

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 7, 2024**

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on  
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:28pm 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, Diaz, Mount, Zader, Falquette, and Scott. (*Excused Absence- Daley: Passes 7-0*)

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Do we have anybody signed up for public comment? We have two. First, Mr. Valance. If you will come to the microphone, there's a button on the bottom. State your name and address. And we give public comment three minutes.

**RANDY SHAWN VALANCE:** My name is Randy Shawn Valance. I live at 478 East Cook Road Apt. 101 Mansfield Ohio 44903. I've been living, I came back to this city, because this is me city. I grew up in Florida. I played sports. Baseball, Football. I went into the military, two accommodations, one at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and the other at Fort Ben in Georgia. I don't consider myself better than anybody else. So, what I've been reporting, some drug activity to METRICH and the FBI. The way I was treated when I got back, I went up to Mr. Remy's office and started complaining because nothing was being done. I put my life on the line, without any pay. They come in my house and assaulted me without any arrest. So, when I went to talk to Mr. Remy to find out what's going on, no arrest. One of them committed murder, attempted murder. And his cousin broke in my house and assaulted me. I had to beat him back. So, I went to complaining and when I did, was going to provide photo, and get all the information, Chief Porch and Lt. Blust came up, escorted me away from Mr. Remy's office against my will. Took me down the elevator, took me in his office, and he says, "Are you back down here for the same reason, again?" I said, "No, I'm getting some BWC's." He said, "Just get out." So, I did. On the way out, he (Porch) came up behind me while Lt. Blust for METRICH mind you, and he said, "If you ever come around here again, I will arrest you." And his DNA is on my jacket where he shoved me. I got degenerate disease from being old. I am elderly, I took it upon myself, and I live in danger every day. Because, the word is out that I am a snitch. And I can't get any protection whatsoever. So, the thing is, I went and sent an email, Reverend. You are a man of God, I am a Christian. We're not perfect people. We make mistakes. I didn't even get a response from you. I was shocked. I go to the Oasis of Love Church. So, I don't understand why they knew. I've been talking to Spon, sent him an email. And it seems like there's no justice. Nobody's gonna put their hands on me and lead me away. That's not permitted in law enforcement. And, it was all just kind of covered up. So, I'm putting everybody on notice that I have to sue the city and certain individuals opposing. Because right now, my life is in shambles. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Thank you. Next, we have Reverend Mark Lehman. Once again. Your name and address.

**REVEREND MARK LEHMAN:** Rev. Mark Lehman, Pastor M1 Church, 1000 McPherson Street, Route 30 and Trimble, also known as the church next to McDonald's. Speaking concerning the marijuana dispensary discussion that you guys have been having. So, present Mayor, Council, thank you for serving our city. Especially for those of you not getting a paycheck, thank you for serving our city. I would like to call on the council to be great leaders, and not just representatives. Please do what is good for people. At times, in our nation, the people have demanded from their leadership the most damming options. Such as, let us buy and sell people, based on skin color. It was very profitable economically for some. And it was wanted by the majority of the people for a while. And their leadership. Including the highest courts, agreed. You may say, "but we are representatives, we must do what the people want." As a nation, we are still paying a price, not for the people's decisions. but the elected officials advocating a leadership role and bowing down to the voice of the crowd. A more recent example, year '2020, the state of Oregon voters demanded through Ballot Measures 110 and said yes to the peoples demand for access to heroin, cocaine and meth. In '2024, leadership had to step in, rescind it, re-criminalize in House Bill 4002 due to public safety issues. It's not actually a right or wrong issue. Was it good for people? Was it good for people? So, when you consider questions, you've got lots of questions to consider. One of those questions is will it bring in revenue? May I tell you that's probably a question that leads to the bottom. That's not Mansfield rising. A brothel and a casino next to Mansfield High School would bring in a revenue. Another question is what do people want? That's a question worth considering as well, but it's not the best question. There are clearly things that even a super majority of our constituency demanded, you would be derelict in your duty to allow a casino at the Springmill Elementary. A better question, what is good for people? Is marijuana dispensaries good for people? Better question, best question, what would a good leader do? What is good for people is what is good. LEAD. Please lead, don't just represent. Notice possible, you truly think that marijuana dispensaries are what is good for people. A great leader wouldn't just allow dispensaries in, but would advocate for them. And if that's what you think, I respect you to have personal integrity and lead towards that. But if you don't think, like I don't, that marijuana dispensaries are what is good for people, please don't hide behind the people as a covering without being courageous. You can represent well without just being a reflecting robot of this world of people. Leadership is a stewardship, it's temporary, all of us are accountable. I want to thank you for serving, and thank you for this time. It's a privilege to get to speak to you. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Ok, are there any committee reports? Hearing none, Mayor, you have anything further for council?

**MAYOR PERRY:** I do have a report. But, if you wouldn't mind, could we defer that until the end of the meeting? We have another person that is going to join us. Jennifer Kime from Downtown Mansfield. She's coming from the school board. She's on her way, but if you don't mind?

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** We can do that. Director Andres?

**DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES:** Just a quick. I handed out to council here the Johnny Appleseed stuff. It's in our lobby this month. It's also down at Kingwood Center. So, these are the passports that Rich Historian Life will be giving to all the fourth graders here in Richland County. I will be doing a program at Malabar Middle School later on this week, and these are the things we will be handing out to the students as well. And, I don't know if a lot of people realize it, but Appleseed lived here in Mansfield for over twenty years and his property is just down the road here in front of Wappner Funeral Homes, that's where his original lot was when Mansfield first incorporated as a city. So, there is a lot of history here that a lot of Mansfield people don't realize. So, that's all I have to say. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Thank you. Director Porch, anything further?

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** Nothing further Sir.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Director Harper?

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** Nothing further.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Director Arnett.

**DIRECTOR SCOTT ARNETT:** I have nothing further.

### **LATE BILLS**

*(none)*

### **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: 7, Nays: 0

### **LEGISLATION**

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

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 24-049 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 24-049.

**DELAINE 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.

### **CRUISING PROHIBITED**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-049

ORDINANCE: 24-048

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. 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: 6 Nays: 1  
*(Diaz – No)*

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? Mr. Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** I know this has been a long coming thing. It's been an on. It's slated to go clear out to June 4<sup>th</sup>. The weather is getting warm and maybe some of my other council members who have been getting a lot of feedback. I have only one person who questioned it a little bit, but really no pushback, so I would support moving it up, but that is certainly up to Mrs. Meier.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is that in the form of a motion, Mr. Falquette?

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** No. It's just a pointed suggestion that I would be in supportive of a motion.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Ok. Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I agree with Councilman Falquette. I think this something we have talked about for some time. Our police force has asked us repeatedly and so have the people for a solution for this. So, I don't see why we need to wait.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Well, does anyone wish to entertain a motion? Mr. Diaz?

**AURELIO DIAZ:** I have a comment. I agree with my fellow council folks. But, I don't know. I feel like...I've been getting a lot of feedback from this more than the dispensary. Seriously, Miracle Mile is way more heated at this point. I personally struggle with this penalizing for cruising. I think I've been out there several times and a lot of the feedback that we are getting. Obviously, the drag racing is problematic. The loitering, even when some of the properties give the ok and then an incident happens and they swoon away. And, I don't know. I just fill like most people I'm talking to; my concerns are the speed racing. Speed racing, that sounds old. This isn't a matter of not being connected to the situation, but I struggle with just not being able to cruise around as long as I am doing the speed limit, and I think especially with little things for people to do. I know that the pool that we don't have isn't open in the evening, there is an historic tradition of it, and I'm just gonna say that I've been no stranger to supporting our safety services. But, I think if you are cruising at a reasonable speed, that is what I am having a problem with right now.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I have heard the concern about the cruising part of this legislation and my response to those people have been this is where we have to put the trust in the people who we hire to serve our city and protect it. None of our police officers that I have spent time with are gonna go out of their way to pull people over for cruising up and down the road. They've got better things to do with their time. Just spend sometime in dispatch. It really just is to give more teeth to them when there is someone who is not following the rule that they can force it. So, I think I understand the concern of over reaching government, But I don't see our police officers doing that, they have better things to do with their time. So, does the leadership, clearly has better things to do with their time. I don't see that being used in that manner.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Is there any way that this, this may have to be answered by somebody else, I don't know who would know. That we could amend the cruising thing to cruising at a rate above the speed limit, like to add more specificity to this. Cruising and violating another law at the same time. Either drag racing, speeding...

**DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER:** If you want specificity, it can be done.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** I know what Councilwoman Mount is saying, but is it necessary? Director Porch, what are your thoughts? I mean, does it need to be narrower or broader? I mean, I feel like we're going to or they're going to site people who are speeding or who are breaking the law. Does it need to have some other connotation to it?

**DIRECTOR PORCH:** Personally, my opinion, no it doesn't. But, if that is what council is wanting to do and act, I mean I'm obviously not opposed to that. I can tell you that when, again, when this ordinance was initially talked about last year, I wanted to make it very clear to council that it was tool for the police department to use. It is not a guarantee that it is going to solve the issues out there. I can tell you, in my time as chief, I received hundreds and hundreds of calls every May, every June, with this issue. As I know every councilperson probably has as well, and the Mayor. This has been an issue for years past. And I am hesitant to make any guarantee that if this was to pass tonight, that that's going to solve the issue out there. It's a combination of efforts of what's going to occur of that. And I think, also, the resistance is, since 1960, that has been the activity out on Park Avenue in the city of Mansfield. I think opinions start changing when people start dying out there. It's only when that happens does that turn up the temperature for this room.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I think the other thing we need to think about in this is the fact that there is a concentrated effort on re-developing that area. We're trying to bring business into that area. We're trying to tear down the West Park Shopping Center and get that cleaned up and spur re-development. Well, if we have a concentration of crime happening in that area, because we're not able to get people out of there and clear it out, it's going to be less likely that someone's going to move in that area and re-develop it. So, we really need to give our law enforcement the opportunity and the ability to do their jobs and keep that under control. Last thing we want is a new business going into that area and getting upset because this activity is going on or their business is being disrupted because of it, or it's being vandalized. All of the things that are happening out there on Park Ave right now because this is out of control. It's not what it was how ever many years ago. I use to hang out on Park Avenue. It's different today. And I think that we need to protect our city, we need to protect the re-development of it. And this is one of the ways. It might not seem like it, but it will have a ripple effect that will impact that.

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** And if I can add to that, if I can add to council, I'll refer you back to the stats sheet that was initially handed out with this ordinance. So, we're not just talking about drag racing and speeding up and down the road. You can see the numerous offenses, weapon offenses that officers are dealing with. Fights, resisting arrests, so there's a host of activities and crimes that are encompassing outside of just, we're talking about drag racing. And, an additional measure, we are planning on doing a pilot program of installing temporary speed bumps out on Park Avenue at probably the end of June until September. So, we are looking to probably four rows of speed bumps that goes from curb lane from curb to curb. So, they would be installed on Friday evening, whatever, would be the safest for our street department to get out there. I would estimate that between 6:00pm and 7:00pm in the evening. And then Sunday morning about 5:00am or 6:00am in the morning, they would be taken up. So, we will have complete speed bump coverage for the weekend, which is the majority of our problem. So, in conjunction if this ordinance would pass, with the speed bumps and the enforcement efforts of our officers, hopefully we can make an impact of what we've been seeing year after year.

**PRESIDENT MEIER:** Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** My only thought too, about changing the legislation of course then that prolongs all of it. Then it all has to go back, it has to be re-written. It would be delayed. So, without, if there's no other comment, I think I'm gonna make a motion that we move this legislation, Bill 24-049, forward this evening and dispense without any further readings.

**LAURA BURNS:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Ok, it's been regularly moved and seconded that we waive further readings of Bill 24-049 and bring it forward tonight for final vote passage in city council. Motion passes 6-1. (*Diaz – Nay*) We will be voting on Bill 24-049 for final passage this evening. Once again, call on Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you. Definitely, the complaints from the citizens and the safety concerns have been far larger in volume than the complaints regarding cruising itself. I would view this as something that can be amended because we're enacting it right now, we can also amend it into the future. I have requested individuals that have complained to provide more options, better options, I would prefer that we could be, this could be attacked on offense, that when you are committing any other traffic violation that this would kick in and you could be cited for it as well. But, I'll also view that as something we can amend into the future if we see that it is not, would be better for the community to amend it into the future we can do that. Thank you.

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** Mr. President, I think the Chief wants to address.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Yes. I was trying to get your attention a little bit ago to see if you wanted to address.

**CHIEF JASON BAMMANN:** I just want to touch on one of your questions of which you bring up here. So, your talking about adding stand alone offenses to this new legislation. So, these stand-alone offenses, if we come across these, we're already enforcing those, and as you see, those by itself aren't working. So, adding this cruising piece, removes some of those non-major problems, see what I'm saying, that would lead to the speeding, the drag racing, so again another tool. So, adding another stand-alone offense is unnecessary because I already that, you see what I'm saying? So, if I am able to enforce that cruising legislation, then that prevents the speed, the drag racing, the things of that sort. Does that make sense?

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Are you saying that this is a stand-alone offense? That's the way I would understand it.

**CHIEF JASON BAMMANN:** This is. But, your talking about adding other offenses to this, your talking about amending? Those offenses that you are talking about adding, are already stand-alone by themselves.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** I was thinking more on the seat belt offense use to be.

**CHIEF JASON BAMMANN:** Correct. Your talking about a moving violation, to an equipment violation. So, two separates. Does that make sense?

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you.

**CHIEF JASON BAMMANN:** Yes. Any other questions? Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Thank you Chief. Is there any other further discussion, comment on Bill 24-049? Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-049 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 24-049. Bill Passes 6-1 (*Aurelio Diaz – Nay*).

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Meier, Bill 24-064.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-064 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 24-064.

**DELAINÉ WEINER:** Imposing a six-month moratorium on the acceptance, consideration, and/or granting of any applications for local licensing approval and/or any zoning, occupancy, or other permits relating to cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries of marijuana within the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

#### **SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM - MARIJUANA**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-064

ORDINANCE: 24-074

Imposing a six-month moratorium on the acceptance, consideration, and/or granting of any applications for local licensing approval and/or any zoning, occupancy, or other permits relating to cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries of marijuana within the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-064 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** A discussion on Bill 24-064?

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I spoke up about several concerns with this legislation at the last meeting but I do understand the need for when the state passes legislation but doesn't put out regulation along with that legislation to have time to figure out what that looks like. I respect the administration for taking the time to do that and I just wanted to let you know.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any other questions, comment, discussion on Bill 24-064. Hearing none, that will be considered to be 1<sup>st</sup> read. Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Akuchie.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Thanks Mr. President. This is an issue that is really deep in my heart for the fact that for 30 plus years, I have worked with the drug and alcohol prevention treatment and it was quite a terrible time with the youth and their family and the children. I saw first-hand the detrimental effect of marijuana in the homes, in the schools, I work with every school in the county. And, I believe that in my own judgement, I will really see the whole proposition completely for this commercial cannabis in the city. But, with the fact that the Mayor has presented this six-month moratorium, I think it is something that we all really need to take into consideration that the schools, the children, our families, are really going to be hurt if we put the money set, because we want to get some revenue out it. That would be hurting our city. I know some of us, almost all of us got a letter from the CACY Youth, Tracy Anderson, and the statistics that came from the schools, our schools here in Mansfield, it's interesting to know that this is a serious issue in our city. I want to point out to some of the fact that the mentioned here in Mansfield. Marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug by other states according to CDC. Next to alcohol, that is also here in Mansfield City, self-report by Mansfield City School students, so indicate marijuana use drastically increased between fourth and eight grades. This is from the schools, students. In Richland county, 2,972 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect were received in '2003. The Richland County Children Services Executive Director, Nicki Harless, drug use is the number one reason children are temporary removed from their parents. We cannot ignore the fact that more than 70% of Richland county report getting substance abuse misuse free from their family and their friends. So, it's, for me, I think it's important for us to this really serious and not wait until the state decide or whether they're not gonna decide cause they already have dropped the ball when they were suppose to make the decision. The Speaker of the House did not have enough work to do anything about it. So, that's my concern. Thank you, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Your welcome. Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** So, I appreciate everyone's perspective from the outside looking in, but I'm probably the only one sitting here that is the child of a home of a drug addict. And, who has been one themselves. We can sit here, when they are talking about children away because of drugs, their illegal. Of course, they're going to take them away, because they are breaking the law. It's not the discussion we're having here. The dispensaries aren't going to sell to kids, kids in junior high and high school. That's the whole point, they're regulated. It's being purchased from a store front, that is regulated, rather than the drug dealer on the corner, who has it and it's laced with all kinds of crap, they don't know what their getting. And people are dying because of it. We're not having the discussion of the moral aspect of it. We're having the discussion of are we going to allow dispensaries to set up, because it's a regulated industry now. It's that simple. You cannot legislate morality. Period. If we did, no one would be murdering each other, no one would be raping each other, no one would be doing drugs, no one would be shooting each other. Are we going to let dispensaries set up in this city or not?

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any other comments, discussions? Mr. Diaz.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** I really appreciate all the information we've been getting from a lot of the organizations and leaders, some that Councilman Akuchie mentioned. And this is really tough, I mean because we all have our own views on marijuana and I will say that it's something that I personally am not invested in at all just as an individual. I have been trying to do my best to talk to people who have different stances on it. I don't know, I can see pros and cons of both, and I know that is kind of hypocritical to say, especially working in the services that we do, for our careers and all. But I think it's still is something that we need to further discuss, I'm glad we have more readings, hopefully. You know, I've never been to a dispensary before. I plan to go to one. I want to see what they are about, I want to

hear from the horse's mouth, see how they are operated. I want to know from people, when they are smoking, doing it as recreational, is it for other reasons. I met someone at the coffee shop who, their husband passed away from cancer last year and I know marijuana was used medically, but it did aide in some discomfort. I also know that a lot of our local oppositional voices, some of them smoke, you have that, let's just keep it real. So, I think it's a lot more complex, and I really love what Rev. El is bringing to the table, and Councilwoman Zader. I'm surprised we are not getting more feedback from people other than some Facebook stuff. It's a lot to think about. I am the Co-Chair of the Richland County Youth Substance Coalition and we did, Dr. Baca and a few other respected folks in the field gave a pointed THC presentation that was over 60 slides and it was very eye-opening. I did learn about how it affects youth but I think also fentanyl has always been my biggest issue with the people that I work with too. So, it's a lot broader weed is bad, weed I this, but I don't know. I just hope that we continue to have people come forth and gear from one another. But yeah, that's my two cents.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Thank you. Anyone else, discussion on Bill 24-064? Hearing none, that will be considered the first read that Bill 24-064.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Bill 24-070, Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-070 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 24-070.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Mayor to submit the City of Mansfield's Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan for PY 2024 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development indicating proposed uses for the City's 2024-2028 Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) under the provisions of Public Law 93-383, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

#### **CDBG – ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-070

ORDINANCE: 24-075

Authorizing the Mayor to submit the City of Mansfield's Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan for PY 2024 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development indicating proposed uses for the City's 2024-2028 Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) under the provisions of Public Law 93-383, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader, that Bill 24-070 be read and placed upon the floor for 1<sup>st</sup> read

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any other comment, discussion. Hearing none, that will be considered to be first read for that bill.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Moving on to Bill 24-071, once again Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-071 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 24-071.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Mayor to submit the City of Mansfield's Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan for PY 2024 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) indicating proposed uses for the City's 2024-2028 HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds under the provisions of Public Law 93-383, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

**CDBG – HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS**

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-071

ORDINANCE: 24-076

Authorizing the Mayor to submit the City of Mansfield's Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan for PY 2024 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) indicating proposed uses for the City's 2024-2028 HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds under the provisions of Public Law 93-383, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-071 be read and placed upon the floor for 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any discussion on Bill 24-071. Hearing none, that will also be considered to be 1<sup>st</sup> read.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Alright, Mrs. Zader, Bill 24-073.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 24-073 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 24-073.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Amending Section 513.03(c)(2) and Section 513.03(c)(3)B of Chapter 513 (Drug Abuse Control) of the City of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 and declaring an emergency.

**CODIFIED ORDINANCE – DRUG ABUSE CONTROL**

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-073

ORDINANCE: 24-077

Amending Section 513.03(c)(2) and Section 513.03(c)(3)B of Chapter 513 (Drug Abuse Control) of the City of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-073 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:6 Nays: 1(*Mount*)

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 24-073? Mr. Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Once again, I would support moving this one forward. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Well, once again, A support, not a motion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I asked Director Ackerman, and she didn't ...on, duh. Director Porch, do you have any issues with that? Moving it up?

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** I do not. Just to refresh everyone's memory. So, currently possession of marijuana within the city limits it is a M-1 offense. So, we want align our ordinances to the ORC which is the states criminal code. So, if you were caught with possession of marijuana out in the county, that is a minor misdemeanor offense. So, we want to have parody with that offense with ORC.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** I guess I would ask also ask the question of the Law Director, Director Harper about your opinion on this too?

**DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER:** I don't really have a comment on it. I think the popular opinion is what it is and that's where it is.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Ok. Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Just a follow-up. I asked at the last meeting if the law department was able to look into the other laws we have on the book regarding the public usage and that that would hopefully be in line when we would approved this. Has anything happened on that, has your office been able to look into, like the equivalent ordinances are currently on the books for intoxication?

**DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER:** I think the popular use for any use of those kinds of things is going to be kin to kind of intox-ish kind of stuff, and that's we are starting to see now. In particular, in some of the surrounding counties. You know, you can have marijuana in your car and it end up to be, well it could be an intox, it could be a second kind of a DUI or third DUI in terms of the punishment level and those are steep. You'll pick up a driving under the influence instead of a ... and if continue that, if people don't understand that the law says currently that, yeah you can smoke marijuana, but you can do it at home. You do it in your car, your gonna get a DUI. It's as simple as that. So, there's enough in place out there that people can typically, but most people don't know where the boundary lines are. And, so their gonna find themselves in a lot of hot water before very long.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** My concern was just having that for sure in place before moving this forward. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is there any other further discussion on Bill 24-073. I don't believe we did have a motion or a second on it to move it forward. I guess we have no further discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-073 that we dispense with all further readings and put it on the floor for a vote tonight.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been move and seconded that we waive all further readings of Bill 24-073 and bring forward for final passage in council this evening. Council will vote on the motion. Motion passes 6-1 (*Akuchie – Nay*). Now, we go back, Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-073, that it be placed on the floor for final passage.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote on the passage of Bill 24-073. Bill passes 6-1 (*Akuchie – Nay*)

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Ok, continuing with legislation. We have Bill 24-077, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-077 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 24-077.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of Twenty Thousand and 50/100 dollars (\$20,000.50) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) for the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative to reduce gun violence in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

#### **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-077

ORDINANCE: 24-078

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of Twenty Thousand and 50/100 dollars (\$20,000.50) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) for the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative to reduce gun violence in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-077 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-077? I just have a pointed question. What's the fifty cents (\$.50)? Twenty Thousand Dollars and Fifty Cents. Ok, a little bit of humor. Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-077 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 24-077. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Meier, Bill 24-078.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-078 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 24-078.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three and 54/100 dollars (\$50,393.54) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) for a Family Violence Liaison Officer in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

#### **OCJS – FAMILY VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICER**

BY: MRS. MEIER  
BILL #24-078

ORDINANCE: 24-079

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three and 54/100 dollars (\$50,393.54) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) for a Family Violence Liaison Officer in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-078 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-078, Mr. Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. President. Just a couple financial things. This is one that we get year in and year out. Last year this was \$44,396, so it went up about \$6,000, about 12% which is nice. And the city does have a match which is about 25% or \$16,797. That was in the budget and it's great to get money from anybody that is willing to give it to us.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Amen. Rev. El, Mr. Akuchie, sorry.

**ELEAZOR AKUCHIE:** Thanks Mr. President. I just want thank city director and his office for the effort they make and bringing these dollars in. That is between \$20,000 and this is \$50,000, we're talking

about \$70+ something thousand dollars. And so, we appreciate it so much, working so hard. Thank you for all you do to help us here.

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** Councilmen, as much as I would like to take the credit, it was, well essentially it was the Assistant Chief that brought in the money.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is there any further discussion on Bill 24-078? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move Bill 24-078 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 24-078. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Bill 24-079, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-079 that it 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 24-079.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Declaring the remains of a designated two-story dwelling (118 Main Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

#### **DEMOLITION – 118 MAIN STREET**

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #24-079

ORDINANCE: 24-080

Declaring the remains of a designated two-story dwelling (118 Main Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 24-079 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any discussion on Bill 24-079? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-078 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 24-079. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Bill 24-080, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-080 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 24-080.

**DELAINÉ WEINER:** Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling and miscellaneous structures (119 Snyder Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

**DEMOLITION – 119 SNYDER STREET**

BY: MISS. MOUNT

BILL #24-080

ORDINANCE: 24-081

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling and miscellaneous structures (119 Snyder Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 24-080 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any discussion on Bill 24-080? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-080 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 24-080. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Bill 24-081, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-081 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 24-081.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling and miscellaneous structures (353 Bowman Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

**DEMOLITION – 353 BOWMAN STREET**

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #24-081

ORDINANCE: 24-082

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling and miscellaneous structures (353 Bowman Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 24-081 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Any discussion on Bill 24-081? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** I do move that Bill 24-081 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 24-081. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Miss Mount, Bill 24-082, Miss Mount

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-082 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 24-082.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling and miscellaneous structures (1198 Dillon Road) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

**DEMOLITION – 1198 DILLON ROAD**

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #24-082

ORDINANCE: 24-083

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling and miscellaneous structures (1198 Dillon Road) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 24-082 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-082? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-082 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 24-082. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Miss Mount, Bill 24-083.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-083 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 24-083.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Amending Chapter 1359 (Flood Damage Reduction) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 and declaring an emergency.

### **FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION**

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #24-083

ORDINANCE: 24-084

Amending Chapter 1359 (Flood Damage Reduction) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 24-083 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is there any discussion for Bill 24-083? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-083 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 24-083. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Mrs. Burns, Bill 24-084.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-084 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 24-084.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a donation from the Remy-McCollough Family Trust of the Richland County Foundation in the amount of five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00) to be used for The Sterkel Park Project Program and declaring an emergency.

#### **STERKEL PARK PROJECT PROGRAM**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-084

ORDINANCE: 24-085

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a donation from the Remy-McCollough Family Trust of the Richland County Foundation in the amount of five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00) to be used for The Sterkel Park Project Program and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-084 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-084? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** I move that Bill 24-084 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 24-084. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** And our last bill for the evening is Bill 24-085, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-085 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 24-085.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from the Remy-McCollough Family Trust of the Richland County Foundation in the amount of five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00) to be used for The Safety Town Program and declaring an emergency.

### **THE SAFETY TOWN PROGRAM**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-085

ORDINANCE: 24-086

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from the Remy-McCollough Family Trust of the Richland County Foundation in the amount of five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00) to be used for The Safety Town Program and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-085 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Is there any discussion on Bill 24-085? Mr. Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Just for the record, I wanna thank and extend my appreciation to the Remy-McCullough Family and the Richland County Foundation. They support many projects and for the record, I wanna say thank you.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Dully noted on the record. Is there any other discussions, comments? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

**CHRYL MEIER** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-085 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 24-085. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** That concludes legislation, and I will now call on Mayor Perry for the presentation she has.

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** *(Power Point Presentation)*

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** Ok, I guess we are done.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Move to close.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** All in favor?

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Aye

**PRESIDENT SCOTT:** We are adjourned. *(Time: 8:43pm)*

END OF DISCUSSION

**ADJOURN:** Upon motion by Mrs. Zader, seconded by Mr. Falquette, 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