, the number of COVID and COVID likely calls, for the Fire Department has increased. Because of the extra work in cleaning, this is taking squads out of service for longer periods of time and our calls are having to go to townships to answer. Meanwhile Mansfield has had one squad shut down for several months. Can this squad be put back into service and designated for COVID calls to free up the other squads for the other calls? CARES money should be used for the staffing and cleaning etc. of the COVID squad. It seems this would be more in line with what the CARES money is supposed to be used for, than some of the uses it is presently designated.

Please let me know if this is possible and whether you can make it happen. I'm concerned with the amount of time our squads are not available because they are on COVID calls. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you Councilwoman Taddie. Anyone else have any public comments that came through? Okay. Thank you very much.

**NOTE:** All emails are currently being ready proxy by ward Council Members due to COVID-19 requirements.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** NONE

**ADMINISTRATION COMMENT:** NONE

**MONDAY DEADLINE**

NONE

**SUSPEND RULES**

**COUNCILWOMAN BURNS:** I move with respect to all the bills 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. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

**AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SUBMIT AMENDED CDBG ANNUAL PLAN  
FY 2020**

**BY: MS. TADDIE**

**BILL # 20-115**

**ORDINANCE #20-116**

Authorizing the Mayor to submit an Amended Annual Action Plan for FY 2020 indicating proposed uses for the City's 2020 Community Development Block Grant Funds under the provisions of Public Law 93-383, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Ms. Taddie Bill 20-115 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION:** NONE

**AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SUBMIT AMENDED HOME ANNUAL PLAN  
FY 2020**

**BY: MS. TADDIE**

**BILL # 20-116**

**ORDINANCE # 20-117**

Authorizing the Mayor to submit an Amended Annual Action Plan for FY 2020 indicating proposed uses for the City's FY 2020 Home Investment Partnership Program Funds under the provisions of Public Law 93-383, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Ms. Taddie, that Bill 20-116 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

#### **AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LOAN AGREEMENT FOR IT**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-121 \*\*Amended\*\***

**ORDINANCE # 20- 218**

Authorizing the Mayor, Public Works Director and Safety-Service Director to enter into a Commercial Loan Agreement through Richland Bank for an IT Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-121 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

#### **DISCUSSION:**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** And that is a first reading tonight, as we did not move that one up. No, we did not.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** I thought we moved that one up.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Did we move that one up? I didn't note that we did.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Oh. That was my mistake then.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Yeah.

**CLERK AMY:** Well, we might have, but can you make a motion to move it up an again for me, Mr. Van Harlingen?

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Yes, I can. Mr. President in reference to Bill 20-121; I would like to suspense with any future readings and move this forward to Council tonight, for a final consideration.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Okay, we have a motion and a second to move Bill 20-121 forward for a vote tonight.

Vote was taken, measure passed: Ayes 7, Nay 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**AMENDING PERSONNEL ORDINANCE: #20-066**

**BY: MS. TADDIE**

**BILL # 20-122 \*Amended/Second Read**

**ORDINANCE #20-114**

Amending sections of the personnel ordinance (ORD #20-066) by creating and adjusting positions, pay grades and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2020 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Taddie that Bill 20-122 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. Vote was taken to amend language. Passed Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

**DISCUSSION:**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Is there any discussion?

**JEAN TADDIE:** Actually, yes Mr. President, If I may?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Please do.

**JEAN TADDIE:** On page one of this bill, if we could go up to the top, thanks. I had a conversation recently, with H.R. Director Koontz and there's an interest in changing the title only. As he described, the Management Developer position is a part time position. Is funded solely out of Block Grant admin funds, is not out of General Fund position, however, and that would all stay the same; it's part time, with no benefits, however the title, he'd like to see us change that it's easier, more focused on what the job will be doing and when recruiting, it will be more clear. Assistant Grant Specialist. SO that would be a motion to amend, just the title of line B, where you're at, to say Assistant Grant Specialist.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** I'll second that.

**JEAN TADDIE:** And that would still be part time.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Just for the record I have gotten anonymous mail, disproving of this, that particular title and what it's worth.

**PHIL SCOTT:** So, did I.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Did you?

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** So, did I.

**JASON LAWRENCE:** Me also.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Okay.

END OF DISCUSSION

**RESOLUTION: RACISM VIEWED AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

**BY: MS. TADDIE**

**BILL # 20-123 2<sup>ND</sup> Read**

**ORDINANCE # 20-115**

Joining with a growing number of Health Departments in Ohio and Governor Mike DeWine, racism as a public health crisis and requesting that the Richland Public Health Board partner with the local community to create a task force while organizing a committee to address this issue as detailed below and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Ms. Taddie, that Bill 20-123 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Scott.

The vote was taken on Motion to accept existing language for Bill 20-123 and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6, Nays: 1 (Falquette)

**DISCUSSION:**

**JEAN TADDIE:** I would like to get a point of clarification, because it's my understanding that since the amended language that was pretty much agreed on by the Health Board and the partners on the Task Force, was made in a committee that I need to make a motion to amend formally here, but um, you tell me how does that work? Perhaps Law Director Son could weigh in on that, since it did go through the Law Director's office.

**DIRECTOR SPON:** My recommendation is that you amend the original proposed resolution. Amend it to the, any language that you want to amend it to.

**JEAN TADDIE:** So, I would make a motion that we amend the original language to the current language that we see on the screen, as amended, which also did get reviewed in its form by the Law Director's office and again that was the language that the Richland County Health Board and the Task Force were...to come to agreement on. So, I would make that motion to amend.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** So, If I understand it, we're looking at a revised version that has not come before Council yet, is that correct?

**JEAN TADDIE:** Right. So, I want to to... the other language that is before Council was in the June reading of it and we've moved it out of Committee with a recommendation to amend. Um, It's already been amended in the Legislation and uh, the pending Legislation, so the publics had a chance to review it as well.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Okay, so your motion will be to accept the existing language on the revised Resolution.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Okay, do I have a second?

**PHIL SCOTT:** I second.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Mr. President, can I just ask one quick question, of clarification?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Please do.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Ms. Taddie you made the comment that, I think I heard you right, you said to amend the language to the agreement of the Richland Public Health Board and the Task Force and I'm reading the Legislation and it's saying the local committee to "create" and Task Force; is there already a committee in place?

**JEAN TADDIE:** It's not a committee in place, it was the people who have spoken to us at the Public Affairs Committee Meeting. That prompted all this conversation.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Okay.

**JEAN TADDIE:** All our public officials and the media and other non-profits and the Public Health folks.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Okay, I just wanted to clarify that.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Bridget and Deanna were there representing the group who have already started to so do the work and yes, they...

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Right.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Mmhmm.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Okay. Thank you.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Okay, is there any further discussion on the motion to accept the existing language that we see on the screen?

END OF DISCUSSION

**ADOPTING TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-124**

**ORDINANCE #20-119**

Adopting the Tax Budget of the Township of Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and directing submission of the same to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen Bill 20-124 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Scott. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

### **ADOPTING TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD FY 1/1/ 2021**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-125**

**ORDINANCE # 20-120**

Adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and directing submission of the same to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-125 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Scott. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

### **APPROVING A REAPPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION**

**BY: MS. TADDIE**

**BILL # 20-126**

**ORDINANCE # 20-121**

Approving a reappointment by the Mayor to the Fair Housing Commission.

Upon motion by Ms. Taddie, that Bill 20-126 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

### **AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIM: SANDRA SCOTT 214 EAST 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET**

**BY: MR. FALQUETTE**

**BILL # 20-127**

**ORDINANCE # 20-122**

Authorizing payment of the claim of Sandra Scott of 214 East First Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902 and, declaring an emergency.

Upon a motion by Mr. Falquette, that Bill 20-127 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Scott. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Scott. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIM: BROOK TAYLOR 214 EAST 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET**

**BY: MR. FALQUETTE**

**BILL # 20-128**

**ORDINANCE # 20-123**

Authorizing payment of the claim of Brook Taylor of 214 East First Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902 and, declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 20-128 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Burns. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Burns. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO EMH&T: \$6,147.83**

**BY: MR. VANHARLINGEN**

**BILL# 20-129**

**ORDINANCE# 20-124**

Authorizing payment to EMH&T in the amount of six thousand one hundred forty-seven and 83/00 dollars (\$6,147.83) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 20-129 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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



**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**THEN & NOW: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO TRADE PRO LLC. (\$6,680.00)**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-130**

**ORDINANCE# 20-125**

Authorizing payment to Trade Pro Renovations LLC. in the amount of six thousand six hundred eighty dollars (\$6,680) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen Bill 20-130 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6, Nays: 1 (Falquette)

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN GRANT FUND: CRIME LAB EQUIPMENT**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-131**

**ORDINANCE # 20-126**

Transferring appropriations in the amount of seven thousand eight hundred sixteen and 44/100 dollars (\$7,816.44) within the Grant Fund (#224), for Crime Lab Equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-131 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN GRANT FUND: METRICH**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-132**

**ORDINANCE # 20-127**

Transferring appropriations in the amount of seventeen thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars and thirty-three cents (\$17,492.33) within the grant fund #224 for METRICH equipment needs and personnel adjustments and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-132 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (\$20,000.00)**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-133**

**ORDINANCE # 20-128**

Transferring appropriations in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) within the Community Development Fund (#207) for computer equipment and office furniture, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-133 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN SAFETY-SERVICE FUND (\$26,895.90)**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-134**

**ORDINANCE # 20-129**

Transferring appropriations in the amount of twenty-six thousand eight hundred ninety-five and 90/100 dollars (\$26,895.90) within the Safety Service Fund (#214) for In-Car/Cruiser Computers, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-134 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**APPROPRIATING \$6,000 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED D. I. FUNDS FOR WATERING AND LITTER CONTROL**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-135**

**ORDINANCE # 20-130**

Appropriating the sum of an amount not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) from the unappropriated Downtown Improvements Fund (#425) for plant watering and litter control by Richland Newhope Industries, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-135 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**APPROPRIATING \$27,000 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED COURT COST FUNDS**

**BY: MR VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-136**

**ORDINANCE #20-131**

Appropriating the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) from the unappropriated Court Costs Fund (#226) for the replacement of a vehicle demolished in an accident, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-136 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**APPROPRIATING \$1,690,386.14 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-137**

**ORDINANCE# 20-132**

Appropriating the sum of one million six hundred ninety thousand three hundred eighty-six and 14/100 dollars (\$1,690,386.14) from the unappropriated Local Coronavirus Relief Fund (#223) and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-137 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6, Nays: 1 (Taddie)

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Is there any discussion?

**JEAN TADDIE:** I do have one follow-up question. It's just appropriating the sum, we already accepted this money, right?

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Correct. The money... the, the million six is in the bank right now.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Any further discussion?

END OF DISCUSSION

**ACCEPTING FUNDING: THE OHIO DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:  
\$2,747.45**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-138**

**ORDINANCE #20-133**

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate funding from the Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services in the amount of two thousand seven hundred forty-seven and 45/100 dollars (\$2,747.45) to be used for the purchase of EMS equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-138 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING S.S.D. TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM LIONS CLUB: PPE/ FIRE AND EMS**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-139**

**ORDINANCE # 20-134**

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept a Grant from the Lions Club International Foundation in the aggregate amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be used for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Fire and EMS staff, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-139 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Is there any discussion?

**LAURA BURNS:** Not a discussion so much, but a thank you to the Lion's Club for their generosity.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you Councilwoman Burns.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Well said.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** I agree.

END OF DISCUSSION

**AUTHORIZING S.S.D. TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING (OCJS) FOR METRICH (\$49,061.98)**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-140**

**ORDINANCE # 20-135**

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate additional Recovery Ohio funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of forty-nine thousand sixty-one and 98/100 dollars (\$49,061.98) for METRICH Operations, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-140 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING CARES ACT GRANT: \$63,199.70**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-141**

**ORDINANCE # 20-136**

Accepting and appropriating a CARES Act Grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of sixty-three thousand one hundred ninety-nine and 70/100 dollars (\$63,199.70) for the purpose of health care related expenses of the Mansfield Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-141 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**SSD: ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE COPS HIRING PROGRAM GRANT (\$1,083,097.00)**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-142**

**ORDINANCE # 20-137**

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a COPS Hiring Program grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of one million eighty-three thousand ninety-seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,083,097), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-142 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Is there any discussion? Hearing none...

**JEAN TADDIE:** Mr. President, if I could...

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** I'm sorry was there a comment?

**JEAN TADDIE:** I was going to say I would just like to reiterate the Chiefs comments; what a proud moment it is to be able to capture a Federal Grant for our community and thank you for the team that put that together.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Excellent comment. Thank you Councilwoman Taddie.

**END OF DISCUSSION**

**AUTHORIZING S.S.D. TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING (OCJS): METRICH**

**BY: MR. VANHARLINGEN**

**BILL# 20-143**

**ORDINANCE # 20-138**

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for METRICH Operations, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-143 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO BALLANCE ACCOUNTS**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-144**

**ORDINANCE # 20-139**

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, 2020), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-144 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Is there any discussion?

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Mr. President?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Yes, Mr. Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** On a related fact, so I'll be really brief. Um, we're moving this up, I would REALLY love to see us move up our twenty-one budget from January back maybe as early as September, no later than October, so we can get some reads in on it; possibly have a budget put together by the end of December, instead of waiting until the very last meeting in March. Um, thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Okay. Thank you Councilman Falquette. Any other discussion or reaction to Mr. Falquette?

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** I totally agree with Councilman Falquette. Full readings, um, for the Temporary Budget and I think this year we are going to have some little bit more serious Finance Committee Meetings, looking just exactly where the divisions and the money appropriated for this year and where we're going next year and take a good hard look at or a better look at the City's finances. Right now, there's so many things up in the air between the existing budget we passed and the virus thing, I totally agree with Mr. Falquette, full readings on the budget before we pass it this time.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank...

**JEAN TADDIE:** Mr. President, if I may...?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Yes, please.

**JEAN TADDIE:** I would like to second, or third, or fourth, that sentiment and further more and kinda related to this bill, which is necessary according to the Finance Director because, we're moving money around a lot here, because we're short here or getting funds there that frees up someone else. First of sorry, because it's been a real long night, did we say anything would still be required to go through Board of Control and Council if it, was, met the thresh holds, number one, let me ask that first.

**PHIL SCOTT:** Yes....

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** That is correct Ms..... I'm sorry was somebody else answering that?

**PHIL SCOTT:** That's okay.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** That is correct Ms. Taddie, it still has to go past, through that. Is Director Steward still out here? Okay, I will double check on that, but, yes, when it comes to the twenty-five thousand dollars it has to go before the Board of Control and if it's over fifty thousand then you have to come to Council.

**MAYOR THEAKER:** That is absolutely correct.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Thank you, Mayor, I appreciate that.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Thank you for confirming that. I guess what I would say, and just briefly is I feel like I'm still in the dark as where we stand on the budget and I know that it's a little bit tenuous, money's coming and going every day, it's a surprise, but we did have our July fifteenth deadline and will we be scheduling a Finance Committee Meeting in the future, so we can get a real good look at where we stand for this year's budget?

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** And I'm sure that will not be a problem.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you. Any further comments or discussion on Bill 20-144?

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** I would like to make this comment, real quick, uh, in reference to Ms. Taddie's comments. I've been talking to the Finance Director quite a bit and there's so many things that just up in



the air, and what really, really is causing some problems, the first half of our, the first half of our financial, uh ending in June 30<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Taddie, with that, with the tax filing pushed out the numbers really do not look good at all. Now with the, with the July 15<sup>th</sup> and what-have-ya, I really do have to agree with the Finance Director, we'll have a better idea where we're going to be at the end of September, for the Temporary Budget, but I do know and she mentioned tonight, that she added some extra material in the June's Financial Report, which will reflect the half to mid-year. So, I know they're trying to get that together, but they got slammed, because of the finances on extending the taxes. So...I'm not, I'm not real patient on this, but I do know that a lot of people are working at home and they are swamped. I do expect the June Finances to be out here shortly.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Is there any more discussion on Bill 20-144?

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Ahh, give me a half hour... I could easily do it.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Ha-ha (laughs).

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Nope...

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Not tonight Councilman. (chuckles)

END OF DISCUSSION

**GRANTING LICENSE (REACH): BLACKSMITH SHOP**

**BY: MR. DAVENPORT**

**BILL # 20-145      1<sup>st</sup> Read**

**ORDINANCE # 20-140**

Granting a license retroactive to August 1, 2020, to the Richland Early American Center for History (REACH) to construct and install a blacksmith shop in South Park, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport, that Bill 20-145 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING P.W.D. TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH B K LAYER, LLC.  
/WATERMAIN**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL # 20-146**

**ORDINANCE# 20-141**

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an agreement, without competitive bidding, with B K

Layer, LLC for the replacement of a 16" watermain in the vicinity of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Ashland Road, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-146 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING USE OF PROCEEDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, & IMPROVING THE WATER SYSTEM (\$35,000,000.00)**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-147**

**ORDINANCE # 20-142**

Authorizing the use of a portion of the proceeds of obligations of the City of Mansfield, Ohio (the "City"), in the estimated principal amount of not to exceed \$35,000,000, to be issued for the purpose of constructing, renovating and improving the water system, including facilities, water mains and other structures and appurtenances related thereto; furnishing and equipping the same; improving the sites thereof; and acquiring land and interests in land necessary in connection therewith, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-147 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

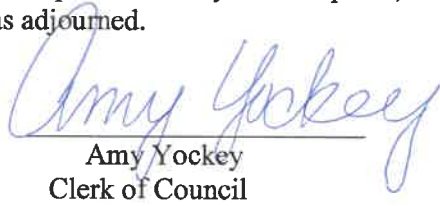
The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** It has been a marathon night. Thank you all for your patients and so on. Is there anything further to come before Council this evening? I do want to make one comment that it appears from all indications that we'll be meeting from remote, via Zoom for the foreseeable future, at this point, based on information that I've gotten and we will pursue the thumbs up voting method, because I think that will save us a whole lot of time, especially on a night like this when we have a lot of Bills that require a lot of votes. We had the discussion early on when we first went into Zoom and it really wasn't practical at the time, but I'll investigate that further and I think it'll speed things up for our future Council meetings.

**ADJOURN:** Upon motion by Mr. Falquette, seconded by Mr. Scott and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Amy Yockey  
Clerk of Council

  
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Cliff Mears  
President