

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 15th, 2025**

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on  
Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at **7:59pm** 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:**

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** I do have one person signed up for public comments, Mr. Alomar Davenport. You know the rules.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Good Evening. *Alomar Davenport, 575 Stocking Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44903.* Her to announce a Town Hall that will occur on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at Legacy School. About two weeks ago, there was an incident where the police had to go into the community. That incident caused the attention of the public, and of course there was calls made. And I felt this was an incredible opportunity to do two things. One, to kind of introduce, even though I've been there over a year now, but introduce our new chief to the public. To speak to the community in regards to not the incident that happened, but procedures and protocol in such cases. These meetings that we have are designed to promote positive interaction between the police and the community, to promote positive, I just lost my words, between police and community. And so, at this meeting, there will be questions and answers out to the community to express their concerns. Again, not about the incident, but about protocols and things of that nature to create a better relationship between the police and the community. The second thing that I felt this was an opportunity to do, if you guys recall, a few years ago, my mentor, Mr. Wayne McDowell came up with an idea. Code of Conduct. And, he tasked myself and Lidema Impotko to draft a working document that would be a governing between the police and the community. A guideline on how the community should interact when there contacted by an officer, as well as a guideline for how officers should interact when they contact the public. We do have a new administration, a new mayor when that document was signed. It was a different administration, we have a new mayor, a new safety director, we have a new chief of police. I see this as a new opportunity to reaffirm that code of conduct. Reaffirm that both the community and the administration have a commitment to build and keep a positive relationship between the two. Again, I saw this as an opportunity to do that. Before I leave, I do want to say, typically Chief has been, we have done this several times. I think he knows my attention when we have these is to create a better alignment that protects the community as well as protects the officers. Typically, it's just you and your chief. I do want to commend this administration because Mayor Perry has committed to, we have this, our safety director has committed to being at this meeting. In years pass, and no shots fired here, in years pass it was just the chief. And so, I do want to commend this administration for your willingness to come to the table and have these tough conversations sometimes because tough conversations create better futures and that's what we're trying to do here. So, I invite all of council to come out. You guys are liaisons between the public and the administration. I do believe it is part of your duty to be at these types of conversations. So, Legacy School, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Please do come out.

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Thank you, Mr. Davenport.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*No Committee Reports*

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

**MAYOR JODIE PERRY:** No Sir.

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Director Andres.

**DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES:** Nothing further.

**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**

**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. A voice vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

**LEGISLATION**

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Miss Mount, Bill 25-055.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 25-055 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 25-055.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Amending Section 1335.20 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances concerning the demolition of structures in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

**AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE – SECTION 1335.20**

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-055

ORDINANCE: 25-054

Amending Section 1335.20 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances concerning the demolition of structures in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-055 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 25-055? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-055 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 25-055. Bill Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Mr. Falquette, Bill 25-056.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-056 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 25-056.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Rescinding Ordinance # 20-218 relating to a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement, and declaring an emergency.

**RESCINDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE – #20-218**

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #25-056

ORDINANCE: 25-055

Rescinding Ordinance # 20-218 relating to a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 25-056 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 25-056? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-056 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 25-056. Bill Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Mr. Falquette, Bill 25-057.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-057 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 25-057.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Rescinding Ordinance # 22-172 relating to a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement, and declaring an emergency.

**RESCINDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE – #22-172**

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #25-057

ORDINANCE: 25-056

Rescinding Ordinance # 22-172 relating to a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 25-057 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 25-057? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-057 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 25-057. Bill Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Mr. Falquette, Bill 25-058.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-058 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 25-058.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Rescinding Ordinance # 22-161 relating to a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement, and declaring an emergency.

**RESCINDING ORDINANCE #22-161**

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #25-058

ORDINANCE: 25-057

Rescinding Ordinance # 22-161 relating to a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 25-058 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 want to reiterate one more time appreciation to Blair Thompson, the whole team that reviews these from time to time. Keeping these things up and moving forward. Look forward to more successful ones in the future.

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Any additional comments on Bill 25-058? With that, Mr. Falquette.

*DISCUSSION:*

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Mr. President, thank you. I move that Bill 25-058 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 25-058. Bill Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Alright, Mrs. Meijer, Bill 25-059.

**CHERYL MEIJER:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-059 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 25-059.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Amending Section 24 of Ordinance No. 25-005 adopting personnel positions, pay grades, and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2025 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

**AMENDING SECTION 24 OF ORDINANCE #25-005**

BY: MRS. MEIJER

BILL #25-059

ORDINANCE: 25-058

Amending Section 24 of Ordinance No. 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. Meijer that Bill 25-059 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 for Bill 25-059? Hearing none, Mrs. Meijer.

**CHERYL MEIJER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-059 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 25-059. Bill Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

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**Bill 25-060**  
***(Caucus Only)***

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**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Alright, Mrs. Meijer, Bill 25-061.

**CHERYL MEIJER:** Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-061 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 25-061.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Safety Service Director to purchase one (1) Ford F550 from Montrose Ford (3960 Medina Rd, Akron, Ohio 44333), according to STS pricing contract # RSI025486, in the amount of not exceeding One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$125,000.00).

**PURCHASE – FORD F550 (MONTROSE FORD)**

BY: MRS. MEIJER

BILL #25-061

ORDINANCE: 25-059

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to purchase one (1) Ford F550 from Montrose Ford (3960 Medina Rd, Akron, Ohio 44333), according to STS pricing contract # RSI025486, in the amount of not exceeding One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$125,000.00).

Upon motion by Mrs. Meijer that Bill 25-061 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 on Bill 25-061? Mr. Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. President. A couple of quick questions. Is this vehicle in stock? Is this a complete vehicle and when would we expect to see it in service?

**FIRE CHIEF DAN CROW:** So, the chaise is in stock, the work body that they're putting on is not. It will take hopefully four months. That was the best time they could give us. After that, it will get its graphics put on, and the light bar package and siren and then it will be put in service, hopefully by fall.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Is there any discussion or questions on Bill 25-061? Hearing none, Mrs. Meijer.

**CHERYL MEIJER:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-061 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 25-061. Bill Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Mrs. Burns, Bill 25-062.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-062 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 25-062.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a grant from the Richland County Foundation in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00) to be used for the Summer Fun at North Lake Park Program, and declaring an emergency.

**ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT – NORTH LAKE PARK PROGRAM**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #25-062

ORDINANCE: 25-060

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a grant from the Richland County Foundation in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00) to be used for the Summer Fun at North Lake Park Program, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-062 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 25-062? Mr. Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. President. Once again, just appreciation for the Richland County Foundation and all the people and organizations that support them to support the many projects that they help the city do. This annual park in the program, North Lake Park. A huge thing that the kids get to go to it. Some of us go for one day out the whole summer and read some books to them. Sometimes they fall asleep, some times they pay attention. But it is a fun time. And again, thank you Richland County Foundation.

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** Anything, anyone else, any other comment on Bill 25-062? With that, Mrs. Burns.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. For the record, no one's fallen asleep when I read. I move Bill 25-062 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 25-062. Bill Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT:** That concludes our legislation for this evening. Is there anything else to come before council? We will accept a motion to adjourn.

**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 **8:15pm**, 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.

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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Phil Scott  
President