

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 20th, 2024

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at **7:34pm** 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: 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 24-170 and 24-171** that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that **Bills 24-170 and 24-171** be allowed on the floor this evening.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL 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 PHIL SCOTT: We will go back through the directors and the mayor. Director Blankenship?

DIRECTOR KELLY BLANKENSHIP: Nothing further. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mayor Perry.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: One thing I forgot to mention. The North Lake Park bridge replacement that has been going on. That engineer did let me know tonight, I think we are about a week out from that being done. So, that will re-open the normal entry ways to North Lake Park. We'll throw that up on

Facebook. It looks really great. I think everyone will be excited when it's done. And, I'm sure the residents in the near-by neighborhood will be excited to have the regular way, regular entry open again. Thanks.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Director Andres.

DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Porch?

DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH: Nothing further Sir.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Harper.

DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER: Nothing further.

LATE BILLS

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thanks Mr. President. I move with respect to **Bill 24-161**, that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that **Bills 24-161** be allowed on the floor this evening.

AURELIO DIAZ: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded to allow Bill 24-161 on the floor for discussion this evening. Council will cast their 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

LEGISLATION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 24-125.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-125 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-125.

DELAINE WEINER: Repealing Chapter 769 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 concerning prohibiting medical marijuana cultivation, processing, and retail distribution within the City of Mansfield.

REPEALING - CODIFIED ORDINANCE – MEDICAL MARIJUANA

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL 24-125

ORDINANCE: 24-126

Repealing Chapter 769 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 concerning prohibiting medical marijuana cultivation, processing, and retail distribution within the City of Mansfield.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-125 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: 2 (Akuchie, Mount)}

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-125? Mr. Akuchie.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thank you Sir. I will not be voting to repeal this Bill 24-125 because of the following reasons. **Number One.** The ordinance was put in place by people who understand the dangerous impact of cannabis poses in our community. It was the right ordinance, not a wrong one to be repealed. It was right then, it is right today. I'd be saying that right is wrong and wrong is right if I will vote to repeal this bill. President Scott and his colleagues in '2017, they saw the green locomotive of the cannabis company speeding towards Mansfield and they voted to put up a huge red stop sign to protect our city from the live destruction and consequences of marijuana and other drugs. They saw the illusive green dollars of the cannabis industries, but they did not fall for it, but that they choose for the future blessings of or children. Only God knows how many souls were saved from damage since '2017.

Number Two. I have chosen not to be aggressive enough to continue to chase that illusive cannabis green dollar project, which they rejected. For me to vote to repeal this, is to remove the big red stop sign which them their selves rejected. And it is for me to rule out the red carpet for the cannabis industry. I will feel like selling the future of my grandchildren and the generation to the highest marijuana bidder. And, **Number Three.** About three blocks away from here, right on Third and Bowman Street, there's a long big wall, that's the Jericho wall. That was put up by the church and the community together. To remind us of the hundreds of people whose lives have been shortened because of marijuana and other drugs. Everyone who have not seen it, need to see, go there. It's just right around the corner. You will see their pictures, you will read their stories, you will read about there lives, les we forget. Finally, my vote is to keep this stop sign, this guardrail if you will, in place. I will not role out the red carpet for the cannabis industries. If I do that, I will be violating my own conscious, and I know I will give in account to God someday. And, my name will not be on the record that I voted for the illusive green dollar against the interests of my grandchildren and their generation. It will be the right thing to do, not to repeal this bill. It's to keep it in place. And in light of what I heard today, this evening, if we take this out, we take the guardrail, we take everything out. And, who knows where this will go. So, Mr. President, I submit that we leave this guardrail as it is until whenever. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ms. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Speak clear about what we are voting on tonight. We're not voting on our own morality, we're not voting on our religious beliefs, we're not voting on our political affiliations. We're voting on whether someone, it was deemed medically necessary by a qualified medical professional, can go buy what was prescribed to them here instead of them driving forty-plus minutes away. That's what we're voting on. We're not voting on letting drug dealers sell drugs, we're voting on regulated dispensaries. And whether they are going to be able to accept a medical card that when they come in, that also by the way, gives those people a reduced price because it's medically approved for them. Cancer patients, veterans suffering with PTSD, those are the people we are voting on. Whether they can take their

card that a doctor said they could have, and go in and buy what was deemed necessary. Are we going to outlaw prescription drugs, because they kill people too? Listen to the side effects every time you see a commercial. We're not debating the morality of it, or our political affiliations or religious afflictions. We are saying, Yes, you can do what your doctor said you can do, and go buy medical cannabis here at home where you live."

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mayor.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: I just want to just make sure everyone understands to that. Because the moratorium was not passed, recreational only dispensaries can come in now. So, when we've been talking about this in the past, I did ask you to leave this on longer because most of the dispensaries that were coming to us, were what's called dual-use. Meaning, they would like to be able to do the medical and the recreational. But, after all of this consultation, of course what we have figured out is that we're open essentially. So, if this repeal were not to go ahead tonight, that really doesn't stop dispensaries from coming at all. It just means they will be recreational only. So, I just want to make sure that, because I know I was up here saying don't take that off while we are working through this. But, you know, again, terrible analogy, but you know what I said last week, we're building the plane as we fly it. And, that is happening all over the state. So, I just want to make sure that everyone's aware of where we're at.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: And if I might take a moment of personal privilege here. If need be, I'll resign the seat, Mr. Falquette can come over and I'll go down there. But, since my name was brought up about this bill, when it was passed back when. First of all, I did not vote for that bill. I was in this chair unable to vote for it. Second of all, every since then, I have regretted that we let that bill pass on the first reading. That we didn't do our due diligence and take it out to two to three readings, and do our research like we have on these present bills that we're passing. So, I kind of take a little offense that it was said that I voted. I was on this council, but I was in this chair. And, like I said, I regret that we passed it. I regretted that every sense, that we just wham-bam that first reading it was done. And, we should have taken our due diligence then. With that, I've said my peace. Thank you...Mr. Akuchie.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thank you Mr. President. My apology that I, I didn't say you voted but I said you were here. But, I apologize for bringing up your name for that reason. Nevertheless, I am not advocating my morality, I am not advocating my political affiliation. I am saying what I personally reason that I will not vote for it. It might not make sense to you, but it makes sense to me. I am who I am. I don't have any separation between who I am and who God made me. So, if I bring up the name of God, because that is who I am. I am his servant and his son. You don't need to be offended by that. God is not an offense. I apologize if that offends you. But nevertheless, I am saying, I said, this is what I am going to do. I didn't say anybody to do. I didn't involve anybody else to join me. It's my reason.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. And, I think our council, our present council, is a very diverse, clear reflection of our community. And Rev. Akuchie, I respect what you said. And, I support what you said. We are all ourselves and I think that we all vote for different reasons. Honestly, I know that we, the goal is to vote based on the perspective and the research that we do with the constituents. But I think, we don't have to agree with everything to respect one another and love another and work together respectfully. So, we are glad you're here. Even when we have differences of opinion, we do it in a respectful way. And I think that has changed from the past. And again, look at us. We have majority of women up here. We have black and brown, we have people who are not native-American, coming from other countries who are now citizens, we are a huge diverse pot up here. I don't feel we need to apologize for why we vote the way we do. I think we need to respect one another. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ms. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: I will agree with the fact that nothing, I mean nothing that has come out of my mouth is meant as disrespect. I may challenge what someone says, and I'm a Christian. You are not disrespecting me by believing in God. And as a Christian, I'd like to know if we have a motion. If not, I have one.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Do we have a motion, but first I believe I saw Ms. Daley's hand.

CYNTHIA DALEY: I do agree with Rev. Akuchie. Because one of the concerns about marijuana overall is how it affects the future generation. So, there is a concern. But also, I would vote for medical marijuana because I've gotten letters or emails from persons who have suffered from certain illness and they claim that their medical marijuana has somewhat soothed their pain. And, that is one reason why I would vote for it. But I also have the concern on how it would affect our future generation.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: With that hearing no further discussion, do I have a motion? I guess I will call on Miss Mount, how about that.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Ok, I just had a comment. Which my comment is in regards to all five, a general one. And, I think we all know how the different votes are going to go, likely based on the comments. But, I am as it has been brought up to speed that the previous legislation had been pushed through in '2017 is disturbing to some, likewise the speed at which this Bills 24-157 and 24-158 which are likely to be tabled or postponed or pushed through was very disturbing. To me, it did and without regard the rules of council, didn't regard the rules requiring the meetings for zoning and now we are paying the price. Unfortunately, we had hoped that we could institute these recreational dual-use facilities, or recreational only facilities in a way that would be good for the whole community. And that opportunity, the clock has run out. So, we, not we, the majority, members of council decided to speed the process. They said investors had a timeline, but this will be at the cost of humans. And, I see that in my line of work as an EMT. I have seen the cost to humanity and it is something that history will look back on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ms. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Just a point for the record. This bill that we are discussing right now has been discussed at four different meetings. Generally, we discuss bills at three meetings, and we vote on it at the third meeting. This has not been rushed. We may have added a meeting within that time, but it has not been rushed through the process. In fact, it has been given more time in this process. More air time, than most bills that come through this room. In fact, there's a lot of bills, and I look around this room, there's many of us that have moved bills up and had them passed in one meeting. That we have given plenty of air time to this. We've heard lots of discussion on this. I don't want it to be put on the record that we have rushed anything. Because, that's simply untrue.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: With that, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-125 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-125. Bill Passes {*Ayes: 6 Nays: 2 (Akuchie, Mount)*}.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 24-126.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-126 be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-126.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Repealing Section 1167.15 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 concerning prohibiting medical marijuana cultivation, processing, and retail distribution within all zoning districts of the City of Mansfield.

REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE – PROHIBITING MEDICAL MARIJUANA

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #24-126

ORDINANCE: 24-127

Repealing Section 1167.15 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 concerning prohibiting medical marijuana cultivation, processing, and retail distribution within all zoning districts of the City of Mansfield.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-126 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: 2 (Akuchie, Mount)}

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any discussion on Bill 24-126? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-126 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: **PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** It's been regularly moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-125. Bill Passes 6-2. *{Ayes: 6 Nays: 2 (Akuchie, Mount)}*

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next is Bill 24-140 has been pulled, so we will move on to Bill 24-157.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Mr. President, can I make a comment on that, just for the record? Bill 24-140?

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Sure.

DEBORAH MOUNT: I just wanted to make mention that they did pay off their delinquent taxes. So, unfortunately, they pulled the plug on that project, but their taxes were paid off. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you for that.

BILL #24-140

ORDINANCE: 24-141

Designating 380 N. Main Street as a listed property upon the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission and Mansfield City Planning Commission due to its interest or value as part of the heritage of the City of Mansfield and declaring an emergency.

{Bill 24-140 – PULLED}

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, moving on to Bill 24-157, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-157 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-157.

DELAINE WEINER: Enacting Chapter 771, "Cannabis Facilities" of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, which defines the process for applying for and obtaining a business license for a Cannabis Facility (as defined by ORC 3780 or ORC 3796) in the City of Mansfield and declaring an emergency.

ENACTING CHAPTER 771 – CANNABIS FACILITIES

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #24-157

ORDINANCE: 24-158

Enacting Chapter 771, "Cannabis Facilities" of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, which defines the process for applying for and obtaining a business license for a Cannabis Facility (as defined by ORC 3780 or ORC 3796) in the City of Mansfield and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 24-157 be postponed indefinitely, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Okay, any discussion on Bill 24-157?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Is there a specific date you'd like it tabled to or do just want to postpone it. How do you want to move forward with that? You said you were gonna pull it, so it doesn't really matter. Just so we know the motion.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: I don't know if I can pull it from the floor. If you want to table it to October, then I will pull it.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Sponsor, or who wants to do that.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I will make a motion per the rules of council to postpone this (*Bill 24-157*) indefinitely to allow the Mayor to do her thing.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded that we postpone Bill 24-157 indefinitely. Council will cast your vote for Bill 24-157. Bill Passes 8-0.

BILL WAS POSTPONED

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 24-158.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-158 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-158.

DELAINE WEINER: Enacting Chapter 1190, "Cannabis Facilities," of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, establishes appropriate locations and reasonable restrictions for a Cannabis Facility in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

ENACTING CHAPTER 1190 - CANNABIS FACILITIES

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #24-158

ORDINANCE: 24-159

Enacting Chapter 1190, "Cannabis Facilities," of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, establishes appropriate locations and reasonable restrictions for a Cannabis Facility in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 24-158 be read and postponed indefinitely, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:8 Nays: 0

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-158? Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-158 that we postpone indefinitely to allow the Mayor to do her thing.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded that we postpone Bill 24-158 indefinitely. Council will cast your vote for Bill 24-158. Bill Passes 8-0.

BILL WAS POSTPONED

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Burns, Bill 24-159.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-159 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-159.

DELAINE WEINER: Amending Ordinance # 24-154 to reflect the correct organization names and donations. Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a donation from the VFW Post # 9943 of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty and 00/100 (\$2,740.00) and to accept a donation from the VFW Post # 3494 of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty and 00/100 dollars (\$2,740.00) for a new flag and flag pole at Liberty Park, and declaring an emergency.

DONATION – VFW POST #9943 AND #3494

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-159

ORDINANCE: 24-160

Amending Ordinance # 24-154 to reflect the correct organization names and donations. Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a donation from the VFW Post # 9943 of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty and 00/100 (\$2,740.00) and to accept a donation from the VFW Post # 3494 of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty and 00/100 dollars (\$2,740.00) for a new flag and flag pole at Liberty Park, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-159 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 PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-159? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. And also, just real quick. Thank you to both posts for their generosity. I know last time we didn't get a chance to say it, but we appreciate it very much. And with that, I move that Bill 24-159 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-159. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-160.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-160 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-160.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to file a grant application and to accept a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation to design construction contract plans to rehabilitate Runway 14-32, to said grant and to enter into a contract or contracts for the same, and declaring an emergency.

DESIGN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT PLANS

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-160

ORDINANCE: 24-161

Authorizing the Public Works Director to file a grant application and to accept a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation to design construction contract plans to rehabilitate Runway 14-32, to said grant and to enter into a contract or contracts for the same, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-160 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 PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion Bill 24-160? Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-160 be placed on the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-160. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette, Bill 24-161.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-161 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-161.

DELAINE WEINER: Limiting Adult-Use Cannabis Operators within the City of Mansfield and declaring an emergency.

LIMITING ADULT-USE CANNABIS OPERATORS

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #24-161

ORDINANCE: 24-162

Limiting Adult-Use Cannabis Operators within the City of Mansfield and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 24-161 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Ms. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows:

{Ayes: 5 Nays: 3 (Zader, Akuchie, Diaz)}

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-161? Ms. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: One thing I will say is that based on averages that I've read, annual income of a dispensary, it's probably about seven million dollars. So, by limiting it to three instead of four, we're missing out on that sales tax.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other discussion on Bill 24-161? Mayor Perry?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: I just want to say, I definitely hear you. We can always add more too. If we started with the higher, we can never go back. If we got through this, and felt like we wanted to add more, we can do that. It's not a ...

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any further discussion on Bill 24-161? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-161 be placed on the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-161. Bill Passes *{Ayes: 5 Nays: 3 (Zader, Akuchie, Diaz)}*.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there anything else to come before council this evening? Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I missed the spot where I could read a public comment. So, I got one quick question and then...Someone called today and asked if we could get an update on the

West Park Shopping Center? Maybe somebody could get back with me on that. Great. And then, I received an email today, excuse me-late last night. Vernon Remy, who lives at 735 Woodland Rd: *“Cheryl, once again, we have to talk about cars speeding up and down Woodland Road. What is this, the tenth time in the last two years? I really hate that I have to keep contacting you about something like this. It seems to be something so simple. We have a petition signed by everyone on Woodland Road, except for one, to shut one end down to ‘through’ traffic. That gained any attraction, just shut down by the previous mayor, not open for discussion. Has the new mayor seen the petition? If so, what are we going to do? Nothing again, just ignore the residents of Woodland Rd. It seems a lot of people are in favor of speed bumps or humps, but yet nothing. We only need one. Like I have said, they reach top speeds at my house, center of both stop signs. Thank you.”* (Vernon Remy).

So, I just want to make sure that Mr. Remy knows that we are in discussions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ms. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Mr. President. I have an announcement to make. And, I ‘m just gonna read it and try to get through it pretty quickly:

“I came into the office ready to make change, and as I look around this room and this city, I am confident that I have. Pete Hoekstra, who previously served as a United States Ambassador to the Netherlands, said, “Real leadership is leaders recognizing that they serve the people that they lead.” Similarly, Simon Sinek said, “Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is about looking after those in our charge.” I hope the legacy that I leave behind is just that. I hope every person who enters this room remembers that it’s not about their own opinion, the party they choose, or anything other than the people they serve. One last quote from John Maxwell: “A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit.” When I enter this room, I am a councilwoman for the City of Mansfield. It’s not about getting credit or a title; it’s about being a voice for the people. I see #Team Mansfield all over Facebook, and my prayer is that everyone takes a hard look at what exactly that means. With all of that said, I announce my resignation as At Large City Councilwoman for the City of Mansfield, effective September 30, 2024. I will always love this city, the city that I have selflessly served for over a decade in one form or another, and the city that my children will continue to call home. I look forward to watching the growth to come. Thank you.”

Stephanie Zader

Councilwoman At Large

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok.

STEPHANIE ZADER: With that, I move to close.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded to close that we close. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: We are adjourned. **Time is 8:10pm**, and council is now closed. We are adjourned.

END OF DISCUSSION

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

Delaine Weiner
Clerk of Council

Phil Scott
President