

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 16, 2024**

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on  
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 8:16pm 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 were present at roll call: Burns, Meier, Akuchie, Daley, Diaz, Mount, Zader, Falquette, and Scott.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** I do believe we have some folk signed up for public comment. First on the list is Jennifer Beavis. I figured I was gonna mis-pronounce that. I apologize. And as the procedure is, you state your name and address and then you have three minutes.

**JENNIFER BEAVIS:** Hello everyone. My name is Jennifer Beavis, 46 Salem Road, Lexington Ohio 44907. I am here to speak about the marijuana cannabis tax that we are talking about. I thank you for taking the extra time to consider this and all of the various things that go along with this. Working for the Mansfield Art Center, as a non-profit, we work with literally every part of our community. We have 60,000 visitors a year. We do fifteen hundred (1,500) students come through our doors for field trips. We work with the Mansfield City Schools Safe Program as well as Angela, at the parks, throughout the summer. We always struggle with funding. So, one thing I wanted to bring to your attention to think about as we move forward. As Richland county is navigating the decision-making process on all fronts, consideration should be placed on a cannabis excised tax to support the arts. We have the opportunity to stabilize and increase funding for many valuable community assets, including the Renaissance Theater, The Mansfield Playhouse, Richland Academy of the Arts, The Mansfield Arts Center and countless other community cultural assets and public arts programs. In Cuyahoga county, the tobacco tax for the arts has raised two-hundred and fifty million dollars (250,000,000) since 2007, benefitting everything from the Cleveland Museum of the Art and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, to neighborhood mural projects and after school arts programs. Cuyahoga county is now seeking to leverage a three percent excised tax on cannabis to further this support. Under House Rule 86, any county in the state may place a marijuana product excised tax on the ballot voter approval. The funding would go toward arts, cultural and entertainment within the county and require voter renewal every ten years. This funding would obviously be game changing for our local non-profits that struggled to find much needed operational support, and are the destinations that bring visitors to our area as well as providing relevant cultural experiences to everyone in our community. As our local government works with our county and our state to navigate the legalization of cannabis, and the potential tax revenue that it brings, please consider the positive impact for the future of the arts and cultural in our city that could be made possible. Thank you, city council and Mayor Perry, for your time.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Thank you. Next, we have Mr. Lee Tasseff. And I believe you've been her long enough. You know the rules.

**LEE TASSEFF:** Lee Tasseff, live at 643 Brandywine Drive. Here we go. Nice to be back. I'm also with you that I am glad that we are over to Armageddon like occurrences for the community. Only comment on the eclipse. It seemed like the best attitude adjustment day I think we've all had in a while. Everybody was outside, they were in the parking lot somewhere, it just seemed very nice, very respectful. Everybody clapped and then it just went silent. Again, it could have been wild and crazy with too many people here, I think it ended up just nice. I want to say thanks to all the brand integration that you are doing with your signage and stuff, it's been noticed. It's being reported on in multiple meetings throughout the summer time, so two thumbs up. As Brand Management kind of guy, I definitely noticed it. I want to introduce you to the '2024 Visitor Guide. It's the third-generation lifestyle book completely built from the brand from the ground up. The first one was done three years ago. The last years one won us an award, we hope this one does the same thing. We print 80,000 of them. Most of them don't hit our office, they're all over the state and heavily within the region. We got three new profiles in there that fit the live-work-play theme of some of the branding. Make sure you look through the photos, there's a few folks that I'm guessing that I am sure your going to recognize. One of the hallmarks of the visitor's guide is large incredible photos, eye catching. Things that you've been to, seen, but never seen it the way we capture it. And what are you laughing at back there for? Did I get something off, anyway? Would have been here two weeks ago shortly after we got these things. You may have been the first presentation I did for these. But I am happy to be back. This has become an annual tradition as we started to do completely things with the visitor's guide. They have multiple uses, not just for visitors, not just for tourists, but also for companies bringing people in. People moving to the area. Its intent was always to be more than just a tourism piece. We think we hit our stride a couple of years ago. So, with that, I will end my time and answer any questions if anybody has any.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any questions for Mr. Tasseff? Mr. Diaz.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Mr. President knows me so well. No, just giving you your annual praise and thanks, thanking you for coming here and really promoting the county and Mansfield as a whole. And I look forward to seeing these. For those people saying there is nothing happening in the city, I think we are hearing less of that now because of the efforts that you are doing. I love these and I just want to say you and your small team, you guys are pretty mighty and keep it up.

**LEE TASSEFF:** Thank you. One of the things that we are more intentional about this year is making sure these things are out and about in higher quantities within the county itself. Our efforts have always been aimed outside bringing people in but we recognize that we need to do a better job at getting it out there. These things have probably hit seven dozen different locations so far in the last two weeks. But, thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Zader?

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** We previously would bring you in for a committee meeting, so you'd have more time. I was letting our clerk know that in the future we would do that so we can allow for comments. Because, the trouble is when we do public comment, and we respond to one person, we don't respond to everyone, were setting a bad precedent as a council. So, I think we probably rap it up and move on and that's my point of order.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** I appreciate that because I was going to say we usually do not allow questions during public comment, but we bent the rules a little bit. My apologies. Thank you. Next is Mr. Esther McNeil.

**ESTHER MCNEIL:** Esther McNeil, 304 East Arch Street, Mansfield Ohio 44902. In our area, we have a water problem. That problem has been over there for 50, over 60 years. The problem is basements get

water in them. That was a swampy area when the city allowed, can't call his name right now, to build houses over there. There's only one drain on south side of Arch Street. From Arch to Cleveland. So, somebody needs to look into that. Next, marijuana. I want license, I want licenses to sell too. Last night, three officers came on my street. They said they smelled marijuana from some guy. They blocked the street. I don't know if the guy had marijuana or not but they didn't take him to jail. They just blocked the street. I get kinda sick, I'm kinda of sick now. I'm not gonna be up hear all night, but hopefully I'll be back. I had a stroke, heart attack, but I have been around this city for a long time. I can't think of anybody up here that's been here longer than I have. Or have hollard at the city about this and that. If anybody in here, you got to be over 80. I don't think many of you is over 80. I am. Two wars. I've been to two. And I come home. For what? I used to couldn't go through North Lake Park. I could go down and look at the swimming, but since I was black I couldn't go in the pool. Skating, I couldn't go. There's a lot of things that I haven't been able to do when I was younger. So, there's nobody up here can tell me to shut up. Cause I can tell all of you something. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Next, we have Benjamin Mutti.

**BENJAMIN MUTTI:** (Benjamin Mutti, 38 Avon Dr) Thank you. My name is Benjamin Mutti. I have lived in Richland county over forty years. I live outside the city limits. I am encouraging city council to pass legislation to prohibit commercial cannabis as provided by Ohio Revised Code 3780. I am asking council to follow leading governmental entities like the eight townships in Richland county like the municipalities of Ashland, Lexington, and Shelby who prohibit commercial cannabis and even the North Olmstead, Strongsville, North Royalton and others. In the fall election, 61% of registered voters inside Mansfield did not vote this past fall. The law passed by Ohioans in the '2023 bi-journal election includes forty-one pages of text. Reports last week indicate there is no consensus to the Ohio Cannabis law whether there is 410 pages of cannabis law in my opinion, or 41 pages of text in the law on my opinion on weed does not change. Ohio Chamber of Commerce formally opposed Issue 2 last fall with proof of job absenteeism and accents in the workplace associated with the diabolical drug. It is also important to listen to men and women that blew on this issue. Sheriff Shonuff supports prohibition of commercial cannabis inside the county. The METRICH Project Director wrote, "I am against bringing a recreational marijuana manufacturing facility to the area. We are a community of children and families, and at some point, you should not place revenue over the security and sanctity of the family." That director was Director Porch on January 9, 2024. One Hundred and Forty leaders echoed the same sentiments when opposing Issue 2 last fall, saying legalizing we will likely in pair self-control and give children more access to products, like high divorce rates, resins 68 % THC, problem child solvents list hash 63 % THC or Durban poison 72 % THC. This chart in '2019 illustrates a report or analysis by US Secret Service that targets school violence against K – 12 public schools showing half of the 35 school shootings between '2008 – '2017 involved drugs, and the drug of choice most used was cannabis. Additionally, the lower chart illustrates OVI's from the City of Sandusky. This is Sterim Wellness Dispensary in Sandusky that was trying to makes it way into Bellville. This shows the spike there with OVI's. With marijuana, your gonna have an increase consumption of alcohol, as well as other risky behaviors. And this is the quote by the CEO of Sterim Wellness talking about how operators, their licenses actually feed the illegal Black market. In closing, I was here '2015, the night that city council voted to opposed legalizing recreational marijuana. I was here also in '2018 whenever city council opposed medical marijuana. I am hoping also that city council will consider passing a prohibition of recreational marijuana just like other leading communities in our area. Thank you so much for your consideration.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Ok, that concludes public comments. We shall now proceed with legislation. Mr. Akuchie.

## **LATE BILLS**

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Thanks Mr. President. I move with respect to **Bills 24-064 and 24-076** that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that **Bills 24-064 and 24-076** be allowed on the floor this evening.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Council will cast there vote on the motion. Motion passes 8-0.

## **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. A voice vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** And, I 'm gonna side-step a little bit. I realize what I did. Mayor Perry, do you have anything further for council?

**MAYOR PERRY:** Nothing further. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Director Blankenship.

**DIRECTOR KELLY BLANKENSHIP:** I have nothing further.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Director Andres.

**DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES:** Nothing further.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Director Porch?

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** Nothing further.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Director Harper.

**DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER:** Nothing further.

## **LEGISLATION**

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Zader, Bill 24-046 as amended.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 24-046 as amended 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 24-046.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Amending Section 915.01 and Section 915.03 of Chapter 915 (Weeds and Trees) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 and declaring an emergency.

**CODIFIED ORDINANCE – WEEDS AND TREES**

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-046

ORDINANCE: 24-047

Amending Section 915.01 and Section 915.03 of Chapter 915 (Weeds and Trees) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-046 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Falquette. 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 SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-046? Miss. Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** I had a constituent reach out to me with concerns on this specifically how it pertain to gardens because many garden plants tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers are not native. So, I had a real good discussion with Director Andres today about how this would be handled and you can correct me if I got it wrong, but basically it sounds like this chapter pertains to weeds and trees. That would be considered cultivated crops. So, individuals who have gardens can continue to have gardens and it won't be affected by this amendment. I am grateful for that clarification and if he has anything to add.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any other? Mr. Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** I know that this brought up a lot of issues over the last few readings. It finally got amended and I again, I wanted to thank Louie Andres for working with the folks that were concerned in getting the language the way it is today. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any other comments, discussion? Mr. Andres.

**DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES:** The whole intention of this was to clarify what is a weed, and we wanted to move milkweed out of that. And that's what we did. But we also got some other information, other cities that would help us identify this. So, everybody is in agreement so we can be happy.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Thank you for your input. Any other discussion? Hearing none, Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-046 be placed on the floor for final passage.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-046. Bill Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Meier, Bill 24-049.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-049 be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-049.

**DELAINÉ WEINER:** Enacting Section 331.48 (Cruising Prohibited) of Chapter 331 (Operation Generally) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, which prohibits cruising within a defined designated area of the city (the Boundary includes W. Fourth Street and Park Ave West between Home Road and Trimble Road) and declaring an emergency.

### **CODIFIED ORDINANCE - CRUISING PROHIBITED**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-049

ORDINANCE: 24-059

Enacting Section 331.48 (Cruising Prohibited) of Chapter 331 (Operation Generally) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, which prohibits cruising within a defined designated area of the city (the Boundary includes W. Fourth Street and Park Ave West between Home Road and Trimble Road) and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-049 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-049?

**DIRECTOR PORCH:** Mr. President?

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Yes, Director Porch?

**DIRECTOR PORCH:** So, when this legislation was first introduced to council, there seemed to be some communication back and forth on social media in regards to enforcement of this ordinance, particularly the residents that lived in the area. So, I would just like to direct to the public and to council there is exclusions built into this ordinance that clearly for fire, police, municipal workers, licensed public transportation vehicles or other business vehicles being driven for business or commercial purposes – or to residents of the designated area traveling to a specific designation are not subject to this ordinance.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Thank you for that clarification. Did I see Mr. Diaz?

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President. I am glad this being placed in various reads. I hear more outrage about this than the dispensaries, maybe that will change in a few months. I just wanted to say to the public, when Richland Source, News Journal and WMFD are publishing the facts, it's real frustrating when people don't read. They read the headline and they go off. They don't know the facts. I guess my public encouragement is read the stories. All the legislation is posted in the media. We're transparent, it is

on our website. Nothing is more annoying than just seeing people ‘keyboard’ warrior away and just making up things that are not true about this. Like, we care about safety, we care about people who are providing UBER driving services or DOORDASH. It’s just outrageous, the things that people are making up, and I think that we all want safety and peace. And we are not trying to take away peoples right to have fun and be entertained. So, I just wanted to say that, people just need to start reading the news. Thanks.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any other comments, discussion on Bill 24-049? Mrs. Zader?

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Just to echo what Councilman Diaz said. Read a headline and not understand what something says. So, read the legislation, better than reading the article, not that the media does not do a great job, it’s actually read the information. Or, show up to a meeting. It’s quite the concept when your actually informed about things. I think there’d be a lot less outrage.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Very true. Any other comments and discussion? Rev. El.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Thanks Mr. President. I wanted also to echo what has been said already. I’ve gotten some calls, asking if I leave around or pass that road three times, then I am going to be pulled over and arrested. My explanation was if your cruising, the question was cruise, right? If you are going pass there, going your regular speed, going your business, nobody’s going to arrest you. Am I correct Chief?

**DIRECTOR PORCH:** You are correct.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** One last comment. I think our police officers have a lot of more important things to do with their time than harassing people driving down the road. So, if that’s what your worried about, you can rest easy.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any other comment, discussion. Hearing none, that will be considered to be 1<sup>st</sup> read.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Next is Bill 24-059, Mr. Akuchie

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Thanks Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-059 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 24-059.

**DELAINÉ WEINER:** Revising the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mansfield by adopting current replacement pages, and declaring an emergency.

**REVISING THE CODIFIED ORINANCE**

BY: MR. AKUCHIE

BILL #24-059

ORDINANCE: 24-060

Revising the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mansfield by adopting current replacement pages, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Akuchie, that Bill 24-059 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, 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 SCOTT:** Now, is there any discussion on Bill 24-059 as amended? Hearing none, Mr. Akuchie?

**DISCUSSION:**

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Thanks Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-059 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-059. Bill Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mr. Falquette, Bill 24-060.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-060 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 24-060.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing payment to Catalis Court and Land Records LLC in the amount of Thirty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Eleven and 33/100 dollars (\$33,911.33) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

**PAYMENTS – CATALIS COURT AND LAND RECORDS LLC**

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #24-060

ORDINANCE: 24-061

Authorizing payment to Catalis Court and Land Records LLC in the amount of Thirty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Eleven and 33/100 dollars (\$33,911.33) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 24-060 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Okay, any discussion on Bill 24-060? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

*DISCUSSION:*

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Mr. President, thank you. I move that Bill 24-060 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-060. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Alright, Mrs. Meier, Bill 24-061.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-061 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 24-061.

**DELAINÉ WEINER:** Appropriating Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the unappropriated Water Fund (#502) to the Clear Fork Marina (502.36.40) Capital Outlay for repairing and resurfacing the marina parking lot, campground entrance, and boat ramps and declaring an emergency.

#### **UNAPPROPRIATED WATER FUND – CLEAR FORK MARINA**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-061

ORDINANCE: 24-062

Appropriating Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the unappropriated Water Fund (#502) to the Clear Fork Marina (502.36.40) Capital Outlay for repairing and resurfacing the marina parking lot, campground entrance, and boat ramps and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-061 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-061 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 24-061. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Alright, Mrs. Meier, Bill 24-062.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-062 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 24-062.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Amending Section 13 of Ordinance No. 23-201, adopting personnel positions, pay grades, and salaries for the Law Director Office. Increasing the number of Executive Assistant positions from one (1) to two (2), decreasing the number of Case Coordinators from three (3) positions to two (2), and declaring an emergency.

**AMENDING ORDINANCE – LAW DIRECTOR OFFICE**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-062

ORDINANCE: 24-063

Amending Section 13 of Ordinance No. 23-201, adopting personnel positions, pay grades, and salaries for the Law Director Office. Increasing the number of Executive Assistant positions from one (1) to two (2), decreasing the number of Case Coordinators from three (3) positions to two (2), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-062 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Any further questions on Bill 24-062? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-062 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 24-062. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Meier, Bill 24-063.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-063 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 24-063.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Honoring Assistant Chief Bishop upon his retirement from the Mansfield Fire Department.

#### **RETIREMENT - ASSISTANT CHIEF BISHOP**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-063

ORDINANCE: 24-064

Honoring Assistant Chief Bishop upon his retirement from the Mansfield Fire Department.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-063 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** I believe we have had sufficient discussion on Bill 24-063, but is there any further comments to be made? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move Bill 24-063 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 24-063. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Ok, Mrs. Zader, Bill 24-065.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 24-065 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-065.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Appointing the following member to the Downtown Improvement Advisory Board to fill the unexpired vacant term, which will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

#### **IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-065

ORDINANCE: 24-065

Appointing the following member to the Downtown Improvement Advisory Board to fill the unexpired vacant term, which will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. (Ellen Hines)

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-065 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Falquette. 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 SCOTT:** Questions on Bill 24-065? Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Just that it would be nice to meet the new Jodie if she wants to stop by City Council, and introduce herself. If you would extend that invite? That would be great.

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** I would be happy to. She actually texted me. She had planned to come but could not at the last minute. And, she is filling the place of Clint Knight who took my spot when I stepped down. It is great to have the chamber continue on.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Now, any other discussion. Hearing none, Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-065 be placed on the floor for final passage.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-065. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-066.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-066 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 24-066.

**DELAINE WEINER:** To perform pavement repairs in the City of Mansfield in Richland County. This project includes Interstate Route 71 from SLM 10.76 (SR 13 interchange) to SLM 12.26 (1.5 miles north of SR 13). Interstate Route 71 from SLM 10.76 to SLM 11.066 is within City limits.

## **PAVEMENT REPAIRS**

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-066

ORDINANCE: 24-066

To perform pavement repairs in the City of Mansfield in Richland County. This project includes Interstate Route 71 from SLM 10.76 (SR 13 interchange) to SLM 12.26 (1.5 miles north of SR 13). Interstate Route 71 from SLM 10.76 to SLM 11.066 is within City limits.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-066 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Any further questions? Mr. Diaz.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** I did want to clarify. I had to contact Bobby. For those of you that don't know, SLM. It means Straight Line Mileage. With that said, I move that Bill 24-066 be placed on the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-066. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-067.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-067 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 24-067.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Resolution Acknowledging restriction on future access from USR42 to PPN 056-92-158-15-000 and PPN 056-92-171-02-000

### **RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RESTRICTION**

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-067

ORDINANCE: 24-067

Resolution Acknowledging restriction on future access from USR42 to PPN 056-92-158-15-000 and PPN 056-92-171-02-000

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-067 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-067? Mr. Diaz.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President. And to clarify, because I learned this as well, PPN is a Permanent Parcel Number, for those who don't know. I wanted to sound smart, so I done all of that beforehand. Thank you, Engineer Bianchi. I do move that Bill 24-067 be placed on the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-067. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Burns, Bill 24-068.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-068 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 24-068.

**DELAINÉ WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for engineering services relating to the 2025 Watermain Replacement Program.

#### **WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-068

ORDINANCE: 24-068

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for engineering services relating to the 2025 Watermain Replacement Program.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-068 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Any further questions? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-068 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 24-068. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-069.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-069 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 24-069.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts with a professional engineering firm to conduct a study for the purpose of analyzing needed roadway improvements to State Route 13 from US Route 30 to South Airport Road and declaring an emergency.

**CONDUCT A STUDY – ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-069

ORDINANCE: 24-069

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts with a professional engineering firm to conduct a study for the purpose of analyzing needed roadway improvements to State Route 13 from US Route 30 to South Airport Road and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-069 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Any further questions? Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-069 be placed on the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-069. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Burns, Bill 24-072.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-072 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 24-072.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Resolution for a Recreational Access Easement. This Recreational Easement shall be granted by Clear Fork Realty Co., an Ohio Corporation ("Grantor") for the benefit of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

**RECREATIONAL ACCESS EASEMENT**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-072

ORDINANCE: 24-070

Resolution for a Recreational Access Easement. This Recreational Easement shall be granted by Clear Fork Realty Co., an Ohio Corporation (“Grantor”) for the benefit of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-072 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Is **there** any discussion on Bill 24-072? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-072 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 24-072. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Burns, Bill 24-074.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-074 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 24-074.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an Agreement with Ardane R. Miller to provide marine sales services and repair and bait shop services at Clearfork Reservoir, and declaring an emergency.

### **MARINE SALES, SERVICES AND REPAIR – CLEARFORK RESERVOIR**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-074

ORDINANCE: 24-071

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an Agreement with Ardane R. Miller to provide marine sales services and repair and bait shop services at Clearfork Reservoir, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-074 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-074? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-074 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 24-074. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Burns, Bill 24-075.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-075 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 24-075.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an Agreement with Ardane R. Miller to provide campground and boat dock management services at Clearfork Reservoir, and declaring an emergency.

#### **BOAT DOCK SERVICES – CLEARFORK RESERVOIR**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-075

ORDINANCE: 24-072

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an Agreement with Ardane R. Miller to provide campground and boat dock management services at Clearfork Reservoir, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-075 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-075? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-075 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 24-075. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Alright, Mrs. Meier, Bill 24-076.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-076 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 24-076.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Appointing a new member to the Police Review and Community-Police Relations Commission, and declaring an emergency. (Tammy McLaughlin)

#### **AMENDING ORDINANCE – LAW DIRECTOR OFFICE**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-076

ORDINANCE: 24-073

Appointing a new member to the Police Review and Community-Police Relations Commission, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-076 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-076? Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. Just a quick comment. First, that you Councilwoman Meier and all of the rest of council who worked to fill the vacant positions on the Police Review Commission as we have tried to clean that up and get it going. It's important to our citizens and to our law enforcement that we have that filled. Because it gives everyone a seat at the table. So, I appreciate all of you. And, thank you Tammy for stepping up to the plate to fill that position.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Rev. El?

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** I know that Tammy's not here, but I want to say maybe in case she listens to the meeting after. I appreciate her dedication. She's been coming to that meeting for years, even though she was not appointed. So, having that desire to serve the city, it's really encouraging to know that we have citizens who are excited about serving. Thank you, Tammy.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any other discussion on Bill 24-076. Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-076 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 24-076. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** I guess it's been a long night. And I apologize for getting my legislation out of orders. Mrs. Zader, did I see your hand?

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** One last thing before we go. One of things that, with my time in public office and just involved in the community. I have really enjoyed is getting young people to be involved and plugged and so I am going to embarrass two people on the audience right now. They didn't know that I was going to do this. But we have Miss Rock-n-Roll City with her hair back there who is actually competing in Miss Ohio this year. So that's Grace Regal and Marian Morgenstern who works for Spherion, and was part of the planning committee that put on the fundraiser that raised the funds for us to purchase the dogs that we discussed earlier tonight. The Double - O Canine event at the Reformatory. So, thank you both for being here, it's good to see some young faces in the crowd. We usually have about one person that 's still in high school that is under the age of 30 that joins us in the crowd. So, thank you both for coming.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Rev. El?

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. I hope everybody, all elected officials, received the invitation to the National Day of Prayer. I encourage everyone of you to please attend. We want to pray for you. It's the whole community standing behind you for you to know you are not by yourself. So, if you can make it, please do. 7:00pm, down at the Gazebo. Thanks.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Move to close.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Aye

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Great, 9:07pm council is now closed. We are adjourned.

END OF DISCUSSION

**ADJOURN:** Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, seconded by Mrs. Zader, 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