

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 6, 2024**

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on  
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:26 pm in the  
Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.  
*(Boy Scout Troop 121 is visiting and will lead us in the Pledge.)*

Eleazer Akuchie led the audience in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** The following answered were present at roll call: Burns & Falquette (excused absences – passed 6-0), Meier, Akuchie, Daley, Diaz, Mount, Zader, and Scott.

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

**NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Once again, are there any committee reports? Mrs. Zader?

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Mr. President, since Councilwoman Daley was not here for the public affairs meeting, I would like to ask what her plan is for the fourth ward for the Police Review Commission?

**ANTOINETTE DALEY:** So today, I went to see Pamela Briggs but I did not get a chance to see her. So, I have to set up a time to meet with her and find out more about it.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Ok. Just so you know we are working the Law Director's on, a update, an updated plan for that commission and we have set a Public Affairs Committee Meeting for March 6<sup>th</sup>. So, if you could please speak to her, put her in an email with me, give her my cellphone number, if she has questions or anything, I am more than happy to answer those. But, we do need to have someone, or March 5<sup>th</sup> I am sorry, for that meeting. We do need to have a plan for each ward at that meeting. So, with that I'm done.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Ok, any other committee reports? Hearing none, we'll once again go around. Director Blankenship?

**KELLY BLANKENSHIP:** Nothing further, thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mayor Perry

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** One other thing I just want to add, kind of tagging onto what Director May reported about the lateral opening. So, you know one of the things that I certainly heard about last year running, have heard from many citizens since I started, the concern about not being fully manned in the police force. So, this is a really important moment so if you know folks that would be a good fit for our force, please, please, please pass the word on to them. Because, we do want to get that full staffing up. It will, I am sure the Assistant Chief will second that. It will make everyone's lives better if we can do that. So, I just want to highlight that's what is talking about. Thanks.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Director Andres?

**LOUIS ANDRES:** Nothing further.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Director May:

**SHARON MAY:** Nothing further.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Director Harper?

**ROELIFF HARPER:** Nothing further.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** We shall now proceed with legislation. Rev. Akuchie?

### **MONDAY DEADLINE**

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE** I move with respect to Bills 24-016 and 24-017 that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that Bills 24-016 and 24-017 be allowed on the floor this evening. An electronic vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

### **SUSPEND RULES**

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** I would like to 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. An electronic vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

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**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Now we shall go with bills. Bill 24-013, Mr. Diaz.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-013 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read Bill 24-013.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Approving the reappointment by the Mayor to the Airport and Aviation Commission.

### **RE-APPOINTMENT – AIRPORT & AVIATION COMMISSION**

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-013

ORDINANCE: 24-014

Approving the reappointment by the Mayor to the Airport and Aviation Commission.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-013 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any further questions? Mr. Diaz

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-013 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-013.  
Bill passes 6-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Bill 24-014, Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-014 that it be placed on the floor for discussion.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-014.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Adopting an updated Investment Policy applicable to all City funds under the control of the Finance Director.

### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-014

ORDINANCE: 24-015

Adopting an updated Investment Policy applicable to all City funds under the control of the Finance Director.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-014 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Akuchie. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-014? Mrs. Mount.

*DISCUSSION:*

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Just want to thank Director Blankenship for putting in the research and effort to bring this up to date with state law and make sure we are in order in that regard. Thank you.

**DIRECTOR BLANKENSHIP:** My pleasure.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any other discussion? Hearing none, Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-014 that it be placed on the floor for final passage.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-014. Bill passes 6-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Bill 24-015, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-015 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-015.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an annual renewal of the software maintenance agreement with Superior LLC, a Central Square Company.

**SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH SUPERION LLC.**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-015

ORDINANCE: 24-016

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an annual renewal of the software maintenance agreement with Superior LLC, a Central Square Company.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 24-015 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:6 Nays:0

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

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-015? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

*DISCUSSION:*

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move that with respect to Bill 24-015 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-015. Bill passes 6-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Bill 24-016, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-016 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-016.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Amending Sections 13 and 16 of Ordinance No. 23-201 adopting personnel positions, pay grades, and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2024 payroll year, by retitling a position in the Law Director's Office and creating a position in the Municipal Court, and declaring an emergency.

**CITY OF MANSFIELD-2024 PAYROLL YEAR**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-016

ORDINANCE: 24-017

Amending Sections 13 and 16 of Ordinance No. 23-201 adopting personnel positions, pay grades, and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2024 payroll year, by retitling a position in the Law Director's Office and creating a position in the Municipal Court, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-016 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** If there's any discussion on Bill 24-016? Mrs. Mount?

*DISCUSSION:*

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Just a quick question, these are within the budget I am assuming?

**DIRECTOR MAY:** That's correct, Councilwoman Mount. I believe it is just a title change simply in name for the Law Department and the Municipal Court assured me that because of moving the existing staff to this new position that there would not be an increase.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you.

**DIRECTOR MAY:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any discussion on Bill 24-016? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-016 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-016. Bill passes 6-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Now we have Bill 24-017, Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-017 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-017.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director, to prepare a preliminary technology upgrade plan and determine the cost schedule for the same, and declaring an emergency.

**PRELIMINARY TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE PLAN**

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-017

ORDINANCE: 24-018

Authorizing the Public Works Director, to prepare a preliminary technology upgrade plan and determine the cost schedule for the same, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-017 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Akuchie. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any discussion or question? Hearing none, Mrs. Zader?

*DISCUSSION:*

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-017 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for passage of Bill 24-017. Bill passes 6-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is there anything else to come before council this evening? Hearing nothing a motion to close would be entertained.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Move to close.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Second

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded to close. All those in favor say aye.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Aye

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Great, 7:41 pm council is now closed. We are adjourned.

END OF DISCUSSION

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

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Delaine Weiner  
Clerk of Council

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Phil Scott  
President