

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 1st, 2025

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025 at **7:23pm** in the Courtroom One of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

David Falquette led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered were present at roll call: Burns, Meier, Daley, Diaz, Mount, Robertson, Falquette, and Scott. Excused Absence: *{Burns & Akuchie - Passes: 6-0}*

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee Reports

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mayor, do you have anything further?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: I will on behalf of Director Andres. He's ok. Just to make sure everyone knows; we've had some really good things happening in the parks. I believe this week, the parking lot (that's the word) at Sterkel is due to begin to be expanded. If you haven't seen it, the walking paths around King Street and Johns Park are done or very close to being done. New playground equipment going in at King Street Park soon. And then after the weather breaks, the resurfacing at the basketball court at Johns Park will also be going ahead. Director Andres and Mark Abrams had a great conversation with the Liberty DIY group. Probably read about that in the Source, but have committed to a three-year support of them through park funds financially. So, they got some really great plans. We are excited to partner with them. They've done quite a lot at Liberty already. So, we are excited for that. We had a great meeting with Oasis and they are adopting Cyclops Field. So, they have been out there already doing volunteer work. We've been fixing kind of apron and the parking and some of those things. So that adopt a park agreement is off to a really good start.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Andres.

DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES: {Absent}

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Blankenship.

DIRECTOR KELLY BLANKENSHIP: No thank you.

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

CYNTHIA DALEY: 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. Burns. A voice vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

LEGISLATION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Robertson, Bill 25-035.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 25-035 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 25-035.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Mayor to submit an Annual Action Plan for PY 2025 indicating proposed uses for the City's 2025 Community Development Block Grant Funds under the provisions of Public Law 93-383, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

ACTION PLAN – 2025 CDBG FUNDS

BY: MISS ROBERTSON

BILL #25-035

ORDINANCE: 25-047

Authorizing the Mayor to submit an Annual Action Plan for PY 2025 indicating proposed uses for the City's 2025 Community Development Block Grant Funds under the provisions of Public Law 93-383, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Robertson that Bill 25-035 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Abstentions: 2 {Diaz & Falquette} Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any discussion on Bill 25-035? Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: This is the CDBG spreadsheet, correct? This is number one? Alright. Mr. Diaz and I annually have been abstained from voting on this. So, I'm only going to comment, if anybody want to make a motion on this, we will let the other four remaining make a motion. A couple of us had talked about the IdeaWorks. And I know the person that put that in. I was a little disappointed they hadn't shown

up or contacted anybody as far as the timeline. And, I've seen that several people had zeroed them out. Now if I understand correctly, the amount of money that's requested, and the amount requested is almost two-million dollars and we're going to get less than half of that probably. So, what we usually do is put a number here and then we percentage that of what we actually get.

DIRECTOR ADRIENNE ACKERMAN: the very last column is the percentage of awards that's in red. That's what we are going to approve, is the percentage of the award. Because I have no idea what we are going to receive. And so, it's easier that way. I don't need to come back then to get amounts changed. Does that make sense?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Yes. And I guess so where I was going, my rabbit hole that I'm crawling down in to, the amount by the time this got averaged out is small is probably going to be cut at least in half, don't know how much money comes out. Maybe it just gets zeroed out.

DIRECTOR ADRIENNE ACKERMAN: So, the estimated amount that I use to create this grant was based on what the house had approved early in March which obviously there was a lot still to go from that. But I used that percentage cuts to come up with the seven-hundred and forty estimated for 2025. I figured that was the safest route to go, it may be a little bit more. When it comes to IdeaWorks, I did reach out to them and I said, "Hey, based on our numbers, based on our estimates, this is approximately what you would receive towards this program. Are you interested in continuing for that amount, does this help you, or would you like to withdraw?" They have a board meeting tomorrow. So, basically however, if we do need to modify that, it doesn't constitute anything substantial. What I would do is equally divide that amongst the other recipients, which is how we have done it in the past. Just split that amongst the remaining which is less than one-hundred dollars apiece. And since that is so minor, I don't have to come back based on what our amendment policy is.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other questions from council? Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Just one question. Is it, assuming the four of us that can vote on it, would vote for it, would that be enough to get it through tonight?

DIRECTOR ADRIENNE ACKERMAN: It will not pass as an emergency, in that case. I am still able to publish it in public comment period because it does pass. So, that still keeps me on my timeline which I still anticipate that getting delayed because we don't even have amounts yet, so normally they'll put something out around this time when their delayed saying that it will be due 60 days after the amounts are issued, I think it's normally 60 days. Because it'll put us just pass the May 15th deadline. Home will be ok because they can vote on that.

DELAINE WEINER: So, am I reading that still as declaring an emergency or do we need to amend that to remove that piece off of it?

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, is there any other discussion on Bill 25-035? Hearing none, Miss Robertson.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-035 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Were we up for the vote, because we have to run the two motions to let us off the hook not to vote.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok. Yes, that should be before the other motion. So, do I have a motion for the two not to vote?

DEBORAH MOUNT: Mr. President, I would like to put the motion on the floor to allow the two members with possible conflict of interest to abstain from voting.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded that Councilman Falquette and Councilman Diaz not vote on Bill 25-035. Do we need to do them separate? Law Director.

DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER: Not that I am aware of.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: So, we can do it as one vote?

DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER: I would.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok. One motion will do it. Motion passes 5-0 with one abstention. Ok, now we will go back to Miss Robertson. You want to repeat the motion?

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-035 be placed on the floor for final passage.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-035. Bill Passes 4-2(*Abstentions: Falquette & Diaz*).

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 25-036, Miss Robertson.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-036 be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-036.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Mayor to submit Mansfield's PY 2025 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for PY 2025 Home Investment Partnership Program Funds, and declaring an emergency.

ACTION PLANS – HOME

BY: MISS ROBERTSON

BILL #25-036

ORDINANCE: 25-048

Authorizing the Mayor to submit Mansfield's PY 2025 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for PY 2025 Home Investment Partnership Program Funds, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Robertson that Bill 25-036 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion Bill 25-036? Mr. Falquette. You are about at the end of your quota.

DAVID FALQUETTE: So, I'll admit the bluish-purple section here is probably my fault. And I had moved from the six-hundred thousand dollars in rental development in prior years. I was trying to move it up into down-payment assistance and home buyer development and I thought I was allowed to do that. And maybe I am. But at the same time, I understand that Miss Ackerman doesn't have an active person that could carry the torch forward even if we put money in those areas. Maybe we could talk about that for just a minute and maybe we want to adjust and clean-up the final council approval number at the end.

DIRECTOR ADRIENNE ACKERMAN: So, I will explain the purple. It was just that it was moved into the current year grant. So, I moved that back to prior year funds that we have available. That's the only reason I adjusted those categories. We just didn't move it where I actually have the money available, but I left the amounts all the same there. The down payment assistance program, we worked on that for a couple of years. There were a lot of other programs that started coming out that were \$25,000.00 apiece and they were very extensive. They kind of over-shadowed our program, along with some difficulties. We built that new program up into our new software to hopefully make that easier in the future. And I would like to work some folks through that program. Running tenant-based rental assistances new there. Home-buyer development, rental development, we do get occasional interest there. And the down-payment assistance, it's just one that's been a difficult one due to a lot of the folks that qualify for the program are purchasing homes that don't meet the home standard. So, they do have to still be considered decent, safe and sanitary and it can't have extensive code violations and things like that. But when you're talking about someone that qualifies for the program, they're not buying a perfect house. So, it becomes difficult to get them or their homes approved right now with the cost of purchasing.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Does it make any difference for you if it's in those funds where it can't be used or if it's in the fund where it hasn't been used?

DIRECTOR ADRIENNE ACKERMAN: As far as ...

DEBORAH MOUNT: As far as if it's up there where there is no current program. Down at the bottom is \$600,000 if you left it there. Does it make any difference for you or is it pretty much all stagnant?

DIRECTOR ADRIENNE ACKERMAN: The rental development, the reason that I requested that, was that we were hoping to be able to assist a rental project that may have lost some of their funding or may have some gaps that need to be filled. That was the request there. I don't have that application, I don't have that official request in, that is something I can come back later and say hey we don't quite have enough and we have room in this other program and move it. I am still anticipating requesting those choto funds that you see, the prior year total funds. I think I can request several years of that being moved into our regular funding that I also would like to be able to move towards rental development. Of course, I would question an official request. HUD has already loss some staff, not sure how long that process will really take.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other questions?

DEBORAH MOUNT: I'm sorry, just for clarification. Would it help if we move that back now if the people had allocated it, want to move that back, or do we just wait and see and move it at the time there's a project.

DIRECTOR ADRIENNE ACKERMAN: Honestly, I don't know if that matters, either way. Unless everyone wants to move it, because if three move it, there's really not gonna be enough to run the program. So, that's maybe where we going to run into an issue. It's still going to eventually, I'm gonna have to come back and move it. I mean if someone wants to do that for the sake of the record, that's ok.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other questions on Bill 25-036? I guess we're good. With that, I will call on Miss Robertson.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Mr. Robertson. I move Bill 25-036 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-036. Bill Passes 6-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 25-050.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-050 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 25-050.

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

GRANT – REHABILITATE RUNWAY 14-32

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #25-050

ORDINANCE: 25-049

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

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 25-050 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 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 25-050? Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

DISCUSSION:

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I would also like to thank Mr. Moore again for answering questions and for always being a great representation of the airport. You're out there and you care. Thank you for being here. I move that Bill 25-050 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 25-050. Bill Passes 6-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 25-051.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-051 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 25-051.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into a lease with RH Phillips Trucking Inc. and Fly High-Line, LLC for real estate known as Hangar 524 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

LEASE – HANGER 524

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #25-051

ORDINANCE: 25-050

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into a lease with RH Phillips Trucking Inc. and Fly High-Line, LLC for real estate known as Hangar 524 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 25-051 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 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 25-051? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you. I hope this is a simple yes or no question. Is the tenant well aware that he's close to airplanes to hear, not trucks?

MIKE MOORE: Good question. Yes, they are aware. They are very good tenants.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Very good. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any further discussion on Bill 25-051?

DISCUSSION:

AURELIO DIAZ: And, I'd also like to add if I could, Mr. President. It's been nice the past few years, there has been a lot of enforcements upon the hangers so that they are being properly used for their intention rather than the things that Councilman Falquette mentioned. So again, Mr. Moore, thank you and to our other city employees for that. With that said, I move that Bill 25-051 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-051. Bill Passes 6-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 25-052, Miss Robertson.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-052 be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-052.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a revised contract for the union of The Mansfield City Health District, The Ontario City Health District, and The Richland County General Health District, forming a combined Board of Health under the O.R.C. 3709.07, and declaring an emergency.

CONTRACT – COMBINES BOARD OF HEALTH

BY: MISS ROBERTSON

BILL #25-052

ORDINANCE: 25-051

Authorizing the Mayor to execute a revised contract for the union of The Mansfield City Health District, The Ontario City Health District, and The Richland County General Health District, forming a combined Board of Health under the O.R.C. 3709.07, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Robertson that Bill 25-052 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 Nays: 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 25-052? Hearing none, Miss Robertson.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Sir. I move Bill 25-052 be placed on the floor for final passage.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-052. Bill Passes 6-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 25-053.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-053 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 25-053.

DELAINE WEINER: Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, transite-siding residential structure, with miscellaneous structures (43 Bradford Ave) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMOLITION – 43 BRADFORD AVE

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-053

ORDINANCE: 25-052

Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, transite-siding residential structure, with miscellaneous structures (43 Bradford Ave) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-053 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:6 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 25-053? Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: I hate to ask, but as long as we have Director Ackerman here, we keep going back and forth on timeline. We're always talking about how long, when will we see grass planted on this lot? That's kind of what my measurement stick is. Do you have an estimate? Just answer for both of them.

DIRECTOR ADREIENNE ACKERMAN: These two will be included from the ones from last council meeting. So, that will be coming in the next couple weeks.

DAVID FALQUETTE: We'll have grass planted in the next couple of weeks?

DIRECTOR ADREIENNE ACKERMAN: We'll have grass planted by the end of summer, I would say. We have three months to go.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any discussion on Bill 25-053? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-053 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-053. Bill Passes 6-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 25-054.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-054 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 25-054.

DELAINE WEINER: Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, vinyl-siding residential structure, with no outbuildings (337 Wayne Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMOLITION – 337 WAYNE STREET

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-054

ORDINANCE: 25-053

Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, vinyl-siding residential structure, with no outbuildings (337 Wayne Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-054 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:6 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 25-054? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-054 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-054. Bill Passes 6-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

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

CHERYL MEIER: I wanted to mention real quick, I should have done this in the Parks Committee. May 8th, there's gonna be a clean-up of Middle Park. The Board of Realtors is orchestrating that because their doing a grant for the dis-golf. So, May 8th for Middle Park clean-up, in the morning. I think it's ten o'clock. I know it's morning time though. 9:30am.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Anything else?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Move to close.

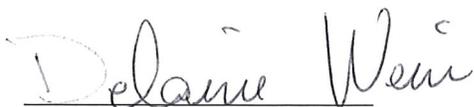
SHARI ROBERTSON: Second

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: We are adjourned. At **7:52pm**, council is closed.

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