

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 7th, 2025

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, January 7th, 2025 at 7:29pm in the
Courtroom One 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, Robertson, Falquette, and Scott.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Good Evening, old friends and new. My name is Alomar Davenport, 575 Stocking Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio. Stand here before you today as the President-Elect of the NAACP. Next Tuesday, January 14th, we will be having a meeting. A community meeting, it is not our regular monthly meeting. But a community meeting, where we will be speaking to our vision for the next couple of years for the organization, or plans for the organization for the next couple of years. The emphasis is going to be collaboration. We are looking to collaborate with different organizations, city council, city government. Over the last two years, I think we created a fruitful relationship with Mayor Perry. And, I am here to invite the rest of council and I know Mayor Perry will not be here. But we do have Councilwoman Daley, Councilman Diaz and Director Harper who I know have this meeting on their calendar. I wanted extend this invitation to the rest of council, to come out and hear what we have to say, hear what we're looking to do. Like I said, our emphasis is collaboration. And we are looking to work with other members of the community to help to create a better community. Hope to see some of you next Tuesday, all of you if you can. And, that is my peace. This will be at 486 Bowman Street, January 14th at 6:00pm. We will be at the NECIC building on Springmill Street. Thank you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee Reports

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, are there any more committee reports? Hearing none, Mayor, do you have anything further?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: No, I do not.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Andres.

DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Porch.

DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH: No Sir.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Harper.

DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER: Nothing.

LATE BILLS

No Late Bills

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 Mr. Falquette. An electronic vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

LEGISLATION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette, Bill 25-001.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 25-001 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-001.

DELAINE WEINER: Expressing the intent of the City of Mansfield to sell unneeded, obsolete and unfit personal property by means of Internet Auction, and authorizing the Safety-Service Director to list such property for sale with GovDeals, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

GOVDEALS, INC.

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #25-001

ORDINANCE: 25-001

Expressing the intent of the City of Mansfield to sell unneeded, obsolete and unfit personal property by means of Internet Auction, and authorizing the Safety-Service Director to list such property for sale with GovDeals, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 25-001 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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, questions on Bill 25-001? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-001 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-001. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-002.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-002 be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-002.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from the Gorman Family Foundation in the amount of Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be used for the Mansfield Police Department Drone Program, and declaring an emergency.

DONATION – GORMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-002

ORDINANCE: 25-002

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from the Gorman Family Foundation in the amount of Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be used for the Mansfield Police Department Drone Program, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-002 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I just wanted to express gratitude to the Gorman Family Foundation for such a nice donation.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Yes, very much appreciated. Any other question, discussion on Bill 25-002? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I also want to echo gratitude to the Gorman Family for their donation. I move that Bill 25-002 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-002. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next is Bill 25-003, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 25-003 as amended in caucus that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-003 as amended.

DELAINE WEINER: Appointing Councilwoman Deborah Mount to the Richland County Regional Planning Commission. Re-Appointing Councilman Aurelio Diaz to the Richland County Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) committee. Appointing Councilman Eleazer Akuchie to the Richland County Regional Planning Commission MPOs committee.

APPOINTMENTS - RCRPC

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #25-003

ORDINANCE: 25-003

Appointing Councilwoman Deborah Mount to the Richland County Regional Planning Commission. Re-Appointing Councilman Aurelio Diaz to the Richland County Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) committee. Appointing Councilman Eleazer Akuchie to the Richland County Regional Planning Commission MPOs committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 25-003 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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, questions on Bill 25-003? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-003 as amended in caucus be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-003 as amended. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-004.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-004 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-004.

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

APPOINTMENT – POLICE REVIEW/COMMUNITY-POLICE RELATIONS COMMISSION

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-004

ORDINANCE: 25-004

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

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-004 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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 25-004? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-004 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-004. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-005.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-005 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-005.

DELAINE WEINER: Adopting personnel positions, pay grades, and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2025 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

ADOPTING PERSONNEL POSITIONS, PAY GRADES AND SALARIES

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-005

ORDINANCE: 25-005

Adopting personnel positions, pay grades, and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2025 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-005 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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 25-005? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-005 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-005. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

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

DEBORAH MOUNT: Just a quick comment and compliment to pass along to the service complex. I have heard from numerous residents. They are very grateful for the improvement for the ice and snow this year. It's been significantly better than it used to be. If you could get out of your neighborhood, you could get to where you are going. Now it is, if you couldn't get out of your neighborhood, you might not be able to get where you were going. So, it's quite different, that's appreciated. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Anything else to come before council before we adjourn?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Move to close.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded that we adjourn council. All in favor signify by saying aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: We are adjourned. At **7:40pm**, council is closed.

END OF DISCUSSION

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

Delaine Weiner
Clerk of Council

Phil Scott
President