

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 18, 2024

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at **7:48pm** 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 PHIL SCOTT: Ok, we are going to move into the time of public comments. And, I know we have a big issue on the ballot for us to discuss this evening. We have quite a few people signed up for public comments. Ok, I'm gonna hold everybody to three minutes. That's been our rule. That will be our rule tonight. And, I also will state that we will not stand for any outburst, any cheering, any booing or anything of the sort. If not, we have a couple of officers here and you will be removed from the chambers. You know technically as a body we do not have to have public comment given. It is something that we do. So, observe our privilege and keep it that way. Like I said, I went through this before, with another issue and it got a little bit out of hand, and I will not let it happen tonight. So, please everybody agrees to give their three minutes, welcome to give their three minutes, and I will hold firm to that. But, I will give you a 30-second warning when you're done. So, with that, get off my soap box ... my wife and daughter are back there and they are used to me getting on my soap box (*laughter*). Ok, first is Bethany Mount. And also, as you come up Bethany and for everyone else, please give your name and your address. I know you put it on the sign-up sheet, but we need that when you come up to the microphone. Thank you.

BETHANY MOUNT: Bethany Mount, *114 Cliffbrook Drive*. I'm here to speak with you this evening about the marijuana issue. There are several aspects I could approach this from, but since we citizens of Mansfield are only allowed three minutes to speak, even though out of town special interest drug companies have been allowed unlimited time in special committee meetings, I will speak to just one of these aspects tonight. Jobs. The marijuana lobbying group presenting to you brought up as one of the talking points, the local store would create new jobs to bring in new income tax for the city. I am thinking it was 15 jobs, but since the city doesn't seem to be posting videos from these council meetings anymore on the website, I couldn't confirm that but I'll assume that's what it was. Now we have to look at the other side of the equation. How many customers will the store be servicing? Way more than 15 if they are to stay afloat. Think of how many users this will create. Here's where we run into the jobs issue. A lot of companies, especially industrial ones have and need to have zero tolerance or one warning drug and marijuana use policies. I personally have heard of two local industrial marijuana use incidents within the last couple of months. And this is even before we add a local store to the mix. Once you would add a store to the area we can expect marijuana accessibility and usage to sky rocket amongst the working population. And we would therefore unfortunately see a lot more companies needing to let an increased number of employees go. Especially those who become chronic or addicted users will be hard to employee anywhere. The City stands to lose a lot more income tax revenue from users the store would create than they could ever gain from the employees hired to run the dispensary. Whatever became of the

slogan “Drug free, the way to be”? It seems that the drug companies are trying to replace it with “Use more drugs, pad our pockets.” All at the expense of the welfare of the local communities. For this reason and many more, I ask you to not only vote yes to approve this moratorium but I ask you to place a permanent ban on recreational marijuana stores in Mansfield. There will never be a good reason we need to encourage more recreational drugs in our town. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Brian Adams

BRIAN ADAMS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It’s on.

BRIAN ADAMS: *(4416 West 53rd Street, Cleveland OH)* Alright. Hello Mansfield City Council. Thank you very much for having me. My name is Brian Adams, a father, husband, Sickle cell anemia survivor and patient. I’m a long-time cannabis advocate by way of NORML, the National Organization for the reform of marijuana laws. And the Director of Education at the Board of Educate...Board of Education approved Cleveland School of Cannabis and the Ohio Dispensary Key employee manager I’ve been since 2018. Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to express my utmost gratitude for your willingness to discuss cannabis policy law reform and my genuine concerns for the city’s ban on the medical cannabis law since its inception. Considering the express interest to explore forgoing a moratorium, hopefully, on adult use cannabis sales. May I also suggest that we lift the medical ban as well. This way you’ll have a more expeditious pathway to benefitting from the valuable cannabis tax revenue through the dual licensing process. Unfortunately for Mansfield patients and there are many more than fifteen running a dispensary facility, with one or more of the 25 qualifying conditions these Mansfield patients actually have their nearest dispensary location in Mas...in Marion Ohio. So, they have to travel almost an hour to get there. So, you’ll find that the steps you take to end prohibition ultimately benefit the greater public in a myriad of ways, while simultaneously addressing the Mayors top three priorities. That’s economic development, Making Mansfield attractive to businesses that want to invest, and because it’s not just reailed its cultivation, its processing, its lab testing; infrastructure, using your own community fund by way of the 10% adult use excise tax on each sale, programs that address homelessness, school scholarships and substance abuse and finally public safety due to the injection of highly secure facilities that ask for identification, unlike our legacy market counterparts. So, only adults can buy cannabis. And only kids with proper guardians or caregivers can get medical cannabis for certain conditions. So, with that I would love to take any questions, but thank you very much for your time.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: I might add before we proceed with the next one for those that are not familiar with coming. Council does not have any interaction with the speakers. You come up, say your three minutes and that’s it. We don’t get into a dialog back and forth. So, with that, Tracee Anderson.

TRACEE ANDERSON: *(1495 West Longview Avenue, Mansfield)* Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. My name is Tracee Anderson, Executive Director for CACY *(Community Action for Capable Youth)*, a Mansfield City prevention fixture for more than 46 years. I have been the administrator for more than 35 years with both clinical and advance business degrees. Tonight, I’ll focus on economic considerations which have not been fully explored during some of the meetings. Richland County Ohio voters actually voted down Ohio Issue 2 in November ‘2023. Despite frequent comments about Ohio voters approving Issue 2, that’s not the position of Richland county voters. The U.S. Corridor Comprehensive Economic Development action plans, specifically for Rte. 30, produced in ‘2022, includes goals and strategies adopted by Mansfield and Richland county to attract a home to grow a well skilled work force. It highlights attracting jobs and high-tech industries, specifically impact job creation and high-wage occupations such as auto and advanced farming. None of these

strategies align with the attraction of marijuana retailers or to encourage the youth and the effects of marijuana use by its citizens. Many of our employers adhere to drug-free workplace policies and restrict the consumption of marijuana and other drugs for their employees. Small and large businesses need their support for continued premium discounts. According to a study of NIDA, employees who test positive for marijuana, had more accident injuries and greater absenteeism compared with those employees who tested negative. We must support existing employers for wanting them to remain operable and profitable in our community. Marijuana continues to be classified as a schedule-one drug. Even if the federal register acts on a recent presidential request to re-schedule the drug to a schedule-3 controlled substances, which is an intermediate potential for abuse, it will require a lengthy approval process with formal rule-making procedures as well as granting an oversight by the FDA. Which may negate the current method of dispensing the substance. Current marijuana-based businesses are not entitled to federal bankruptcy protections. This and increased competition may put our community more at risk for abandoned storefronts and blight. Additionally, if we are to learn from other communities that have experienced economic and societal impact of marijuana retail present and consumer use for several years. Marijuana is the most recently detected, other than alcohol and traffic crashes. Marijuana is associated with reduced educational obtainment. We want to prohibit our brain drain and undermined our educational system. We should ask why a marijuana retailer would want to come to the city of Mansfield to develop the cannabis retail business. The short answer is Richland county has a vulnerable consumer base due to increase rate due to violence, suicide and drug use which we have noticed in our grant activity. This is never good use for our community. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Christie Hughes (*declined to speak*).
Jackie Bentley.

JACKIE BENTLEY: Good Evening. My name is Jackie Bentley. I live at *983 Maumee Avenue, Mansfield OH*. I came here in 1997 with General Motors, I was a transplant. And, when I got here, I was very excited to Mansfield, and to see what Mansfield had to offer. I raised my children here. They, all three, graduated from Senior High. And, I continue to stay here because of the morality here. And, I'm from Detroit, Michigan. And, I know exactly what goes on here with marijuana. And, I have experienced throughout my family that people cannot get jobs because of the situations. If the dispensaries come here, it does not change what goes on in the employer's mind. They have the option of not hiring because of that drug test. So, I would ask you to please consider those that now cannot help themselves even with alcohol. Now we bringing in dispensaries. And I also work along with people with addiction. The people need the help. They need our help. And I help. When we're looking to raise money, to downside half of our community, I don't think that's good for Mansfield. That's not rising up Mansfield. That's taking Mansfield down. Mansfield is a beautiful place. I've enjoyed living here. I've enjoyed paying my taxes, I've enjoyed spending my money here. Only thing, Macy's left. I was really upset about that. But I made it, I made it through. But I would ask you to really consider. Not only yourself, or the money that's coming in, but there's money to come in from a lot of other places besides taking other people down.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next, we have Teresa Miller.

TERESA MILLER: My name is Teresa Miller (*3345 Sherman Rd. Mansfield*). And, I am opposed to the marijuana dispensary because I got with the First Response Team. I have been doing it since '2010. And I see what goes on in the home with the kid's parents, they're on drugs. And, the kids are being neglected. And, if you bring some more stuff into it, they figure out ways to use it. You say your going to lower the strength of it, I don't know much about it, but I do know this. It affects the community, it affects the kinds, and my job is to make sure that when I go out, I try to help them. Not try to bring stuff in to make it worse for them. I get very emotional about this. I love Mansfield, I came here from Columbus. Columbus is bad. I come here, and I tell everybody, you get in trouble here because you look for it. Because, there's really no trouble here, you have to look for it. And if you bring more stuff into town, the kids are gonna

suffer. They're the ones that's going to suffer. Because, they are going to find a way to use that and take that marijuana and mix something else with it. They always do. You addicted, your addicted. And they will figure out a way to use it for their good. And the kids are the ones that suffer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you ma'am. Christy Hughes. Ok. Next, we have Anthony and Roberta Cline.

ANTHONY CLINE: *(2933 Plymouth-Springmill Rd. Shelby OH)* I'm Anthony Cline, this is my wife Roberta Cline. We live outside of Mansfield, but I worked at MANCI for twenty years. And, I was assaulted twice because of people using drugs. So, I am against bringing folks into Mansfield. And that's all I have to say. Thank you, Sir.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you.

ROBERTA CLINE: *(2933 Plymouth-Springmill Rd. Shelby OH)* I would like to say that my husband served thirty-eight years in the military for God and country. And he did not serve this much time for our country to do this. This is wrong. We should be drug-free. God help us if you pass this.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next we have Jen Frazee. *(declined to speak)*. Very good. Next is Kasha Clay.

KASHA CLAY: *(376 Park Ave West. Mansfield)* Hi, I'm Kasha Clay. I came from the other side of the drug world. I just got out two years ago. No, I did two years, just got on April 1st. And, I done seen things, what it can do, like it started off with marijuana and then ended up to other things. So, I feel like with this dispensary happening, it's not gonna be a good look. That is just a gateway, so it leads to other drugs. So, I would really oppose for yall to say no. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Next, we have Amanda Nichols. Amanda...

AMANDA NICHOLS: Hi, I'm Amanda Nichols. Address is *378 Park Avenue West. Mansfield*. There're many ways I can speak on this. Personally, family, medically. But today I do want to speak a little bit, representing the emergency rooms. We did have an incident few years back, if you guys remember, it was down by the Bellville area where they bought in the edibles. And, our first responders had to respond to that and it created a disaster. It created a disaster for our ER's. I looked up some statistics, and I saw where they had brought in some dispensaries, where the children, it went from 200 overdoses with the kids to 3,000 overdoses in a year. And, the ages of these children, mostly hit two and three-year olds. And, I've been around a lot of people that have been on marijuana and have been on different drugs, and I can tell you. We get lazy with it. We will smoke it, we will set it down, our kids will run around and they will get it. They will pick up the vapes, they will pick up the edibles that look like candies, and we will have another problem in our ER's. So, I ask you please do not let this come to Mansfield.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next we have Brittany, is it Baker, Bader? *(left before speaking)* Can't quite read it. On Burger Avenue? Ok, I'm gonna take it she's left then. Ok, next is Ray Hughes. Ray ...

RAY HUGHES: Good evening, my name is Ray Hughes. *3229 Bowman Street Rd. Mansfield*. I am old enough to remember the days of yester-year and all the economy, and all that Mansfield had, all that Mansfield had to offer. And it wasn't anyone particular fault. The business have died down. The businesses have left. I can remember Mansfield was a booming metropolis. I think we are under 50,000 people now. But, I'm kind of like the lady that was up here before. Forty-five years ago, I was a drug user. And it started off with marijuana. And it does, it does lead to that next high. I had an opportunity to work with the Ark Empowerment this past winter. Opened my eyes. It absolutely just opened my eyes

what I seen. I had a Mansfield address, Mansfield's my home town. But I live out in the country. I don't really get to see what goes on. During the warming center, we was bringing people in trying to get them off the street. And I was flabbergasted. Mansfield, Mansfield has this type of...I didn't know. I see one or two, I guess I turned a blind eye to it. But I also seen what some of the people are going through. Some of the addictions that they had. Some of the places that they needed help in. My heart broke. And, now we want to make it an opportunity for people to access it even more easily? I taught, I listened to the council, you discussing what your plans are for Mansfield. What your hopes are for Mansfield here and now, today. That's awesome. We need to invest into Mansfield. We also need to invest in people. This is not an investment. By allowing this to come, this is absolutely a downturn. If Mansfield truly wants to rise to the top, if Mansfield truly wants to be the city, the elite, the city that's on the hill, you could be that light...

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thirty seconds...

RAY HYGHERS: I urge you to vote no. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mason Mount.

MASON MOUNT: Mason Mount, (*114 Cliffbrook Drive. Mansfield*). I have three points, I only have three minutes, so I have three points. First on has already been covered by two first hand witnesses. Marijuana is a starter drug. It will start something that will end very badly. Marijuana is a starter drug. We do not want to increase the accessibility of marijuana because it will increase drug use more and more. My second, it's economically, there's been some smokin mirrors. The way things really work, is you only have so much money to spend. If your gonna spend money on marijuana, you're not gonna have money for clothes and food and other things, and for your kids needs. Also, if we are going to invest in marijuana, we're not investing in other things that could make Mansfield a great city. So, there's only so much money to go around. Those fifteen jobs, if they are fifteen jobs, they're gonna get smothered in the amount of healthcare and help that those people need who get hooked. Not everybody gets hooked, but the people that do are a big enough percentage that will sink our boat. My third point, is just like our, the more available marijuana is, the more use it will get. There will be an increase of motor vehicle accidents, and our insurance will rise. Our insurance rates will rise. We'll require higher law enforcement, we'll require more people taking care of the sick. It's like in the civil war, they were told don't kill them, injure them. Because we got to have two people helping the injured person. Marijuana will do just that to the city. It will injure people enough, that we have to send so much resource into taking care of those people, that we will never end up on the good side economically. Thank you for your attention.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, Ben Mum...I don't think it says Moody...it's on Avon Drive? Sorry Ben...

BEN MUDY: (*38 Avon Drive. Mansfield*) Bad handwriting. Thank you, President Scott, thank you council. Also, I want to be very brief. I support a 100% a moratorium, actually a ban on commercial cannabis. I'm hoping Mansfield can join nine townships and also three communities just in Richland county alone. Unlike alcohol, marijuana stays in the system for several days and even several weeks. Unlike alcohol, marijuana is associated with mental disorders like schizophrenia. There's psychosis involved, inclusions. So, having said that, AAA, roadside assistance, and I don't really use them, by advertisement now, it says that no level of THC in a driver is safe. (Quote) There is no science to drivers reliably becoming impaired at specific levels with marijuana in their body. So, having said that, there was case just this past December '2023, we had a student, that was vaping in the restroom, and there was THC that was traced in his system. He had just got done bashing the brains of a sixty-year old Special Ed teacher. This was Coloron High School, this is northwest local, part of the Greater Cincinnati area. This poor teacher had to have her skull cap removed just reduce the swelling. And again, in the news report, he shows the cartridge of his vaping, the marijuana and all that stuff, you could see it, so there was a trace of

THC. We don't know how much it takes to have a small amount or a big amount, it adversely impacts some people and other people it doesn't. I also know in Northwest Local Schools, we had six students that were involved with edibles in school. Two had to go to the emergency room, similar to what Amanda Nichols was just saying earlier. So, it's just like a broken record. This story we're hearing all across our state. I've used examples from past in different states. This is hitting home now. So, I'm hoping that you guys will consider our future. And like the one gentleman said earlier about investing in people. So, I want to thank you very much for your time, to consider this, and I appreciate you. The biggest statement I had, I left out. And that was, what does a person profit if he gained the whole world, wealth and fame, and yet forfeits his soul? I'm going to repeat that. What does the City of Mansfield gain if we have all the wealth and fame in the world, but we forfeit our soul? Now, I'm done.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Adrienne Krizan.

ADRIANNE KRIZAN: My name is Adrienne Krizan. I live at *569 Inwood Drive, Mansfield*. Thank you for taking the time to hear our thoughts and suggestions about cannabis and why Mansfield should allow adult use dispensaries to open. I'm a wife, mother, sister, friend, business professional and cannabis advocate. I have been using medical marijuana in the state of Ohio since it was legalized and started operation in '2019. I take my health and well-being very seriously. I am also a strong proponent of all things natural when it comes to putting things in my body. When I was twenty-four, I was diagnosed with an auto-immune disease that has impacted my life in a big way. With this disease, I struggle daily, like many who are in my position and sadly many who have worst conditions with chronic pain, fatigue, loss of appetite, anxiety, depression and many other issues that tend to present themselves when one has an auto-immune disease. I spent many years on many forms of intense medications. While these drugs have shown improvements in some area of my life, they are really hard on my system and present a number of side effects. Cannabis has helped save my life. I began researching medical marijuana several years ago. I read books, articles, medical journals, enrolled in weekend classes at the Cleveland School of Cannabis and spoke to users in states where recreational and medical were already legal. The information I found was mind blowing. Being able to find relief from chronic pain, sleep better and enjoy my life in ways I never thought possible is all thanks to cannabis. Using cannabis has allowed me to function during the day with significantly less pain, reduced my stress and anxiety and has greatly helped me get a better night sleep. I honestly believe cannabis makes me a better woman, wife, mother and friend to companions in my life. I have traveled to many states all over the country where cannabis is legal. The dispensaries, both medical and adult-use, are some of the most safe and secure facilities I have ever been in. Another very important factor is anywhere I need to go to get medical cannabis, I have to drive one hour one way to get what I need. Having cannabis available for adult use in Mansfield will not only allow myself, but many others to experience the life changing benefits of marijuana. I will bet so many people who have intense cancer diagnosis, amputees, veterans suffering with PTSD, care givers of dementia patients and many others who are just trying to live their lives without pain and suffering. We are all entitled to that right. Allowing Mansfield operate dispensaries will bring more jobs to the area, increase tax revenue, and economic growth. The social inequity of our healthcare system and the lack of resources is support of the minorities in our community is staggering. Cannabis use has been proven to reduce narcotic use. And we all know that Mansfield needs a lot of help in that area. Allowing business owners to open and operate dispensaries, will contribute to social justice initiatives and support the marginalized communities that we have a lot of. I implore you to vote in favor and like many other cities, put Mansfield on the map, of allowing it to be a place of where Mansfield can get relief. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Lori Cope.

LORI COPE: (752 York St, Mansfield) Thank you Mr. President, Mayor, Elected Officials. My concern is in reference to the marijuana moratorium legislation which began with the general public not being called upon or permitted to comment at the Safety Committee hearing. But the sales people were allotted nearly 30 minutes to present their proposal. I understand in respect that tonight we are limited to 180 seconds. I've dedicated nearly 30 years of service to the citizens of Mansfield as a Law Enforcement Officer, during which a portion of that time was spent as D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer. And as a DARE mentor for officers across Ohio. This equipped me with first hand experience in educating our youth on the dangers of drugs, such as marijuana. I was entrusted as a sole DARE officer for all 12, at that time, elementary schools in our city, engaging with children to highlight the significant risk associated with drug use. It is an undisputed fact that marijuana serves as a gateway drug posing substantial health risk regardless of its legal status. Subsequently as a safety service director, and managing the safety courses budget of approximately 25 million, I am very aware of the fiscal implications of potential new revenue streams. Why I understand the allure of the estimated four-million in tax revenue over a decade, it's crucial to weigh this against the profound societal cost observed in states that already have already legalized marijuana. Notably, as the Chief shared at last council, benchmark states such as Colorado, have reported a nearly 19% in violent crime, an increase in property crime and a substantial increase in marijuana related traffic fatalities being one death every two and half days. Now, realizing their error, 65% of local jurisdictions there have banned both medical and recreational dispensaries. Miss Ortuitz, has publicly projected 700,000 to a million in monthly revenue from this dispensary which understandably makes the proposal financially attractive. The predictions anywhere between 180,000 according to the salesperson and 432,000 according to the lawyer they have on payroll. The more pertinent question is are you prepared to exchange lives for revenue? If you say yes by your vote tonight, your sending a clear message to the children of Mansfield. That message being if the money is right, you're under no obligations to stand by your morals or beliefs. How will you explain to your own children that using marijuana is not permitted in our home, when you've allowed the sale of it in the community in which you live. If you vote no to the moratorium, it is here because you allow it. I encourage you to consider these grave implications. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Joseph Bocca?

JOSEPH BOCCA, MD: I'm Joseph Bocca (2402 Woodbound Place Mansfield). I'm a substance-use care provider here in Mansfield. And, I see many parallels with alcohol to prohibition with the current situation with marijuana. During prohibition, many distributors made huge non-tax profits at the expense of those who are addicted to alcohol. Much as dealers are today with marijuana and other substances. Underground manufactured alcohol was made with no standards and labeling. And many died because they were unable to know what they were drinking. Many still die today because they have no idea what their dealer is selling them. Marijuana now exceeds alcohol use, and I don't see marijuana going away. So, I'm torn. Is it better to have un-regulated unlabeled marijuana sold by un-registered dealers or is it better to standardize and label and know what is being sold. I'm torn. Everybody, we know, reacts different to different substances. Some are going to get benefit from it and some are going to get side effects and have adverse reactions. A recent study raised concerns about marijuana usage, especially by our young people and elderly. Marijuana is not just in your brain, but it's in all different parts of your body, especially your immune system. Originally, it was one to one balance between the THC which is psycho-active and CBD which is relaxing. But now, it's been engineered so it's 30, 40 times higher to THC. So, there's much more psychiatric side effects from it. Babies whose mothers use marijuana during pregnancy, are at risk for low birth weight, cardiac and oral facial defects. After birth, they have higher risk of short-term memory deficits, impulse control and attention deficits. A Dana study, just concluded that 25-30 percent of schizophrenia in males could be totally prevented if we didn't allow use under age 17. Australia also just concluded with lunitidal studies teens that use marijuana are 60% less likely to

graduate, 18 times more likely to become dependent on the drug, seven times more likely to attempt suicide and eight times more likely to use other illicit drugs. We know that unlike alcohol, marijuana un-coordination effects last for 6-8 hours after it's gone down to zero in your body. And they talked about higher insurance rates. The American Heart Association has just published that marijuana use in people who were non-smokers, had increased risk for heart attack, stroke, atro-fribullations and arrythmias. And we certainly have seen that. Toronto just reported a doubling of emergency visits from those who were 65 and older who had used edibles that got built up in their system after legalizing non- medicinal marijuana. The other thought is that dispensaries are not gonna just going to sell marijuana. There's gonna be other substances that there may be issues with that we know about now. There're even substances that are being created that we don't know what their effects are going to be. So, hopefully, this information can be able to help. Thank you for this chance.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Angelo Gallo.

ANGELO GALLO: I'd like to thank the council and the Mayor for hearing me. I am Angelo Gallo. I'd like to not leave my personal address because I have been accosted twice this week as a result. But, it is on Marlow Ave. My corporate address is Manx Farms, *1968 S. Coast Hwy #5953, Laguna Beach, California*. I'm in the process of waiting for this council's vote to determine if I'm going to spend 10-15 million dollars to acquire a level 2 processing facility. With four available dispensaries, with two running. That's a discussion for another day. Your vote determines my path and my investments group path for that. Let's discuss just quickly, why cannabis is illegal to start with. William Randall Hirst ran a reefer madness ad with African American men climbing into white women's bedroom and raping them because hemp stood a greatly out pace paper fiber for wood pulp. And he would have gone bankrupt. And no stamp has been issued federally since. That's the only reason it's illegal. This is just more reefer madness fear migraine tonight. The medical benefits include depression, insomnia, chronic pain. These are proven, scientific facts. A really good book to read, "Chasing the Screen." It shows nationally, when you de-criminalize, same as Amsterdam, you lower the overall crime rate, you remove violent and organized crime and on top of that, it's already here. So, you can benefit financially from that. Manx Farms is involved in the study of national geographic, well one of our prior companies before it went wrecked in California, showing within a two- and half-mile radius, violent crime nearly ended, Opiate related theft ended because they're able to get the cell receptors in their brain from that immediate hit. And they're not seeking money for heroin or opiates. At the last meeting, citizens wanted this by 100% reported. There were a couple of ministers that spoke, I'm not citing them by name. But one of them stated that a child came to school every day, he was teacher. Well, your required by law. It's a felony not to report that. We have laws on the book. If a kid comes to school smelling like weed, the parents have failed. Parents need to put away their alcohol, they need to put away their drugs and we need to be responsible. It's here. Finally, and moving forward, Andre Mayerpowski is watching. And millions of dollars from him could come here. We're interested in bringing him here because Malibu taxes are 15-17 percent. We could open up his birth wine tea gallery, his oil gallery, and he's getting up there in age. There's a ten percent benefit for his current multi-million-dollar sales there, going through here. And that's one of many of my companies that I want to relocate. Four-day work weeks, five percent of the shares are set aside for the employees. We will be open up all over the state, I can wait two years if you want to grow here. We're going to be allowed to do one hundred thousand square feet. Hundreds of jobs . . .

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Time. Gerald Vega.

GERALD VAGA: Hello council. My name is Gerald Vega. I live at *655 Gilbert Avenue*. I am a resident of the 2nd ward. I am here to ask today that my councilwoman please vote against this moratorium and ask it to fail. I also ask the same of council. I would like to bring attention some studies to kind of rebuttal some of the claims that were stated today. According to the University of Colorado, cannabis was found not to be a gateway drug. Surprising! Researchers found that there were no changes illicit drug use after

legalization. According to Moritz Law from OSU, there was found to be ambiguous results when it comes to productivity, and it looks like it didn't have any effect on the productivity of workers. In regards to overdoses, this is from the Drug Enforcement Administration, no deaths from overdose of marijuana were reported ever. The University of Illinois concluded that the D.A.R.E. program was counter-productive with students who participated in the program, they were more likely to use illicit substances. I ask you to consider this legislation, to fail it because we just need harm reduction. People are going to use it no matter what. It is counter-productive to ban the substance when there are so many tax benefits that could go towards the city. In regards to concerns for workers, there are already enough laws to ensure that if an employee found with this drug in their system, they are perfectly fine to terminate them as an employee. It's the same for tobacco, same for alcohol, if there is a policy against it, the companies are within their legal right to do so. And my final point, is that this is a prohibition. And, we know from history that prohibitions are not conducive to a safe environment. We saw it in the 1930's, the prohibition of alcohol, which lead to an increase in tainted alcohol- which lead to an increase in organized crime. And the same can be said for cannabis. We can see it now that organized crime. Organized crime is involved with distribution of it now is underground. If we bring it into the light, we make it so the product isn't tainted with fentanyl. We can create harm reduction which is actually productive. And I would ask that policy decisions made for the city be made not with your personal convictions, but with actual scientific evidence. With studies that are researched and approved. Thank you, I yield the rest of my time.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Christina See.

CHRISTINA SEE: Hey. Christina See, *452 Taylortown Rd.*, and I'm an addict. Over ten years ago, over at Richland County Drug Court, Judge Henson and then by extension Judge Robinson, helped saved my life and helped me get clean. Seven years ago, they couldn't stop me from relapsing. Sorry, I really hate public speaking and all my notes just accidentally got deleted. So, I'm gonna just wing it. Cannabis has helped save my life and it has kept me sober for six years now. I got my medical card in 2019. And, it has helped with my anxiety, my depression and my insomnia. I have been driving over an hour to get my medical marijuana. And, if I don't get that, I am at a severe risk of relapse. At night when I can't sleep, it the worst possible time for me. That's when I want to use. And, medical marijuana has helped me get off pills, to help me do that. It helps me sleep every single night soundly. And, I'm not unproductive. I actually just finished my first year of nursing school with a 4.0 G.P.A. this semester. I work out 90 minutes a day, six days a week. I do jujitsu, I so kick boxing. It has not made me lazy. It has not made me unproductive. It's actually helped save my life, and helped keep me sober. I employ you all to look at some of these other big cities, and how well they have done with cannabis. It really has brought in massive amounts of tax revenue and employment opportunities. I heard Director Blankenship talking about how working from home has really ruined income tax revenue around here and a dispensary would help alleviate that. And, I yield the rest of my time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Mitch Miller.

MITCH MILLER: (*270 N. Main Street*) Sorry. I'm a little nervous. I've never done this before. I didn't even know this was going on today. I saw some people outside saying, "Come talk about weed." So, I don't think it's a question of whether it's right or wrong. State of Ohio has already decided that. You can do what you want. You can have, I believe, up to two and a half ounces and six plants at your house. So, the question is, is something better than nothing? Right now, these dealers are out there making all this money that could be going to the city. And, I don't know if anybody here has been to a dispensary. But, it's really nice. You go in, you hand them your i.d., they know your name. You walk behind some locked doors, everything is labeled. They know what they are doing. When you go out here right now, people are going to do it regardless, right? You meet people in alley ways, you might get robbed. People are getting killed. I never went to one dispensary where I can buy real drugs. Every drug dealer I have met in my

whole life, had a selection of real drugs or knew someone at a snap of a finger. You can't buy pizza at a liquor store, you know? I yield. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: David Parsons?

DAVID PARSONS: *(1205 Laurelwood Rd)* To the Mayor and Council, I have a letter here signed by 84 clergy and Mansfield area. And it states, "We encourage Mansfield Council to vote YES for 6-month moratorium on commercial cannabis, a drug association with addiction, crime and impairment. Furthermore, it is our desire in the future the council extends the moratorium indefinitely to prohibit this drug. As local stakeholders, the faith community leaders engage in the drug addiction crisis through an opiate crisis and even before implementing drug treatment ministries and promoting drug awareness through marches and rallies. We believe these community efforts will be undermined if these commercial cannabis are permitted in city limits. Furthermore, the momentum we achieved will be lessened. There is no question cannabis has adversely impact work since years of cannabis pursuing euphoric high, work is impaired, productivity is reduced." And I will state every individuals body is individually different with the effects. Some may be fine, but others will not. With skyrocketing THC levels and today's cannabis, more accessible cannabis will bring more inebriated employees, more job accidents and more absenteeism. Our community is better than this. It should be noted that former Mansfield Council formal opposition the creation of cannabis in 2015 and the following city council prohibition medical cannabis in 2017. Mansfield, Richland County in 2020 became the 7th top metropolitan area in the nation. There is under 200,000 population for significant economic projects per capita. Our community became a hot spot for job growth without cannabis. It can be done again. We whole-heartedly agree with the METRICH. Our executive director stated the past winter that Mansfield is a community of children and of families that a legislative body should not place revenue from the cannabis industry over the security and sanctity of the family. Without a doubt, more accessibility to cannabis will bring more exposure to children, damaging their brain development, jeopardizing their mental health and lower their academic performance. Our children deserve better than this. Allowing the cannabis industry to profit off of collateral damage to our community is not acceptable. Commercial cannabis will only add to the trauma in our neighborhoods.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thirty (30) seconds.

DAVID PARSONS: It is no small matter that the blessings of the Lord should be rich among us. And please vote YES for the cannabis.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Lamont Lindsay.

LAMONT A.D. LINDSAY: *(148 Elmridge Rd.)* Lamont A.D. Lindsay, pastor of the Book of Life Church. Good evening to the Mayor and to Council. I just want to state my opinion about the legalization of the dispensary. I think if the council vote YES on that, that will open up a door to later on people are going to want to have heroin and other illegal street drugs available as well. So, my prayers to you is that to help our children. Because we find out a lot of our childrens are getting high early. I can say when I was a young man, I started drinking early, I started smoking marijuana early at 15. It caused me to have some few problems as I became an adult. And so, by the grace of God, he cleaned me and as a pastor, many of us in here we deal with people that come in with addictions. And so, I say, that once you start making it available for them to get it easy, that's gonna lead down to another darker path. And as yall know, as well as I know, how many overdoses we have had in the last five years. Instrumental, it's been very high. My prayer is that you guys vote NO on this so that so we can save the lives of the future generation. God Bless You, thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Steven McKinley. Pass. And, I'm sorry. Amanda Cistrowitz? It's on 920 West Madison. I'm sorry, your gonna pass? Ok. And, sorry for mis pronouncing your name. It was on the table, in the back of the room. If you would come up to the microphone please. We will allow you three minutes. And if you can state your name and address, so we can get it on the record.

PAUL ROBINSON: My name is Paul Robinson (*30 Possum Run Rd*). My hearts bee in Mansfield, and I love children. All my life, my professional work as a psychologist, I've worked with families trying to help people re-group their lives and raise children right as they should be raised. A lot of this talk to tonight is failing to understand that marijuana is here. It's available. People are gonna buy it. What I would hope you do, is approve dispensaries. Because, then you can control the potency of the drug, you can control the purity of the drug, you can control the availability of the drug. People won't be dying of overdoses, laced with other drugs that are harmful. So, it makes sense to me to allow dispensaries, if you really care about people using marijuana. Because, they use it anyway. I don't. Well, let me rephrase that. I do have MS. And, maybe twice a week, I take a gummy to help with my tension and my balance and things like that. And, I can't buy it here, obviously. But I love children, and I wouldn't do anything to hurt children. So, I would say to you, if you want, marijuana's gonna be here. You can make it a better product if you approve dispensaries. And, I would also challenge you, as I talk to the mayor about this before. The nest thing you can do is provide a swimming pool for our children. Get them off the streets. Get them a place to recreate. And, you could use the revenue from the dispensaries to help support that. And, I would also encourage you, tax cigarettes, tax alcohol, increase the tax on them. Use that money to build our kids a swimming pool please. And, I have a paper for you about, I went to Judge EBT, and I looked up the advantages of communities that have swimming pools. They're amazing. Crime goes down, kids have a place to hang out, safe place. They have a chance to meet good people who are good mentors for them. But, Mansfield without a swimming pool, it's a shame. It's a crime. Council and the city, you should want to do something to build a swimming pool for our kids next summer. They need this. And if you care about children, please provide a pool. If you don't approve the dispensary, that's another thing. Please provide a pool for our children. Thank you very much for your time and thank you so much for allowing me to speak sir.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok. Please state your name and address please.

JACK INK: My name is Jack Ink. I worked for General Motors. I live down on *188 West Third Street*. I just wanted to make sure that council knows that I was almost killed in General Motors by a marijuana user. I am an electrician by trade. I was in the air on a device called a manlift. The manlift was propelled by diesel. The lady that was using the diesel, that was filling the units up, put gasoline in it. She was using marijuana. They found out that she couldn't see straight. And I was thrown up against a bunch of pipes in the unit, because it exploded. The engine exploded, threw me into that, and it squeezed me down to about eight inches where I couldn't get a breath. I was almost gone. A fellow that was on the floor was able to jiggle the pipes or whatever it was, enough to get the basket to move so that I could fall down. I just fell down in the bottom of the basket. And I 'm just asking. Please vote this thing out. It is dangerous. Thank you. That is all I have to say.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. I believe we have one more.

CHRISTIAN LEE: Thanks to council and the Mayor today. I am Christian Lee. *672 Manchester Rd*. I want to talk about three things. History, present, future. Prior to today, I thought I never would have been here, let alone speaking about this. I have exercised this publicly. But history, listening to some people story, I relate to good and bad. '2016, my mother passed away, February 9th. Stage 4 cancer. At the time, she was taking 25 pills a day. Secretly, I was fighting a codeine addiction. To everybody else, great parent, great employee, great friend. But to me, I was a drug addict. This started from age 11, I got

jumped by some twenty-year olds. I had a really bad concussion. So, all throughout middle school, high school, college I took prescription pills which eventually went to codeine. Syrup. My mother passed away again February 9th. On February 10th, I overdosed on prescription pills and codeine. And, I remember my son, reaching out, crying for me. And I couldn't do anything. Fast forward, I remember going to pain management and getting my prescription pills and I'm an advent reader. And, I read the ingredients for codeine. And for me, I had pride in myself. Nice teeth, wanna dress nice, wanna look nice, you know. Be nice for the people at church, whatever else. But me reading the ingredients, there was one ingredient that separates codeine and heroine. For me, it was the day that I, felt like a slap in the face for disrespecting my life. I experienced with cannabis one time, and from that first moment I understood that. You know, being able to eat, being able to sleep better, being able to not go to bed hearing noises or sounds or whatever else the codeine had put in my life. I felt at peace. And today, I see a teacher, I see a few judges, people that know I 've worked in the community for the last eight years with kids. I know the goods and the bads. But it makes me a strong advocate because I speak from personal experience. By no means do I feel that cannabis is a gateway drug. It actually saved my life.

PRESSIDENT PHIL SCOTT: 30 seconds.

CHRISTIAN LEE: I'm productive. It helped me be a better community member, helped me be a better employee and at this point I am an ambassador for Green Acres Michigan. It's a cannabis dispensary, so I'm looking from the aspect of a business owner. Eight years ago, it was no possibility of me coming in here, because codeine would have me sleeping. Thank you for your time today.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, I do believe that concludes public comment. Do we have any committee reports? Ok. Director Blankenship.

DIRECTOR KELLY BLANKENSHIP: I have nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mayor.

MAYOR PERRY: Nothing else.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Andres.

DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES: Nothing else.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Porch?

DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Harper.

DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok. Moving on to legislation. We will now proceed with legislation, we will call on Mr. Akuchie.

LATE BILLS

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thanks Mr. President. I move with respect to **Bills 24-106, 24-107, 24-108, 24-109, 24-110, 24-117, 24-118 and 24-119** that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at

4:00 pm be suspended and that **Bills 24-106, 24-107, 24-108, 24-109, 24-110, 24-117, 24-118 and 24-119** be allowed on the floor this evening.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded that we waive the readings of **Bills 24-106, 24-107, 24-108, 24-109, 24-110, 24-117, 24-118 and 24-119.**Council will cast their vote on the motion electronically.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILSCOTT: Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Just real quick. This is a lot of late bills. And I understand that we're taking a week off in July. But, that's been planned two, three years ago. And I know the administration is new. And I know a lot of things have happened. But, just keep in mind that this list should never be this long hopefully in the future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Your welcome. And, I apologize for not calling on comments Motion passes 8-0. Once again, Mr. Akuchie.

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: Ok, moving on to legislation. Bill 24-064, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-064 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read Bill 24-064.

DELAINE 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

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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: 3 Nays: 5**
(**Ayes: Mount, Akuchie, Daley - Nays: Diaz, Burns, Meier, Zader, Falquette**)

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-064? Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: First, I want to clarify that council did not limit public comment on this. Anyone is free to reach out to our office, or a council member who sponsors a bill, and ask to be a part of a committee. Councilwoman Meier has above and beyond to make sure people were given an opportunity for this. And clearly, we didn't limit public comment because we just spent the last hour and a half listening to public comment. So, I just wanted to clarify that on the record. And then, this is my biggest comment. I'm the only one up here with a drug history or the only one willing to admit it at least. I grew up in drug houses. My mother is still an addict. My mom's drug of choice is typically crack cocaine. I've been attacked and assaulted many times by my mom while she's on this drug. However, I've never been attacked when she is high on marijuana. In fact, it helps her drug-induced schizophrenia brought on by the crack cocaine. So, I don't say this lightly when I say that a dispensary is a regulated pharmacy, if you will. And a dispensary tells the drug dealers we don't want you setting up here. It's a legal way to regulate that what is already here. And to compare it to crack cocaine, or meth or any other drug, is absolutely asinine. It really is. I believe I have more drug history than anyone in this room, as far as family history and my own. So, when we are talking about this, I agree, there was a comment made in public comment, about keeping it to the facts, and not emotions. And the fact is, it's here. It's here. They're already using it. The drug dealers are selling it and our kids are dying. And somebody said what are we going to say to our children? Well, what I say to my children is follow the law. Get it legally, because I would rather you go buy it at a dispensary than to find you dead because it was laced with something that it shouldn't have been.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Are you finished? Ok, thank you. Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you. I just want to thank all the folks who signed up for public comment tonight and through out the months. And understand, we have nearly 48,000 residents in Mansfield. All of us were elected to do what we feel is best within our ward and our city. And for those of you, here or in Facebook land, or whatever, hope you understand. We do our research. We do things that are outside of our comfort level, to talk to people that we would normally not talk to. Because we know that this is very important. And, I'm going to be very transparent as well. Thank you Councilwoman Zader for your transparency. Two years ago, I had a relative here in Mansfield, in her forties. And she smoked marijuana recreationally. And I don't have a problem with that. However, her and three of her adult friends, they all overdosed over on King Street area, because the marijuana they bought from someone else was laced with fentanyl. They all overdosed, she's the only one who died. I know for a fact that she was not trying to take her own life. I do agree that marijuana is here. I also, in my twenty-five plus years have worked in social services with upbeat response team, currently with youth and families who have died from gun violence. This is stuff that we are all working with on a regular basis. And with that said, I 'm not going to focus on the money because we've talked about that a whole lot. We'll leave that to the experts here. I wanna talk

about the things we have been seeing here in the past few years. And that is youth violence, and even before that. We've had decades of things happening to our marginalized people which is not just because of your skin or your gender. We're all going through hard times and marijuana is not killing people because of that. We all have cultural issues within our home. We have factors that contribute to what we are seeing, until this administration now, has been our city letting us down. Getting rid of recreational programs and nothing for our youth. We have a generation that don't have the luxury of having recreation and mentorship and free access to things we had growing up. And thank our administration for fixing that right now. Also, I think that, I did visit a dispensary. I had to go out a different state because I was curious. And asking questions to the business owners and the residents. Most of them, it was recreational, but most were there for medical distal reasons. And I feel for those people who have terminal illnesses. They need it for comfort or treatment. I support that one-hundred percent and we know that transportation in addition to housing is an epidemic. So, why should someone who has medical needs have to go far away from here. I don't, that doesn't settle well with me. So, I am going to vote 'NO' against the moratorium. That's one of the many reasons I think we as, and I will probably be asked to leave a few boards as a result, and that 's fine as well. I feel that speaking to the constituents that I have spoken to, with my own personal and professional experience, in my observations. I feel like marijuana is the least of our problems. It starts at home for some people, parents who have not recovered from their own trauma, and it's not undermining any organization, it's not undermining anyone's ministry at all. We all take this very seriously. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Just real quick to my fellow council members, whether you vote yes or no, I support you. Because this was a really-really tough decision. So, yes or no, you have my support one-hundred percent.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other comment, discussion? Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Just a couple of things. I'll just start out with the punch line. I will be voting 'YES' for the moratorium because we do not have our ducks in a row. Had we started six-months ago, gotten our laws lined up ready to go, had our zoning code updated, had laws regarding public use, distribution to children, etc.... then I would say we might be a little more ready to consider this. And regardless which way this, if we even impose the moratorium, we need to start thinking now, what we're gonna do six-months from now or we'll be exactly in the same position. Not being prepared. I inquired today, there was some thought that the state already had laws in place for public use and what would happen when parents distribute it to children or allow their children to get ahold of it. They do not apparently. It might had passed one chamber, but is sitting and waiting in another. They do not have it in order yet as well. Also, it remains a Federal Schedule 1 drug. That means that the dispensaries even admitted it, it is cash sales. That is a federal crime at this point. And, I can't aid and abet that federal crime. Down the road, I understand that may be changed. And at that point, we'll also have more information on how it is affecting other cities. It was also pointed out unlike alcohol; the affects stay in your system for much longer. Then also, I am a first responder. I am an EMT. And, I have been on numerous calls that involves marijuana. Specifically, THC gummies. One was industrial incident and the person had THC gummies. The THC gummy concentration of today is not the weed of decades ago. It is far more concentrated. It's not the simple weed that it was. So, the cost, I've seen also, cost of accidents. We were on one accident that was both cars totaled, four people transported. When you have a life-flight to Grant (hospital), the cost adds up significantly. Just one crash will exceed the amount that could be armed from this. The imagined revenue doesn't persuade me. I've seen too much to know that it's going to cost a whole lot more than that. But, as I said, at this point our ducks are not in a row. We need and have needed to update our laws cause yes, it is here. People do not actually have to drive forever far away to get it. They can have six plants in their own house and have to deal with the travel times, and they also

can know what is in their plants. But our laws are not updated and we need to do that before it'll proceed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: So, a couple of points for clarification. So, if we don't pass this moratorium, doesn't mean that it's open season to open a dispensary wherever you want and set up shop and start business today. So, we have a permit and development office. They have to apply to make changes to buildings, to get it ready for all those things, whole processes they have to go through for that. So, there is regulation and stuff in place. And, I have the utmost faith in our Director, and our Administration, and their ability to adapt those things or look at what needs to be done to bring those to us, to make changes as needed. Second, dispensaries aren't selling to children. Just like tobacco, just like alcohol, is it gonna happen? Maybe. Is someone not gonna check an i.d.? Yeah. But, the same way we do that, the Law Enforcement does checks to make sure that gas stations and convenient marts, and all those places are asking for id. I'm sure they're going to do that with this too. So, you have to be twenty-one (21) to buy cannabis. We're not selling to 17-year old kids, 12-year old kids, eight-year old (8) kids. Adults. The same age as tobacco, same age as alcohol. So that point is mute and we've beat it to death.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Yeah. Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: I just want to piggy back on what Councilwoman Zader has said. I've had multiple conversations with Director Ackerman about the zoning and the use. And, they're well on their way to getting these items in place. There's been discussions with her entire staff. So, they're well on their way to what our zoning regulations will be for an adult-use dispensary. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you Mrs. Meier. Anybody else. Any other council wish to speak. Mr. Akuchie.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thank you Mr. President. I also, I will be voting 'YES' on this dispensary. I know I've listened and I've heard a lot of people on both sides. I'm talking now from my experience. My thirty something years as a Youth Counselor working with drug and alcohol teenagers. I lost two young boys out of marijuana accident. And, it's is still as fresh in my mind, in my head, because I did the funeral for those. One never knew that the marijuana was taken less, and it was too late before he were able to get to him. Another one, they were playing some pranks with some friends with the belt and they got choked. Choked the life out of him. I did those two funerals. And, there's nothing anybody can tell me that will override that. And besides that, in my studies of those years working with alcohol prevention, treatment and all of that. I understand what your saying, but I know for sure marijuana is the gateway to all the drugs period. Now, we are not saying that you can't use marijuana. The law allows you to grow it in your house, your basement. You can grow 6 -12, depending on where you fall into that category. You can grow it, then it's pure. I mean, that time it's not refined. Your getting the real thing. If that's a problem, you can grow it and share it with your family members that are not under twenty-one (21). So, we're not taking away from you the opportunity to enjoy the marijuana that you're talking about. You still can. But the fact remains from all the statistics, some I've read and some I've heard, that it's a problem. Once again, I want to remind this chamber that in '2018 or so, we passed that prohibition on medical marijuana. We not a dispensary, we not have it here. Can we be consistent? What changed? Nothing has changed. The problem that we tried to avoid when we did not pass that medical marijuana still exists. Why we want to exasperate it? Now we talking about we get some money? How much is that gonna take from Chief with the police? How much you gonna spend in the hospital? How much? These are the things that need to... I am not willing to sell the soul of my children in this city to the best bidder from anywhere out of this city, out of this nation, so that they can make money and get out. None of them is gonna live here. Tell me you gonna give us a whole million dollars. Excuse me. You can't fool me. But, I am saying that for me,

it is not right to have marijuana dispensary, while we still have prohibition on medical marijuana. So, I 'm going to vote yes. And I encourage my colleagues to vote yes. And that way we can then, if there is things that need to be figured out. State is not even, they don't even know what they're doing it. That is one reason why we have the six-month, so the state will know where they are. So, I know people have been through some things. I too have been through things regarding marijuana. I've lost people and I have saved lives. And I have experienced what it can do. The marijuana today is not the one of five years ago. It's not the one of ten years ago. The potency is so bad and I read something that the cigarette company is now educating the marijuana industry on how to package. They're packaging the candies now. And for children to digest and I 've read so many children are dying because their eating the candy, they thought was candy, but they never knew what they are eating. So, do we want that in our city? I don't think so. Money is not the answer. The lives that will be lost.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Just a quick clarification of what's changed? This council has changed. There's two members of this council that are still here since that vote took place. That is yourself and Councilman Falquette. Oh, you weren't here? So, he even took office after that. So, what's changed is almost the entire council. Actually, the entire council minus you. Different clerk, Different assistant clerk. Everything in this office has changed, except for Phil, whose gonna hang around forever.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: I was gonna say I was here. *(laughter)*

STEPHANIE ZADER: And, in fact, the laws changed. The Ohio Revised Code has changed. That's what changed. Everything. So, if you ask me, maybe we should be looking at repealing that legislation as well.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there anything else, any other comment? Mr. Akuchie.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Yes, the law changed but law gave us this particular loop hole to make this decision. And for the fact what I am saying about what changed, it's not what changed in the chamber here. But, what changed in the city. That we can say, "Oh yeah, our city is so better now so we can allow the drugs, we can allow people to use that." That's the issue. Yes, I was here over on this side at that time. I spoke over there. And, I'm still speaking over here for the same issue. Because, live of children have not changed. They still need us to protect them.

STEPHANIE ZADER: One last comment, the other thing that's changed is yes, we heard that Richland county voted against this. But, you know who didn't? Mansfield. The citizens of Mansfield voted in favor of it. So, I'm not here to represent everyone in Richland county. I was voted in by the citizens of Mansfield as a At Large member of this city council. So, I represent almost 50,000 citizens here. I don't vote on behalf of Richland county. I vote on behalf of this city. And they spoke. How many times are we going to tell them that their vote doesn't matter and then still expect them to show up and vote?

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Just quickly. The citizens of 5 of the 6 wards did vote to legalize the marijuana. They did not necessarily vote that they wanted a dispensary.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other discussion? Please. Please. Any other discussion, comments on Bill 24-064? Hearing none, I will call on Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-064 be place upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-064. Bill Failed 3-5. (Ayes: Mount, Akuchie, Daley Nays: Diaz, Burns, Meier, Zader, Falquette)

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: With that, we shall move on to Bill 24-098, Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Aww, you get to hear from me again. Aren't you so excited. I'll wait til everyone exits the room, so we can actually hear. I move with respect to Bill 24-098 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-098.

DELAINE WEINER: Reappointing the following members to the Downtown Improvement Advisory Board for a term commencing July 1, 2024.

RE-APPOINTMENT – BOARD MEMBERS

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-098

ORDINANCE: 24-099

Reappointing the following members to the Downtown Improvement Advisory Board for a term commencing July 1, 2024.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader, that Bill 24-098 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Akuchie. 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: Now, is there any discussion on Bill 24-098?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Mr. President, I just want to point out that there was a few words added to this bill at the end of it. Says, to further it, added in the whereas section of this bill.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Ok, hearing no discussion, Mrs. Zader.

DISCUSSION:

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-098 that it be placed upon the floor for final passage.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-098. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next is Bill 24-099, Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thanks Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-099 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-099.

DELAINE WEINER: Approving reappointments by the Mayor to the Fair Housing Commission.

RE-APPOINTMENTS – FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-099

ORDINANCE: 24-100

Approving reappointments by the Mayor to the Fair Housing Commission.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-099 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Akuchie. 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: Any questions, discussion? Hearing none, Mrs. Zader.

DISCUSSION:

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-099 that it be placed upon the floor for final passage. It's been a long night.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Yes, it has. Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-099. We'll get through this. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-100, Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-100 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-100.

DELAINE WEINER: Approving the appointment and reappointments of the following members to the Mansfield Public Arts Commission for a term commencing August 1, 2024.

APPOINTMENT – MANSFIELD PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-100

ORDINANCE: 24-101

Approving the appointment and reappointments of the following members to the Mansfield Public Arts Commission for a term commencing August 1, 2024.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader 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 PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette.

DISCUSSION:

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I wanted to on all three of these bills than k each and every one of these people for signing up to make Mansfield better and being involved. And thank the Mayor for finding them, cause that's gotta be tough. But we got good people in Mansfield. I'm glad they're helping us out.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Very good comment. Hearing no other for comment, Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Mr. President, thank you. I move with respect to Bill 24-100 that it be placed upon the floor for final passage.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of Bill 24-100. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-101, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-101 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 24-101.

DELAINE WEINER: Amending Sections 19, 20, and 27 of Ordinance No. 23-201 adopting personnel positions, pay grades, and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2024 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

ADOPTING PERSONNEL POSITIONS

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-101

ORDINANCE: 24-102

Amending Sections 19, 20, and 27 of Ordinance No. 23-201 adopting personnel positions, pay grades, and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2024 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-101 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 24-101. Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-101 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-101. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-102, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-102 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 24-102.

DELAINE WEINER: Appropriating Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) from the unappropriated Parks and Recreation Fund (#236) to the Parks and Recreation Department Operations (236.18.01) Supplies and Materials Classification for the additional cost of supplies needed throughout the remainder of the year.

SUPPLIES – PARKS AND RECREATION

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-102

ORDINANCE: 24-103

Appropriating Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) from the unappropriated Parks and Recreation Fund (#236) to the Parks and Recreation Department Operations (236.18.01) Supplies and Materials Classification for the additional cost of supplies needed throughout the remainder of the year.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-102 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: Any discussion on Bill 24-102? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: I move that Bill 24-102 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-102. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 24-103.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-103 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 24-103.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five and 79/100 dollars (\$136,875.79) for METRICH Operations, and declaring an emergency.

FUNDS - METRICH

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-103

ORDINANCE: 24-104

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five and 79/100 dollars (\$136,875.79) for METRICH Operations, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-103 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: Any discussion on Bill 24-103? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move Bill 24-103 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for passage of Bill 24-103. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-104, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-104 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 24-104.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a Violent Crime Reduction Grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of Seventy-Three Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$73,000.00) for Police Department Operations, and declaring an emergency.

VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-104

ORDINANCE: 24-105

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a Violent Crime Reduction Grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of Seventy-Three Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$73,000.00) for Police Department Operations, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-104 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 24-104? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-104 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-104. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Burns, Bill 24-105.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-105 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 24-105.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a project assistance grant from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), for the "Rewild Liberty Park" Project, and declaring an emergency.

GRANT – MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-105

ORDINANCE: 24-106

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a project assistance grant from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), for the "Rewild Liberty Park" Project, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-105 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: Any discussion on Bill 24-105? Mr. Falquette?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I just hope everybody had an opportunity to read all the attachments that came with this. And, if you get a chance, if you haven't, go to the website, this conservancy is huge. I had no idea how much it covered, and I'm glad we are working with them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Any other, Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: I just want to take this opportunity to thank the Public Works Director. You've been a breath of fresh air in more ways than one. Like it's any secret, that I wasn't actually the biggest fan of the last guy that sat in that chair. But, beyond that, you've come in and you've rally just taken over the reins and run with things and you've brought new opportunities to the table that I don't think have ever been explored prior to this. So, thank you for the energy you've been bringing. It's evident. We've seen all the pictures on the Mayor's Facebook page. Of all the work that your doing. So, thank you.

LAURA BURNS: I move that Bill 24-105 be placed on the floor for final passage.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Anything else further? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: I move that Bill 24-105 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 24-105. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-106.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-106 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 24-106.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with George J. Schreiber IV for real estate known as Hangar 520 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

LEASE – HANGAR 520

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-106

ORDINANCE: 24-107

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with George J. Schreiber IV for real estate known as Hangar 520 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-106 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 24-106? Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: I move that Bill 24-106 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 24-106. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-107.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-107 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 24-107.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Harlan Enterprises for real estate known as Hangar 523 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

LEASE – HARLAN ENTERPRISES (HANGAR 523)

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-107

ORDINANCE: 24-108

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Harlan Enterprises for real estate known as Hangar 523 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-107 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 24-107? Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-107 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 24-107. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-108.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-108 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-108.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with RH Phillips Trucking for real estate known as Hangar 524 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

LEASE – RH PHILLIPS (HANGAR 524)

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-108

ORDINANCE: 24-109

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with RH Phillips Trucking for real estate known as Hangar 524 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-108 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: Any discussions on Bill 24-108? Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-108 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 24-108. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-109.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-109 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 24-109.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Douglas James Schumer for real estate known as Hangar 529 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

LEASE – DOUGLAS JAMES SCHUMER (HANGAR 529)

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-109

ORDINANCE: 24-110

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Douglas James Schumer for real estate known as Hangar 529 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-109 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 24-109? Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-109 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 24-109. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-110.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-110 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 24-110.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Chandler Leasing Inc for real estate known as Hangar 531 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

LEASE – CHANDLER LEASING (HANGAR 531)

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-110

ORDINANCE: 24-111

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Chandler Leasing Inc for real estate known as Hangar 531 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-110 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 24-110? Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-110 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 24-110. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Zader, Bill 24-111.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 24-111 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read Bill 24-111.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the expenditure of up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00), less the administrative expenses incurred by the City, to Frelinda, LLC from the Grant Fund (#224) for the development of 25-29 East Third Street (Lot 2501) as part of the Downtown Development Incentive Program, and declaring an emergency.

GRANT FUND – FRELINDA LLC

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-111

ORDINANCE: 24-112

Authorizing the expenditure of up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00), less the administrative expenses incurred by the City, to Frelinda, LLC from the Grant Fund (#224) for the development of 25-29 East Third Street (Lot 2501) as part of the Downtown Development Incentive Program, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-111 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Akuchie. 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 24-111? Hearing none, Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-111 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-111. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-113, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-113 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 24-113.

DELAINE WEINER: Appropriating the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$350,000.00) from the unappropriated Water Fund (#502) to design the 2025 Waterline Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-113

ORDINANCE: 24-113

Appropriating the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$350,000.00) from the unappropriated Water Fund (#502) to design the 2025 Waterline Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-113 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: Any other discussion on Bill 24-113. Hearing none, Mrs. Burns

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-113 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 24-113. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next is Bill 24-114, Mr. Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-114 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 24-114.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for the construction of Sterkel Park Zone 2 Improvements, and declaring an emergency.

STERKEL PARK ZONE 2 IMPROVEMENTS

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-114

ORDINANCE: 24-114

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for the construction of Sterkel Park Zone 2 Improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns, that Bill 24-114 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 PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-114? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns?

DISCUSSION:

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-114 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-114. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next is Bill 24-115, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-115 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 24-115.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the amount of one hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00) to be used for the "Mansfield Newhope Inclusive Playground," a project to construct recreation facilities at Sterkel Park, and declaring an emergency.

MANSFIELD NEWHOPE INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-115

ORDINANCE: 24-115

Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the amount of one hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00) to be used for the "Mansfield Newhope Inclusive Playground," a project to construct recreation facilities at Sterkel Park, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns, that Bill 24-115 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 PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-115? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns

DISCUSSION:

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-115 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-115. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-116, Mrs. Burns

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-116 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 24-116.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for a certain storm sewer installation project at and around Brooker Place, and declaring an emergency.

INSTALLATION PROJECT – BROOKER PLACE

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-116

ORDINANCE: 24-116

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for a certain storm sewer installation project at and around Brooker Place, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns, that Bill 24-116 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 PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-116? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns?

DISCUSSION:

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-116 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-116. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-117, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-117 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 24-117.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Mayor and the Public Works Director to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with Rylanda Real Estate Development LLC, NCF CIM Fabricators LLC and Adena Corporation, for certain tax incentives under Ohio Revised Code Chapter § 3735.66 for the construction of a new industrial building at 1310 W. Fourth Street, Mansfield, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #24-117

ORDINANCE: 24-117

Authorizing the Mayor and the Public Works Director to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with Rylanda Real Estate Development LLC, NCF CIM Fabricators LLC and Adena Corporation, for certain tax incentives under Ohio Revised Code Chapter § 3735.66 for the construction of a new industrial building at 1310 W. Fourth Street, Mansfield, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette, that Bill 24-117 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 PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-117? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette?

DISCUSSION:

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-117 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-117. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next is Bill 24-118, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-118 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 24-118.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement with NCF CIM Fabricators, LLC and Adena Corporation, and declaring an emergency.

JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT AGREEMENT

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #24-118

ORDINANCE: 24-118

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement with NCF CIM Fabricators, LLC and Adena Corporation, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette, that Bill 24-118 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 PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-118? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette?

DISCUSSION:

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-118 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-118. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: And finally, our last piece of legislation for this evening, Bill 24-119. Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-119 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 24-119.

DELAINE WEINER: Appropriating Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$92,523.00) from the unappropriated Street Maintenance & Repair Fund (#202) to the Street Department Operations, for the purposes of adding two Motor Equipment Operators, and declaring an emergency.

ADDING TWO MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #24-119

ORDINANCE: 24-119

Appropriating Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$92,523.00) from the unappropriated Street Maintenance & Repair Fund (#202) to the Street Department Operations, for the purposes of adding two Motor Equipment Operators, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette, that Bill 24-119 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 PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-119? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DISCUSSION:

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-119 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-119. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Zader?

STEPHANIE ZADER: The Claims Committee members, I need you to sign the claims forms before you go please, and Move to Close.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: I think we're closed. We're done.

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mrs. Zader, and passed by voice vote, the meeting closed at **9:39pm**. The meeting was adjourned.

Delaine Weiner
Clerk of Council

Phil Scott
President