

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 6th, 2024**

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on  
Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 7:37pm in the  
Council Chambers of the City Building.

**David Falquette - PRESIDENT PROTEMPE**  
**Phil Scott – ACTING MAYOR**  
*(Mayor Jodie Perry – Absent)*

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, Mount, Zader, Falquette, and Scott. *(Excused Absence: Diaz 7-0)*

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Do we have anyone on the sign-up sheet, and we do. Justin Carey. Yes, if you're here, please come up to the table. Turn the microphone on, there's a button at the middle-bottom of the base. State your name, your address and you have three minutes.

**JUSTIN CAREY:** My name is Justin Carey. I am here representing RJK Holdings, LLC. My address is 1515 Lexington Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio. That is the address in question or relevant to this hearing. My home address is 461 West Abbots Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144 for the record. I'm here as a representative for RJK Holdings, LLC, which is a licensed marijuana dispensary company. I know that the agenda did not allow for any discussion on any marijuana dispensaries this evening, however, I had already made some travel plans, so excited to come and take advantage of the opportunity to make public comment. Our company is well experienced in operating of dispensaries in a regulated environment, not only in Ohio, but in several states outside of Ohio. Seven to be exact and operating 36 regulated dispensaries throughout the U.S. in the markets that we have licenses in. We have been able to secure property rights at 1515 Lexington Ave, in Mansfield. Former Ace Hardware, retail store. I know that the council and other city representatives and the Mayor have had the opportunity to hear from other representatives, consultants, and operators from our industry over the past few weeks and months. And, we appreciate those comments and public testimony. However, our company and the related associates that are excited and appreciative of any opportunity to open and operate compliant and safely in Mansfield have decided to take an arms-length approach as we have been monitoring developments as it relates to the moratorium in place, and it's potential for being lifted and any other requirements that may be codified into your local code and ordinance. Our perspective and our approach have been to not appear or provide testimony until such time as we had approval, preliminarily approval from the state regulator, which is the Division of Cannabis Control, at a location in the city of Mansfield. Because we felt like would be pre-mature. As of last week, we have had preliminary approval from the division of Cannabis Control, and the Department of Commerce of the State of Ohio, at 1515 Lexington Avenue. And therefore, I felt compelled to testify and introduce ourselves as spirited operators who abide by not only local code, but state regulations with a perfect compliance record. And, look forward to engaging with

council, the mayor's office and other city departments. As Mansfield determines its position on regulated dispensaries, in the municipality, and in the city limits, and I am threw with my comments. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Three minutes, perfect. Thank you very much. Alright, nobody else, committee reports. Mrs. Zader.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Since, Aurelio's not here for updates on events, I know we had the Airport Days out at the airport, which I don't know if Director Porch planned on saying anything so I'm not trying to steal your thunder, but that is a really great event every year that it has continued to grow. So, I'm really excited to see that that went off well and the Richland County Fair started and is going on this week. So, if you haven't been out, stop out. It is located in Mansfield. So, we get tax revenue from it.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** That's fantastic. And Shawshank – ten year run and thirty year of the movie. Lots going on this week starting as early as Thursday. They got people coming from all over the world. It's a real big deal. Uh, Kelly.

**DIRECTOR KELLY BLANKENSHIP:** I would just like to report that Occupancy Tax is collected monthly, due and payable of the following month.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Thank you. Uh, Phil?

**ACTING MAYOR PHIL SCOTT:** Nothing Sir.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Alright. Uh, I should be more formal, Director Andres?

**DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES:** Nothing further, thank you.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Director Porch?

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** I'll just make a quick comment, in regards to Airport Days. So, I mean obviously it's a great event. It keeps growing. The one just last week. There was the rain and the weather. So, it didn't clear up until later. So, it was told that the Drone Show was great. So, yes, it's a fabulous event we have.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Thank you. And, Director Harper.

**DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER:** Nothing further.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Thank you. Alright, let's proceed with legislation. Suspending the rules. I think that's Rev. Akuchie. We're suppose to do late bills first. And I hear there's an arm length reading of late bills tonight.

### LATE BILLS

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Thanks Mr. President. I move with respect to **Bill 24-139, Bill 24-145, Bill 24-146, Bill 24-147, Bill 24-148, Bill 24-149, Bill 24-150, Bill 24-151 and Bill 24-156** that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that **Bill 24-139, Bill 24-145, Bill 24-146, Bill 24-147, Bill 24-148, Bill 24-149, Bill 24-150, Bill 24-151 and Bill 24-156** be allowed on the floor this evening.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been move and seconded. Is there any further question or comment? I do have a comment. Late bills, I understand once and a while. This is unprecedented the number of late bills. I don't really want to go down the rabbit hole and what happened, but I'm hoping that everybody in administration works diligently not to have this length late bills happen in the future. And, maybe it contributed to all the re-work that had to be done late this week on getting bills ready to go because there was many many little issues, maybe big issues, confusion on who sponsors were. And this is so much easier to handle when the bills come in on time. So, I've said my peace. Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Yes, I've never seen as long as I have been involved in city council. But we did have an administration that didn't have six-eight months experience in office, but the entire time I've been involved. So, I understand that. But, I do agree that as we move on, and move forward, try to move forward, try to make sure that we are getting bills. Especially, you know our clerks work very hard to get things done. And, it is kind of disrespectful to them for things to be coming down last minute. And them, to have to scramble to get those things done. So, if we can remember that they have other things going on, be respectful of their time, I would appreciate that. Also, as turn over happens, you guys are a brand-new administration. But as turnover happens in this room, making sure that things are done on time, and in an orderly fashion, will make sure that they go through this room better. Because it could very well end up where we vote no on allowing those bills to be moved through city council and they have to come back two weeks, maybe three weeks later, depending on the meeting falls. So, just bearing that in mind. I think it is a good idea that we try to be timely with it. (*Passes 7-0*)

## **SUSPEND RULES**

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE** I would like to move with respect to all bills that come before council this evening that the rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended and that each Bill be read one time by title only. Seconded by Mrs. Zader. A computer vote was taken and resulted as follows: (*Passes 7-0*)

## **LEGISLATION**

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Hey, were up to legislation. Miss Mount, Bill 24-125.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. With respect to Bill 24-125 and Bill 24-126, I can make two separate motions, we had anticipated last meeting when we postponed them to this meeting, we would have the zoning for the recreational dispensaries in front of us. But since that hasn't come back yet, I make a motion to again extend the vote based on the discussion with the administration that we most prudent to hold those two together at the same time. Extend, add another reading and vote at our next meeting presuming the other ordinances before us and also up for vote. So, I make a motion to postpone Bill 24-125 to August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Have a motion on the floor to postpone the vote on Bill 24-125 until August 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** While I appreciate that hasn't been brought to us, we were told that was going to be to us and we have several people looking to make investments in our city. And, we talk about the need for economic development in this city on a regular basis. The need for creations of jobs, the need for creations of places that create sales tax and everything else that helps fund this city, helps paves streets, helps do projects, helps whatever new projects Bob has cooking up lately or parks getting cleaned up, all those things. That all relies on us, promoting economic development. And I'm here to say I'm done telling people no. So, I do not support the motion to do that. That sounds like that is an administration issue, and you've got two weeks to figure it out. Because. If we pass this today, then you can figure out the zoning by next meeting. Does not sound like an us problem.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** I'm just very disappointed that we don't have at least anything to look at. I know that this was brought to City Planning Commission over a month ago, and they were told to you know that they needed to get their ducks in a row and get something to us so that we would be able to vote. And, we have nothing. We don't even have anything to look at! And I think it's completely unacceptable. It's totally unacceptable, I know that the administration has, they've got to have some ideas on what they're thinking. And, I agree with Councilwoman Zader. We are holding up the process. We have voted to allow recreational dispensaries in the city of Mansfield and we are just clogging up the pipeline. They're coming, it's going to happen. I just, I question whether maybe something else is going on, you know behind the scenes. I don't know if, if this is not meant to, if we don't really want this, if we want to try to prolong it. And so therefore, the dispensaries will choose other locations, and then we won't have a dispensary here, because they've gone elsewhere. So, I am very very disappointed and I don't support repealing, I don't support postponing this vote on this this evening.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** I wholly agree with both Mrs. Zader and Mrs. Meier. My concern is deleting this only prohibition we have left without zoning measures and with the emergency clause, this takes effect now, not in thirty days. I don't know. How do we force this issue and get our zoning code on our table? Because, that's my concern, is no control or until the next meeting. There'd be a to week-wide open spot. So, Mrs. Zader, maybe you know something I don't know.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Well first, I'll say that it's not like the administration didn't know this was coming when they took office. So, it's not since the Planning Commission Meeting that this has been being talked about and stuff. It's since the vote passed to allow it. And, if we didn't have this medical ban in place, what would they do? We have this in place because old council didn't like, a previous version of council, I wasn't calling them old just to be clear. I know you're the only one on it Phil, I am aware. And you were President, so you didn't even cast a vote. Did not like the idea of it. But this council spoke. And, the reason I'm in this office, and yall can thank the previous administration for this, is because they circumvented this group and pushed their agenda through previously. And that's exactly what this feels like. I have listened to the people that are bringing this through city council, and it's exactly what it seems like. They didn't get their way previously, so they're trying to force it through this way. And then, they didn't get their way, because we didn't postpone it to the date that they wanted, so their trying to force it through again. The people of Mansfield spoke. They voted. If you look, Richland County did not vote on this in favor of this overall. But Mansfield did. The citizens we serve, voted and said they wanted marijuana to be sold in dispensaries here in their city. We're supposed to be doing their bidding, not the other way around.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Thank you. I have the Mayor on the line, and she would like to address council on zoom.

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** Hi everyone. Can you hear me? ...

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** We're working on to let the Mayor's communication will open up . . . while we're figuring that out, it looked like Director Porch comment? We will circle back to the Mayor in a moment.

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** So, I can tell members of council that obviously, the dispensaries coming to city, I mean yes, council has spoken. We understand that. In regards to dealing with zoning, we have one chance to get that right. So, there was drafts of zoning that went before the Planning Commission. Ultimately it was decided, and speaking with the Law Director, to with our zoning to have outside legal counsel that have dealt with this topic, make sure that they review what it is that ultimately that we want to send in front of council, for ultimate consideration. I can assure you that it has never been the intention of the Mayor, myself or the administration to play games with the process. We understand that the voters have spoken, we understand that council has spoken. We want to make sure that we have zoning requirements correct the first time when ultimately that is presented to council to decide to vote on that or not. So, it was through outside council, which Director (Harper), you can chime in at any time you want to in regards to that. In working together with our law director, to seek outside legal opinion in regards to the experts in that related field.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Zader?

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** And, I can appreciate all of that. And, I understand. But the problem is we're gonna miss out because we were not prepared. And, what's the difference if they take the next two weeks to figure that stuff out and they bring the zoning to the next meeting. Codes and permits does not have to approve the zoning the same day for someone to open up shop. They can say we don't have, I encourage you Adrian, no you can't deny them. However, you can say we are not prepared to approve these at this time. We have legislation coming before city council on the 20<sup>th</sup> to approve zoning. And at that time, once that happens, we will be able to move forward with your permit.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Director Porch.

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** So, I can assure you that through Adrienne's office, through the Mayor's office we have been inundated with recreational companies seeking to do business in Mansfield. They have been told the standard responses that we don't have our zoning requirements in place yet. I can assure council through lessons of other states and other jurisdictions where we want to ultimately is protected the city against litigation. So, through the selection process, through zoning, is where we are running into issues which is why we want to take a very cautious approach in regards to this. So, it is not the intent to hold up any business seeking to do business in Mansfield. Once those zoning requirements are in place, and that our process is open for those activities. I don't know how else best to say that.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** One last comment and I will yield. Again, I understand that, but I am an investor. I have been buying property for almost twenty years. And when you're looking at something like this, and there are timelines put on it by the state of Ohio and such, there is a timeline that you have as an investor to move forward with those things. David is an investor, Cheryl is in real estate agent. I'm sure you guys get that too. There is a time limit you have to look at. And, we may miss out on that because they have a timeline that they have to meet. And we've had time to get this through. And, we were assured before. And this isn't to beat up on anybody here. But, we were told this will be ready by the next meeting so we can move forward with this. And, I made it clear last meeting, that I wasn't in favor of waiting any longer because of that very thing. Because we may miss out and they may go elsewhere. So, I get the litigation stuff, I get worrying about that. We should have moved a little faster then. Because we cannot miss out on investment.

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** My response would be, I'm not going to move for the sake of investors to come into the city. My concern, our concern is for the city. So, we will have appropriate zoning in place and then the chips will fall as they may of people choosing that whether they come to the city or not.

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** Mr. President, can you hear ne now? First of all, I apologize for not being able to be there with everyone today. I've been listening to all of the conversation that's happening. I certainly understand the frustration. I can tell you that as soon as the vote was taken in June, we met within a day or two to talk about what the proposed zoning would be. What went before Planning Commission actually was not drafted language. It was bullet points, kind of what we were thinking as the administration to kind of talk through options with Planning Commission. We have thrown, the Engineering Department has helped us put up a map on GIS that would show us, you know there's a lot of state regulations as far as how close together they have to be or they can't be. And then, how far away they need to be from places like schools and all of that. So, you know we have looked at all of that, and ultimately made a set of recommendations, getting that into drafted language and then wanting to have outside counsel is really what has just taken longer than expected. When we were there three weeks ago, I fully expected we were going to be at this meeting with the legislation. You know, we talked at the Law Director's office the very next day or the day after I believe it was about the outside counsel review. So, I mean nobody is trying to hold this up. My background is economic development too. We hear you, and we want to have it as well. What I don't want though is for people to be buying property that ultimately won't qualify. Or, for something that gets in, in this interim time, and then everyone else is held at a different standard. So, at the end of the day, the decision is up to you. But, I think that we have a good set of recommendations. It should be back, and I don't know if the Law Director has any update because I have not been in the office this week. But, we were expecting to have that review back from them last Friday or Monday. I have not seen it come through yet. We are working with Bricker & Graydon, down in Columbus (OH) ...

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** The lady from the Law Director's office says it was returned today. I wasn't sure of your title, Miss Yockey . . .

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** So, with that being the case, I would expect that we can circulate that so that everyone has plenty of time. I mean, I hear what Councilwoman Zader said. Obviously, this was passed last year at the state level, but to be honest with you, I thought that the six-month moratorium was going to pass until probably at two weeks before you vote. Then I started to realize it was going to change. So, it really changed the trajectory and the speed with which we have to do this. But, I want to make sure we are doing it right, and I know that all do too. And I respect that you all have put in very difficult positions in making these decisions. And so, we're trying to abide by that and get it done as best as possible for the city. I mean, it's gonna impact generations to come. So, that's it, thank you.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Thank you Madam Mayor. Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. Could we get a clarification or an explanation from the Law Department or if the administration knows what happens if we abolish the zoning that we have on the books right now and have nothing until such time as we approve the recreational?

**DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER:** Not advisable. We're gonna wait and do it all at one time.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Would Adrienne, would you be willing to come up and explain like what the process might be? I understand, I feel that you have some reservations about not keeping this in place. So, what happens? Let's just say...Thursday morning, somebody calls in...

**DIRECTOR ADRIENNE ACKERMAN:** So, I have several forms on my desk and those are zoning forms. Ok, the issue we have is that those zoning forms right now are not relevant to us, because we have the conflict. We prohibit medical, we have nothing for recreational. So, at this point, we can't sign any of those forms. However, if we repeal the medical, we lose our conflict and we will have to sign off on those forms to be sent to the state because there is an option that no zoning exists. So, I think that ties us to being required to allow this process to move forward with these companies at the state level without knowing if their locations will ultimately be able to be approved based on whatever zoning we have in place. So, that's where my concern is, and kind of what I've expressed to those who have inquired with my office.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Zader?

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** So, we got the stuff back today, and it wasn't sent to us yet. Is that because it hasn't, this is not only a question for you, this is more of a question for the Law Director's office or the administration, they haven't seen it to review or what? What's the hold up on getting that to us?

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** I do not have it.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** OK, so ....

**DIRECTOR ADRIENNE ACKERMAN:** There are some things that they recommended that would be adjusted, so I ...

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** One of the solutions is a Special Meeting. And we call another meeting and we don't wait the two weeks. So, we call a Special Meeting, and we have council members in here. You get us that by tomorrow, we hold a Special Meeting on Friday. Well, we can pick a day, not saying it has to be Friday. But, I'm saying that's an option. We're not waiting. So, what would be the hold up then? Anything?

**DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH:** From the administration, if Amy Yockey is saying that legal review is back, I'm not opposed to that.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** You want to step up to the ...

**DIRECTOR ADRIENNE ACKERMAN:** I got to look at it...it came in late, I didn't even get to read all of the things they wanted us to take a look at. But yeah, it needs formatted and there were a couple of adjustments that ...

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** So, could you have it to us by the end of business tomorrow?

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** So, just in my mind, it takes three members of council to call a Special Meeting and we need 24-hours advanced notice to post it. With that in mind, we could do this pretty fast.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** They could put the meeting notice out tonight, they could get us the paperwork by the end of business tomorrow we could have the meeting Thursday.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Alright, that's an idea. Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Just a question, if we are going to give the citizens any time for their input?

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Think they have had plenty of time, and we got's lot of input. I mean, we've had numerous people show up here. I've had many phone calls. I think they've spoken.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Uh, Reverend?

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Thank you Mr. President. In as much as we are rushing into making a decision tonight, the Law Director and the Safety Director and the Mayor have spoken. And they have concerns that they are concerned to do this right away without having that perimeter and the zoning everything done will not be a good idea. People who are coming in to invest in the business here in Mansfield, the concern of the Safety Director, the concern of the Mayor are the people of Mansfield. Not the person who is coming in to buy the property or so. Even if they buy the property and then the zoning prohibits them, that's a waste of their money and their time. So, I will suggest and I will believe that it makes more sense to respect the opinion the decision of the Law Director, the Mayor and the Safety Director, and for us to wait and have all that done legally and everything well done so that when we approve it, then we know. If someone wants to invest, it's gonna wait that's going to invest. That's my understanding that somebody who is investing can invest where they want to invest. And if they cannot want to invest here, somebody else would. So, I will not support on voting on it today or having an emergency meeting tomorrow or anytime this week at all.

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** Mr. President?

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Madam Mayor?

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** I would be okay if they wanted to have an Emergency Meeting. Of course, I would love to just be able to publish with at least a little bit of time so that the citizens can see what we're proposing. I mean there will be maps so that people can see what locations would be allowable under the zoning. So, I would say next week would be probably a little more advisable if we were going to do a Special Meeting in between just to give it some time?

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Thank you Madam Mayor. Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I put a motion on the floor, we've had a lot of discussion and I proposed an alternate option. My suggestion is we take a vote and we see if the motion passes.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** I want to make one small amendment to the motion on the floor. To amend it from August 20<sup>th</sup> to read August 20<sup>th</sup> or a Special Meeting. In other words, what I'm saying is we don't have to wait until August 20<sup>th</sup> to vote. If we have the Special Meeting, we do the zoning, we could do this at the same time. Is that what you wanted to do, or did you just wanted to do the zoning and do this on August 20<sup>th</sup>? If it passes that way. No, I'm just asking council. I'm just suggesting that if, there's a motion on the floor to delay until August 20<sup>th</sup>. I'm making a motion to modify it to August 20<sup>th</sup> or a Special Meeting with council.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I think we need to decide either way. So, we're still on the same discussion if that is the vote we take. Or, we haven't made a decision, I don't know what we're doing.



**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** We're just trying to get the motion on the floor clarified in such a way that maybe it will appease both sides, if there are sides everybody. If I'm confusing you, I am sorry.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** I'm in favor of the vote on 24-125 and 24-126 occurring on whatever day the final vote is for the recreational dispensaries. We don't know what date that is. I don't know if it is possible to frame the motion so as to say that whether it be a Special Meeting, whether it be August 20<sup>th</sup>, whether there is time for more citizen comment. That's a later date. I'm unfavorably of them occurring on the same date, the votes on all of them.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Ok, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** So, what if we made the proposed meeting next Monday? Which would give the Mayor an opportunity to be back in office, a chance to. I mean, we, the recommendations from the outside council could be sent to all of us prior, so we would have time to digest it. But that would also give a little bit of time to get it out to the public, hear public comment and then have a special meeting next Monday night or whenever. But, the first of next week.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** So, the motion on the floor is about postponing or delaying the vote on Bill 24-125, and eventually Bill 24-126, seeing how it goes. And the date of a potential Special Meeting is not on the floor, so it could occur like you say, it could occur like Thursday, Friday, Monday, Tuesday. Whatever, it takes three members of council to propose that special meeting time. So, I guess my thought is I understand but I'm not sure it is pertinent to the... Does that make sense? That's my opinion. Mrs. Zader?

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I feel like we either need to vote the motion down what's on the floor, or not. And then a new motion can be made after that. But right now, we're just convoluting things and dragging things out. So, the motion on the floor is to postpone this until August 20<sup>th</sup>. Either she can withdraw her motion, if she wants to, or we can vote on it. But, we're trying to amend the motion and change it, just really mucking things up. I just think we need to make a decision on that motion right now.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Alright, so if there's no second on my amendment, it will die. Alright, so recalling the question on the vote, on holding off the vote until August 20<sup>th</sup>. So, let's vote on that. It passes to wait, 4-3. (*3 no's = Burns, Meier, Zader*)  
So, that one's held up until August 20<sup>th</sup>.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**(Postponed until 8/20/2024)**

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Miss Mount, Bill 24-126.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that we hold Bill 24-126, postpone the vote until August 20<sup>th</sup>, same as for Bill 24-125. That would be my motion, that we vote on Bill 24-126 also on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Is there any further discussion, it's basically the same as the previous one. So, we have a motion on the floor to delay Bill 24-126 until August 20<sup>th</sup>. If you could cast your vote. Bill Passes 5-2. (*no – Burns, Zader*)

*END OF DISCUSSION*

(Postponed until 8/20/2024)

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-139. I move that Bill 24-139 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-139.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing payment to ES Consultants Inc. in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty and 00/100 dollars (\$3,540.00) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

**PAYMENT – ES CONSULTANTS INC.**

BY: DAVID FALQUETTE

BILL #24-139

ORDINANCE: 24-140

Authorizing payment to ES Consultants Inc. in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty and 00/100 dollars (\$3,540.00) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 24-139 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Questions or comments? Alright, I move that Bill 24-139 be placed on the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for passage of Bill 24-139. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-140, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-140 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-140.

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

**380 N. MAIN ST – LISTED PROPERTY**

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #24-140

ORDINANCE: 24-141

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

Upon motion by Mrs. Mount that Bill 24-140 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Questions or comments? Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Your having a real hard time with my name tonight, aren't you? I did look that up. I didn't have the absolute number, but it's \$84,008.81, that they are behind in Richland County property taxes. Does that not play into this at all? Like, shouldn't that be any concern?

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's a concern to me. Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Yeah, I mean that's a serious concern to me. We're just going to allow them to change the plans, not sell it, not make sure we're collecting property tax. I don't know if Adrienne has anything to say about working with the auditor's, treasurer's office to get that tax cleared up. Is there any kind of limitation we can put on that? Ohio Brass, they owe \$84,000 in back taxes.

**ADRIENNE ACKERMAN:** I can certainly bring it to the treasurer's office attention...

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I think they know, I think we need to say it...

**ADRIENNE ACKERMAN:** My assumption would be that they will send some sort of certified notice and then they'll pay it.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Is there anything we can do as a city? Like to say, "You need to pay this, then you can move forward with this."

**ADRIENNE ACKERMAN:** Not that I am aware of.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Law Director's office, any thoughts, or do you need to do some research on that?

**DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER:** I've known Bob Myers for quite some time. He'll take care of that.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I love that, you know, you have that relationship with him. But, if we say that about him, then every person I know that owns real estate in the county is gonna expect the same treatment when we're looking at a project. So, I was wondering what kind of legal standing that we can say, "Hey, "... you know we're talking about holding up you know, can't approve permits for dispensaries because of zoning, is there something we can say, "Hey, we can't approve your permits to move forward with this because you owe \$84,000 in back taxes."

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** Mr. President?

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Madam Mayor, go ahead.

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** This is the first step in the development process. So, they're not at all at a point where they're going to be pulling permits yet. And these historic tax credit projects, they really only come around once a year, or it might be twice a year, where you can apply for them. So, you know there is still a lot yet to unfold in terms of this project. And I think you raise a very valid point, that you know, when they get a little further down the line absolutely, that would be at that point. This really just allows them to go to the next step in the process which is really with the state and federal government, not with us.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Thank you. Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Am I remembering correctly that the deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup> for this step? So, we could move this also to the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to give them two weeks to get this paid and then if it's paid in two weeks, vote on it then.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Is that a motion.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's not a motion yet.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** I can make it a motion. I move that we hold Bill 24-140 to a vote on August 20<sup>th</sup> to give the organization and Mr. Myers the time to get those back taxes dealt with, and as long as that's done by then, then I would foresee this council would probably be supportive.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second. And I have a couple questions if I could.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Alright, it's been moved and seconded to postpone the vote on Bill 24-140 to August 20<sup>th</sup>. Is there any discussion? Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I guess my biggest question is, this wasn't found until it came to council tonight. And I'm assuming there's been lots of discussions and stuff, so are there stopping blocks that we can put in place in the future so that we don't get something all the way to this point and us having to delay it. Because obviously, if we're looking at major economic development projects, making sure that they are paying their taxes is probably a big part of that. Because it's one of the ways we collect revenue. I don't know who that question is for, but somebody.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It sounds like a good point, but I don't know where to go with it either.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Adrienne, would that be a question for you? The Mayor, Law Director's office?

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Most of the money collected by the county doesn't even come to the city. A portion does.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** But I'm talking about a checking, to see if they don't owe back taxes.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Yes, of course. And we do that for a lot of things.

**ADRIENNE ACKERMAN:** I am not sure. I would have to look. I don't know that we can legally through the Board of Building Standards hold a permit for that purpose...

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Can we at least check it and bring it to their attention? Cause, he didn't seem aware of it tonight.

**ADRIENNE ACKERMAN:** Yeah, I mean we can certainly check to see there's some kind of safeguard like that we can put in place. But, I don't know if that is something that the Board of Building Standards would allow us to have, and that's gonna have to be researched heavily.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Well, if we could look into that and see. And, if there's not something currently, if maybe there's something that we could put in place. Cause, we have a lot of back taxes in this city. If you look at the Auditor's site, and you look at the tax rolls, there's a lot of people that don't pay their taxes. And a lot of properties switching hands and going on, so making sure that those are taken care of. Or, there not just sliding it off. You know, someone's taking ownership of an LLC or something, instead of paying their back taxes. It would be ideal if we do that.

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** Mr. President?

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Madam Mayor.

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** I just want to note that really the vote that we are taking tonight is to put the property on the National Register for Historic Places. So, it protects the building, it does allow them to apply for historic tax credits. But, that's the vote that we're taking. This is, it's different than us coming back and asking them for, you know, tax abatements or other more traditional things that you know I'd say we normally talk about when we're talking about economic development. So, I hear everyone in terms of the back taxes. And, certainly we will absolutely call and follow up. But the vote tonight really is just to put the building on the National Register for Historic Places which protects it. And, I would say, I believe that this developer absolutely has the means to do this, and this represents probably the most significant opportunity for this building that has existed for at least a decade if not more. So, you know, I think there's a lot more steps here. I guess that's all I want to say. This vote is just really about the building itself, not even about the project.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Thank you Madam Mayor. Yes, I am hearing all the discussion tonight and I appreciate the Mayor's input. And, we are normally very supportive of development projects. We certainly like the taxes to be paid. I truly feel that Mr. Attorney Mabee was caught off guard that there was anything there and I also understand with the previous law director, promises were made and not kept on completely unrelated things, completely unrelated. So, I also understand where I don't like giving passes for people, oh he's a good guy. But, at the same time with the Mayor's comment, and this is about the building and not about the project, I think I just assume vote on it tonight. But the motion on the floor right now is to delay until August 20<sup>th</sup>. Is there any further discussion about delaying to August 20<sup>th</sup>?

**ANTOINETTE DALEY:** I have something.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Go ahead Miss Daley.

**ANTOINETTE DALEY:** So, my understanding, if we push it to August 20<sup>th</sup>, it will delay something? It will stop something? It won't be able to continue?

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** The deadline is August 30<sup>th</sup>. So, if we delay it, it's not going to stop them from still getting the tax credit.

**ANTOINETTE DALEY:** Right, we need the money within the county and the city. So, I think we should insist that, so that we set the precedent that other people will make sure they pay their taxes before they come to us for voting for whatever reason they may have.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Thank you Miss Daley. Any other discussion on the delay? Alright, let's vote on the delay on Bill 24-140 to August 20<sup>th</sup>. Bill passes 6-1 (*no – Falquette*) So, that one's delayed until August 20<sup>th</sup>.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**Postponed until 8/20/2024**

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** We'll move on to Mrs. Meier. Bill 24-141

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-141 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-141.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Appointing new members to the Police Review and Community-Police Relations Commission, and declaring an emergency.

**APPOINTING NEW MEMBERS – POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-141

ORDINANCE: 24-142

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

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-141 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Any discussion on Bill 24-141. Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-141 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-141. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Zader, Bill 24-142.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-142 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-142.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing payment of the claim of Jack Balcolm of 1291 South Home Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44904, and declaring an emergency.

**SUPPLIES – PARKS AND RECREATION**

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-142

ORDINANCE: 24-143

Authorizing payment of the claim of Jack Balcolm of 1291 South Home Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44904, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-142 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Akuchie. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Any further discussion on Bill 24-142? Hearing none, Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-142 that it be placed on the floor for final passage.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-142. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Zader, Bill 24-143.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 24-143 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-143.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing payment of the claim of Matthew Walter c/o A & M Properties of Mansfield LLC, of 220 N. Mulberry Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902, and declaring an emergency.

**CLAIM – MATTHEW WALTER**

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-143

ORDINANCE: 24-144

Authorizing payment of the claim of Matthew Walter c/o A & M Properties of Mansfield LLC, of 220 N. Mulberry Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-143 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Mount. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Discussion? Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-143 that it be placed on the floor for final passage.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for passage of Bill 24-143. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-144, Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-144 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-144.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing payment of the claim of James O'Donnell, of 595 Maple Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44906, and declaring an emergency.

**CLAIM – JAMES O'DONNELL**

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-144

ORDINANCE: 24-145



Authorizing payment of the claim of James O'Donnell, of 595 Maple Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44906, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-144 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Mount. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Discussion on Bill 24-144? Hearing none, Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-144 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-144.  
Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-145, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-145 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-145.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the amount of two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) to be used for the Millsboro Road Trail Project.

#### **GRANT – MILLSBORO ROAD TRAIL PROJECT**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-145

ORDINANCE: 24-146

Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the amount of two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) to be used for the Millsboro Road Trail Project.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-145 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Comments, other than this is a fantastic project. Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-145 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-145.  
Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-146, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-146 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-146.

**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 fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$150,000.00) to be used for the Main Street Upgrade Project.

#### **GRANT – MAIN STREET UPGRADE PROJECT**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-146

ORDINANCE: 24-147

Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$150,000.00) to be used for the Main Street Upgrade Project.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-146 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Questions and comments on Bill 24-146? This will state again, we appreciate the state budget and Representative John and Senator Romanchuck for helping pushing this one through and getting us this money. There's no further discussion, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-146 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-146.  
Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-147, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-147 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-147.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Ohio's One Time Strategic Community Investment Grant in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$250,000.00) to be used for the Main Street Upgrade Project.

**GRANT – MAIN STREET UPGRADE PROJECT**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-147

ORDINANCE: 24-148

Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Ohio's One Time Strategic Community Investment Grant in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$250,000.00) to be used for the Main Street Upgrade Project.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-147 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Comments, comments? Another fine project. Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-147 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-147.  
Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Burns, Bill 24-148.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-148 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-148.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the installation of the B & O Connector Trail from the B & O Trail to the Trimble Road Trail.

### **INSTALLATION-B & O CONNECTOR TRAIL**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-148

ORDINANCE: 24-149

Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the installation of the B & O Connector Trail from the B & O Trail to the Trimble Road Trail.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-148 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Questions or comments? Another good project. Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-148 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-148.  
Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-149, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-149 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-149.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the installation of the Millsboro Road Trail from Trimble Road to Marion Avenue.

**INSTALLATION-MILLSBORO ROAD TRAIL**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-149

ORDINANCE: 24-150

Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the installation of the Millsboro Road Trail from Trimble Road to Marion Avenue.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-149 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Questions and comments on Bill 24-149? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-149 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-149. Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-150, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-150 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-150.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a RAISE grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of Seven Million Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Two and 00/100 dollars (\$7,384,442.00) to be used for the Main Street Upgrade Project, and declaring an emergency.

**RAISE GRANT-MAIN STREET UPGRADE PROJECT**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-150

ORDINANCE: 24-151

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a RAISE grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of Seven Million Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Two and 00/100 dollars (\$7,384,442.00) to be used for the Main Street Upgrade Project, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-150 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Comments? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-150 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-150.  
Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-151, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-151 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-151.

**DELAINÉ WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the Main Street Upgrade Project (RIC-Main Street PID 112404), and declaring an emergency.

### **BIDS - MAIN STREET UPGRADE PROJECT**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-151

ORDINANCE: 24-152

Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the Main Street Upgrade Project (RIC-Main Street PID 112404), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-151 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Comments on Bill 24-151? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-151 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-151.  
Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-152, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-152 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-152.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing payment to Big Walnut Flag Pole in the amount of Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty and 00/100 dollars (\$5,480) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

**THEN & NOW – BIG WALNUT FLAG POLE**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-152

ORDINANCE: 24-153

Authorizing payment to Big Walnut Flag Pole in the amount of Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty and 00/100 dollars (\$5,480) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-152 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Comments on Bill 24-152? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** I move with respect to Bill 24-152 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-152.

Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-153, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-153 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-153.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a donation from VFW Post # 9943 in the amount of Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty and 00/100 dollars (\$5,480.00) for a new flag and flag pole at Liberty Park, and declaring an emergency.

**DONATION-VFW POST #9943**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #24-153

ORDINANCE: 24-154

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a donation from VFW Post # 9943 in the amount of Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty and 00/100 dollars (\$5,480.00) for a new flag and flag pole at Liberty Park, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 24-153 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Questions on Bill 24-153? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-153 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-153.  
Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-154, Mrs. Meier.



**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-154 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-154.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Accept and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of Sixty-Two Thousand and 00/100 (\$62,000.00) to be used for training and related overtime costs, and declaring an emergency.

#### **GRANT – FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-154

ORDINANCE: 24-155

Accept and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of Sixty-Two Thousand and 00/100 (\$62,000.00) to be used for training and related overtime costs, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-154 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Questions and comments on Bill 24-154? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-154 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-154.  
Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-155, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-155 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-155.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Accept and appropriate a Firefighter Exposure Environment Elements (FEEG) Grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty and 00/100 (\$13,320.00) for new gear and equipment for the Mansfield Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

**FEEG GRANT - OBW**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-155

ORDINANCE: 24-156

Accept and appropriate a Firefighter Exposure Environment Elements (FEEG) Grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty and 00/100 (\$13,320.00) for new gear and equipment for the Mansfield Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-155 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Questions and comments on Bill 24-155? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 24-155 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-155.  
Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Bill 24-156, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-156 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-156.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Appropriating Twelve Thousand Seventy-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,078.00) from the unappropriated Capital Equipment Fund (#422) to the Clearfork Operations for the purpose of purchasing new equipment.

**CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND – CLEARFORK OPERATIONS**

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #24-156

ORDINANCE: 24-157

Appropriating Twelve Thousand Seventy-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,078.00) from the unappropriated Capital Equipment Fund (#422) to the Clearfork Operations for the purpose of purchasing new equipment.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 24-156 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Comments on Bill 24-156? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-156 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-156.  
Bill Passes 7-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** Is there anything else to come before council this evening?

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Move to close.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Second

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Aye

**PRESIDENT PROTEMPE FALQUETTE:** 8:45pm we closed Mansfield City Council.

END OF DISCUSSION

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

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Delaine Weiner  
Clerk of Council

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Phil Scott  
President