

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 21, 2023

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday March 21, 2023 at 7:34 pm in the
Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Eleazer Akuchie led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered present at roll call: Burns, Meier, Akuchie, Davenport, Diaz, Moton, Zader, Scott, and Falquette.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: If anyone wishes to speak. Tonight, we have Mr. Esther McNeil after a long hiatus. He is back. We were starting to become concerned about your health and well-being Mr. McNeil. But you're here and rules are still the same.

ESTHER MCNEIL: I'm glad to be back. I was on the other side of the country. But I learned a lot. And I'm back and I'm gonna raise hell while I'm here. Not tonight, but I tell ya this city's going to hear from me. I learned a lot. But anyway, I'm sure...where's the young lady at? Oh, there ya are, you're going to hear from me. But I want to thank everybody for being here. There're so many people that are not here with us today. And Mr. Scott, you see I'm wearing the Air Force? I retired from the military. I retired from the Army. I got a job with the Air Force. Out here at Lahm, I didn't last. Me and the guy didn't get along. But anyway, the Air Guard out there they needed...they need a place to stay that's out there. Their building quite a bit out there. And the people that come in from out of town, they have to leave Mansfield to find a place to stay when their working overnight. I was going to have, hopefully, have a place to stay but somehow me and that department didn't get it fixed up. But I hope we will. But anyways these guys have to, especially on the weekends, not just the Air Guard but the Red Horse division they have to have a place to stay. These guys that are coming in, they have to sleep on the bunks. You know, I think we should get something done. Sherrod Brown is sitting in DC. He should hear about it, from you and me, to help these guys. Help them out there.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Are you ready to wrap up in about 30 seconds?

ESTHER MCNEIL: Yea, I will. Run it down to 29. Ms. Moton, you need to our area. Drug dealers, trash. People talking about you not coming in. Gotta get on the job. I know on my street we had police come in, took a guy...people out in handcuffs. Next thing you know, more people come in move in. They out. Next thing you know, somebody come in, their out.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. McNeil.

ESTHER MCNEIL: Sorry about that. Did I make it? I didn't intend on talking that long.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: You made it. Thank you. Are there any further committee reports?

AURELIO DIAZ: Hello, yes if I could.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Oh well that was quick. Go ahead.

AURELIO DIAZ: I'd like to uh make a motion to uh... for Council to break into executive session to discuss the purchase of sale of property.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: I just had a quick question about it. When were talking about going into executive session one of the reasons to go in is to consider the purchase of property. But in that is also like if the disclosure of the information is going to result in a competitive advantage to the other side. So, I was wondering if there is going to be a competitive advantage. Because otherwise we don't necessarily need to go into an executive session to discuss it.

CHRIS BROWN: So, I think that yes, we are looking at purchasing some real estate and I do think that it would be best for City Council to discuss the potential terms in executive session.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Ok, thank you.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. Brown.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Do I have a second?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: I have a motion and a second to...

AURELIO DIAZ: I'd also like to invite Bobby, our Engineer Bianchi, to this session as well.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Ok. So, we have a motion on the floor. It's been seconded by Mrs. Zader to go into executive session. And do we have a voter? Alright, well...Mrs. Burns?

LAURA BURNS: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Reverend Akuchie?

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport?

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Diaz?

AURELIO DIAZ: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Ms. Moton?

KIM MOTON: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Zader?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Scott?

PHIL SCOTT: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, its unanimous. We'll recess for executive session and we'll be back in few minutes, I hope.

ALL OF COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, INCLUDING THE MAYOR, DAVE REMY, CHRIS BROWN, AND ROBERT BIANCHI. *Session lasted 27 minutes.*

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: We'll resume in about 5 minutes.

AURELIO DIAZ: Sorry. I'd like to make a motion to end executive session.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded to come out of executive session. Mrs. Burns?

LAURA BURNS: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Reverend Akuchie?

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport?

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Diaz?

AURELIO DIAZ: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Ms. Moton?

KIM MOTON: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Zader?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: And Mr. Scott?

PHIL SCOTT: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Were out of executive session. Thank you. Alright. Next, the Mayor. Would you like to address Council?

MAYOR THEAKER: No Mr. President I have nothing.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Remy?

DIRECTOR REMY: I have nothing, sir. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Brown?

CHRIS BROWN: No thank you sir.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright. Now proceed with legislation. Mrs. Burns do we have any late bills this evening?

LATE BILLS

LAURA BURNS: Yes sir. And as such I move with respect to bill 23-038 that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that bill 23-038 be allowed on the floor tonight. Seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

SUSPEND RULES

LAURA BURNS: Thank you. I move with respect to all bills that come before council this evening that the rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended and that each bill be read one time by title only. Seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, first bill tonight is 23-025, Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: I do apologize. I make a motion that bill 23-025 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 23-025.

DELAINE WEINER: An Ordinance making final cumulative annual appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

FINAL CUMULATIVE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-025

ORDINANCE: 23-030

An Ordinance making final cumulative annual appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-025 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Any further comments? Mr. Davenport are you ready?

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: I make a motion that bill 23-025 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast a vote on bill 23-025. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: We have a first reading on bill 23-030, Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: I move that bill 23-030 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk may now read 23-030.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Authorizing the Mayor to submit an Annual Action Plan for PY 2023 indicating proposed uses for the City's 2023 Community Development Block Grant Funds under the provisions of Public Law 93-383, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-030

ORDINANCE: 23-031

Authorizing the Mayor to submit an Annual Action Plan for PY 2023 indicating proposed uses for the City's 2023 Community Development Block Grant Funds under the provisions of Public Law 93-383, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-030 be read and placed upon the floor for a first read, seconded by Mrs. Zader.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Any further questions or comments? Ok. Being a reading, it will be back next month.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-031.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-031 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read 23-031.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Authorizing the Mayor to submit Mansfield's PY 2023 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for PY 2023 Home Investment Partnership Program Funds, and declaring an emergency.

MANSFIELD'S PY 2023 ACTION PLAN

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-031

ORDINANCE: 23-032

Authorizing the Mayor to submit Mansfield's PY 2023 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for PY 2023 Home Investment Partnership Program Funds, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-031 be read and placed upon the floor for first read, seconded by Mrs. Zader.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Any further questions or comments? Hearing none that completes the first reading. It will be back next month.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: 23-032, Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-032 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read 23-032.

DELAINE WEINER: Amending Ordinance #22-178 by adding the name of Walden “Butch” Jefferson Avenue, as an honorary recognition of Walden “Butch” Jefferson's contribution to the North End, to the name of Johns Avenue between Harker Street and Longview Avenue.

WALDEN “BUTCH” JEFFERSON AVENUE

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #23-032

ORDINANCE: 23-033

Amending Ordinance #22-178 by adding the name of Walden “Butch” Jefferson Avenue, as an honorary recognition of Walden “Butch” Jefferson's contribution to the North End, to the name of Johns Avenue between Harker Street and Longview Avenue.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 23-032 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Any further questions or comments?

DISCUSSION:

PHIL SCOTT: Just one quick comment. I think I’ll make the same comment I did when we passed this previously. Ya know Butch would be very unhappy with all this fuss towards him. But I think it’s very appropriate.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Is anybody in the family here with Mr. Jefferson? I thought maybe, maybe not. It’s ok. Mr. Diaz?

AURELIO DIAZ: Yea I did speak to the family yesterday. They are very, once again, honored for this to happen. I know that their hope is as the weather breaks there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate Butch. I think I agree with...we all agree with Councilman Scott, he would probably be cursing at us. But his family really wanted it. And he deserves it. So, with that said I move that bill 23-032 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It’s been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes on 23-032. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-033.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-033 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 23-033.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a Body Worn Law Enforcement Camera Grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of fifty-five thousand four hundred fifty-two and 02/100 dollars (\$55,452.02) to be used for the purpose of purchasing an additional server and related equipment, and declaring an emergency.

BODY WORN LAW ENFORCEMENT CAMERA GRANT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-033

ORDINANCE: 23-034

Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a Body Worn Law Enforcement Camera Grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of fifty-five thousand four hundred fifty-two and 02/100 dollars (\$55,452.02) to be used for the purpose of purchasing an additional server and related equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-033 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Any further questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-033 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes for 23-033. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, bill 23-034.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-034 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk may now read 23-034.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Authorizing the Mayor and Interim Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under the 2022 Subgrant in the amount of eighty-four thousand, nine hundred thirty-five and 98/100 dollars (\$84,935.98) to be used for METRICH operations, and declaring an emergency.

FUNDING FOR METRICH OPERATIONS

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-034

ORDINANCE: 23-035

Authorizing the Mayor and Interim Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under the 2022 Subgrant in the amount of eighty-four thousand, nine hundred thirty-five and 98/100 dollars (\$84,935.98) to be used for METRICH operations, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-034 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Any further questions and comments? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-034 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes on 23-034. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Scott 23-035.

PHIL SCOTT: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 23-035 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk may now read 23-035.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Rex Holdings LLC, for real estate to be known as Hangar 534 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

HANGAR 534 AT THE MANSFIELD LAHM AIRPORT

BY: MR. SCOTT

BILL #23-035

ORDINANCE: 23-036

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Rex Holdings LLC, for real estate to be known as Hangar 534 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott that Bill 23-035 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Are there any further questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Scott.

DISCUSSION:

PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. I move bill 23-035 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes on 23-035. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Burns, 23-036.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-036 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk may now read 23-036.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract for providing natural gas for use at certain City-owned facilities, and declaring an emergency.

CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING NATURAL GAS

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #23-036

ORDINANCE: 23-037

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract for providing natural gas for use at certain City-owned facilities, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 23-036 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Any further questions or comments? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

DISCUSSION:

LAURA BURNS: I move bill 23-036 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes on 23-036. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, bill 23-037.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-037 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall now read 23-037.

DELAINE WEINER: Approving the expenditure of funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act in the manner prescribed by and consistent with the requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act, and declaring an emergency.

APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER ARPA

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-037

ORDINANCE: 23-038

Approving the expenditure of funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act in the manner prescribed by and consistent with the requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-037 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Any further questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-037 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes on 23-037. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, bill 23-038.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-038 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall now read 23-038.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract with the Stryker Corporation for preventative maintenance of EMS medical equipment, and declaring an emergency.

CONTRACT WITH THE STRYKER CORPORATION

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-038

ORDINANCE: 23-039

Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract with the Stryker Corporation for preventative maintenance of EMS medical equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-038 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Any further questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-038 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes on 23-038. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Does anyone have any further questions, comments, deliberations, motions to make before council this evening?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Move to close.

CHERYL MEIER: Second

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: I have several seconds to close. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you. We are now closed at 8:20 pm. Thank you.

END OF DISCUSSION

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mrs. Zader, seconded by Mrs. Meier, and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.



Delaine Weiner
Assistant Clerk of Council



David Falquette
President