

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 19th, 2025

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 at 7:21pm in the Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Eleazer Akuchie led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered were present at roll call: Burns, Meier, Akuchie, Daley, Diaz, Mount, 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 a few people here signed up for public comments. When I call your name, please come up here to the table, there's microphones. Tradition is, we give you three minutes to speak. When you come up, please state your name and address please. So, first is Joetta McCruter-Polk.

JOETTA MCCRUTER-POLK: *{563 N. Mulberry Street, Mansfield Ohio}* Hello, Good Evening everyone. My name is Joetta McCruter-Polk. Can you hear me? I cant hear myself. I'm here on behalf of a very prominent church here in the city of Mansfield. It is Providence Missionary Baptist Church. And, this beautiful church wishes, in honor of their late pastor, Verdell Larson, they wish to name the side street beside their church. It's somewhat like a street – alley. They would like to name that after their late pastor. Pastor Verdell Larson pastored that church for about 50 years. And what's so exciting is this church is going to celebrate it's 71st Birthday in October, and they would really like to have the street sign in honor of their late pastor. I believe that Reverend Larson deserves this honor because again he pastored 50 years, but he was a very selfless man. And he contributed a lot, not only to his church, but to the community. One thing that's near and dear to my heart is that he founded the Meals on Wheels at his church and that was able to service the seniors in the community. This street sign will be a beacon of honor, encouragement and stationary reminder that diligence, commitment, love and hard work can be accomplished for anyone that looks up and sees that. Wow, what an honor that would be. I hold in my hand, a petition that people in the community have signed. I think I have about 20 here, but there's probably 40 more people have signed. People in the community who really like to see this done. I brought along some other speakers, if that is okay. Ms. Dwana Larson-Washington who was the daughter of Pastor Larson, Attorney John Allen who was a dear friend of Pastor Larson, and then the present pastor, Pastor Mark Cobb along with another concerned citizen, business person Mr. Talbert Jones. And they are gonna come in that order and have words. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. At this time, we will call up Ms. Washington. Once again, your name and address and three minutes.

DWANA WASHINGTON: *{154 E. 1st Street, Mansfield, Ohio}* I am the eldest child of Pastor Larson. I want you to know he wasn't just a pastor to our church; he was a pastor to everyone who knew him. I remember people would call him in the middle of the night, "Pastor could you come to the hospital and be with me. My son or husband is passing." If someone's child had to go to court, they would call him and

he would go. If they were in jail, right here, he would come up and talk with them. He never turned down anyone. He always, if he couldn't help them personally, then they would be referred to someone that could help them. And just to name a few committees that he was on right here in Mansfield: he was the former president of the Mansfield Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, former president of the NAACP, a member of the Mansfield Minister's Association, was on the Intercity Council of Churches, board member of the Mansfield General Hospital Hospice Program, member of the Mansfield Clergy Disaster Team, Mansfield Human Relations Commission, board member of the Volunteers of America, Richland County Democratic Party-Central and Executive Committee, also worked at the polls for 15-20 years. He was on the Habitat for Humanity committee, member of the unlimited board for the Chamber of Commerce. I could just go on and on and name a lot of boards he was on and I know. I really didn't know exactly how much he really affected this community until after he had passed. I would have so many people come up to me and say, "Pastor Larson married me, or Pastor Larson came to the hospital with me or Pastor Larson paid my rent for me, but he never talked about those types of things. He was very humble man. And, he just did what he did. He was a pillar in the community with a commitment to excellence. He truly believed in helping people. And his famous saying he used to always say, "He wanted to make Mansfield into Godsfeld." When I think about that, this is the verse that comes to mind. I Samuel 2:35 - *And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed forever.* And, I would just love (*crying*) that little street, right next to the church, on the corner of Miller and Sixth Street. No other place in Mansfield, just there. Right there next to the church, where he helped the people and where he pastored at for fifty years. And I can't think of anything that would be more fitting than that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Next, Attorney John Allen.

ATTORNEY JOHN ALLEN: *{unknown address}* Madam Mayor and City Council. I have stood before many juries in my day, but none as intimidating as you all (laughter). We got a couple of smiles out of that. I first met Brother Larson, I called him brother, in 1996. And a group of five pastors asked if I would chairman the Dr. Ralph Bell crusade. Dr. Ralph Bell was Billy Graham's assistant, that if Billy ever got sick, Ralph was the speaker. And so, we began working on this program. Verdell was instrumental in everything that was done. We were able to accumulate probably over 200 churches in the surrounding counties, in Mansfield that joined on this crusade. St. Pete's, which is denominationally different than many of us. But I took on the job as chairman, and I could always count, I had Verdell's phone right there. He was just every time, he was at that. Always doing for the community. I know we began to travel together. We went to Indianapolis, Promise Keepers, to Detroit Michigan Promise Keepers and Washington D.C. And, it was a thrill. And to be able to ride with him on each one of those trips, and just to talk to him about what he's attempting to do here in Mansfield Ohio. He has mentored more young men who were in trouble or getting in trouble, and I just couldn't say enough about that. I became Chairman of the Board at Toccoa Falls College in Georgia and they were affiliated in my denomination and I had the privilege of nominating Verdell Larson for a doctorate, Honorary Doctorate of Divinity. And in 2010, that was awarded to him. He was very ill at the time. And the President of Toccoa Falls College came from Georgia to Verdell's church to give him that award. And I couldn't thank enough the church. I'll never forget, I got to speak at his funeral, because he meant the world to me. My dad's a pastor and I, I just don't know of anybody that worked harder than Verdell Larson for this community. I think this community should honor him with that award. But, when he laid there in his casket, he had his robe on from being his Doctoral

robe and I was very pleased that I could be a part, small part of that. So, I please ask for you to grant that wish on his behalf. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Next, Pastor Mark Cobb.

PASTOR MARK COBB: {49 Davey Avenue, Mansfield Ohio} Good evening to the Council on this evening. I will try to be the shortest (*laughter*). Try to be the shortest. First of all, I thank you for this opportunity that you all have afforded us to at least listen to us and considered what we are asking of you on today. Mine is probably the shortest is because when I think of the Reverend Doctor Verdell Larson, these are the three words that come to mind. He was honorable, he was a community man and thirdly, he was a selfless man. He was honorable because he pastored the Providence Baptist Church, located at 112 West Sixth Street here in the city of Mansfield for 50 long years. Let me the first to say to all of you, it is not easy pastoring. It is not an easy endeavor. I am going on my seventh year, and to think he did it for fifty years kind of makes me want to run down Park Avenue (*laughter*). And so, he's absolutely an honorable man. He was a best friend with late my god-father, many of you all may have known him, Reverend Henry L. Washington. He was sixth ward councilman. They called themselves the "Old Kentucky Boys." And so, I learned a lot from them. They said what they meant, and they meant what they said. And so, I am grateful, first of all, he was an honorable man in pastoring tis amazing church for over fifty years. We did bring a few of our congregants, wave at council. We did bring a few of them so, again we are just grateful and thankful and honored that you all afforded us this opportunity. Second, he was a community man. I did hear the attorney; I did hear others kind of add to the sentiments of the fact that he absolutely wanted young men off the streets. He did not want, even though here we are. On this past week, we had a young man that was killed, this would have burdened his heart. He does not like that. He absolutely tried, with everything within him, to try to make sure that he could alleviate that, that he could detour that. I am an example that is standing before you. I am a prime example that he put work into me. I am so grateful that he, number one did not give up on me, and number two, gave me a second chance. He is also a community man because he opened up the doors of his church. Providence Baptist Church was a voting prescient for years. He afforded wards to come by and they were able to do that. When Martin Luther King came through here, he offered him to be able to grace the pulpit, and so he is absolutely a community man. Lastly, he is a selfless man. We live in a world, you all know, that it is imperative that it would be great if we had more selfless people and not selfish people. And he is absolutely a prime example of a selfless man. Why does Pastor Cobb say that he is selfless man, I say that because he built a church, probably in his eighty's, realizing he was not going to be a beneficiary of enjoying the fruits of his labor. And so, yet he built it anyway because he knew that a Dr. Thomas Hunt was going to come through, he knew that a Pastor Mark Cobb was gonna come through. So, it wasn't about personalism for him, it was about leaving a legacy. And what would world be if we kind of echoed the same sentiment and tried to leave a legacy and not necessarily make it about us. And so, we do employ, we do beseech you on tonight to at least consider, consider our position on honoring him, allowing this street to transpire. It would be beneficial to the community. It would absolutely be an honor to us to have this street named after Reverend Verdell Larson. So, thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: And next we have Mr. Talbert Jones.

TALBERT JONES: *{unknown address}* Honorable Mayor, Mr. President. I never come here (laughter). I've had so many battles up in here, it's ridiculous. And it's really sad when you stop and think about it. But I am the product of Reverend Verdell Larson because when I would get beat up, I would call him and we would have prayer, and he would, one more time just go for it. Show you some examples, we had 188 employees at Community Action when I was honored to be the CEO. And, we did a lot of stuff in this community. We built twelve communities ranging anywhere from 50-60 units each. We bought a bankrupt Mansfield Business College and renovated it. Catholic Charities is using it. That was my old headquarters. We bought the Madison Theater downtown, knocked it over. We developed Harmony House. We developed the Secret Senior Citizens Friendship Center. We did a lot of stuff yall. And we had to fight all the way. Just to give you one example, Mt. Gilead, because my duties were Mansfield-Richland-Morrow. It's not about me, it's about Reverend Larson. But the duties were there. So, what we couldn't do in Mansfield, we did it in Mt. Gilead. We built in a city with 113th the population of Mansfield, Ohio. We built five communities in that city and we built another one in Cardington. The largest one, the most fabulous early childhood operations you'll ever see when you go into Mt. Gilead, Sheriff on the right, it's up on the left, we put the money up to build that together. We did a lot for this community, we had to fight like hell. And now that we are coming up, we're seeing such a lack of investment in our community. I understand the delimiting factors that your faced with, but you know the God I serve, all we had to do was just reach up. Because right now, how are we making it right now? Think we are relying on our government? No, no. We are relying on ourselves. There are people that Rev. Larson touched that are ready to turn this community around. We are ready to deploy the resources, leverage the resources and dollars so that children aren't leaving Mansfield and this be a place to come back and visit, instead of a place to grow, live and thrive. And we are ready to do that. And there is a capable group of us that are ready. And, we want to honor Rev. Larson. I would love for you to, even though I'm not over your council, but I would love for there to be a motion and a second that this matter be addressed and taken care of right now. And Mayor, I'll be giving you a call. I'm back. Dwana, your tears inspired me sitting over there. Old McDonald had a farm. Didn't say whether he was a man or woman, tell Mary I said that, on Mary's porch. And that said to me, hurry up, cut it short, and let's get this thing done. Thank you. *(Clapping in the audience)*. Oh, and by the way, you hired a special prosecutor over me, and you paid for a seven-year forensic audit. And, I want you to know on the front page of the News Journal, it came that we are squeaky clean. We know how to run money, we know how to manage money, we know what we're doing. And we don't want to take a second seat any longer. Rev. Larson, he did not command that of us. We had to march, we had to change administrations, we even boycotted a major institution, they felt the pain of that. We don't want to do that anymore. We want to walk together as partners and as leaders in a community that we all have a stake in growing and making sure this town and this city thrives like it once did. And every since I've been here, it's been a downward, up and down, up and down, more downward than up. And we've got too much going on for ourselves in this city to let it decay like this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok. Are there any committee reports? Okay, Mayor, anything? Any directors?

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee Reports

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: The only thing, I mean I had not been aware of this request before tonight? So, it's definitely something that we would take into consideration and take a look at. Yeah, with legislation and all that...

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: I was going to say, we would have to have legislation...

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Yeah, and I hadn't heard it until tonight, so, but we have heard you...

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Okay. Mr. Falquette?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Saying all that, is there a form to fill out? Is there a request for naming a street form? Or do we just take this information...

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: I think we just take this information and run with it...

DAVID FALQUETTE: Then we could get it done...

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: We can look back. I mean we've done this in the past with Butch and several other ones. So, I don't see any problem when we can't...

DAVID FALQUETTE: We'll get it done.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's probably going through the proper procedures, legislative likewise to get it done. Miss Robertson.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Mr. President. I just want to thank you guys for showing up. I did have the privilege of speaking with Pastor Larson over the years with different things and I understand where you are coming from. And, it takes a lot for you to come in here and for those of you that just showed up for support, thank you for coming. I just wanted say that on behalf of council, thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, I'm sorry. I was facing this way.

AURELIO DIAZ: Well, we got church tonight. I saw the Providence Baptist folk come in, Ms. Rita Shoulders. I was like, "Oh Lord, what did we do?" (*laughter*) I want to echo everyone and Councilwoman Robertson as well. You know, Ms. Washington, hearing your words is a lot different than our phone calls and so I am glad you came up front and communicated how possibly doing this. And I know about two years ago when I was new on council, the last street dedication was for former councilman, Butch Jefferson. And I knew at that time we had different, a different mayor, we've had different council people here, and at that time it was kind of a challenge. It was lightweight challenge to get that happening because there's been tons of request for streets to be dedicated to people who have passed on for various reasons city wide. So, I know we've communicated about that before. But I think, it's very packed full when folks come here, we can humanize the legacy of whom you're talking about for those who never even met him. So, I want to thank you for coming here, but... I was wondering when you texted me, I

was like,” What’s going on here, Ms. Washington?” So, I am glad you are all here. But do know, in the past when we talked this to the administration, we’ve had tons of calls before about things like this. And some families have been respectfully turned away with that. And it was never personal to my knowledge when this happened before. But I think everything’s possible, everything’s possible. So again, it takes a lot of courage to come here. Amen.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: I’m sorry any other comments before I call on administration for any comments? Rev. El?

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thank you Mr. President. Wanna kind of brought out emotions of me, I saw shedding cuz I am one of those that he mentored for so many years when I came into the Mansfield. He was one of the first pastors that welcomed me and let me know that I belong here in Mansfield. I have a lot to say about him, and thank you all for coming. Like mayor, I haven’t heard about this request before, and glad you brought it up this time. We will look into it, and do something about it and not just let it sit. So, thank you for coming and ...

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: And, don’t see any other hands from any other council people. So, Mayor, any comments?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: No.

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: Assistant Law Director Madden.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR DAVID MADDEN: Nothing.

LATE BILLS

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move respect to **Bill 25-137** and **Bill 25-138**, that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that **Bills 25-137 and 25-138**, be allowed on the floor this evening. Seconded by Miss Robertson. A vote was taken and resulted as follows: Aye: 8, Nays: 0.

SUSPEND RULES

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thank you, Mr. President. 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 Miss Robertson. A voice vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: At this point in time, I would except a motion for us to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and the report and recommendation of the Fact Finder in SERB File #24-MED-01-0029.

CHERYL MEIER: I'd like to make a motion to discuss matters into collective bargaining and the report and recommendation of the Fact Finder in SERB File #24-MED-01-0029 and I would like to invite Director May, Human Resource Director to join us. (It was seconded by Miss Robertson)

Roll Call vote was taken: *(Passed 8-0)*

{Executive Session from 7:53pm – 8:34pm}

CHERYL MEIER: I'd like to make a motion that we terminate Executive Session.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded that we terminate Executive Session and come back into general meeting. *(Roll Call vote was taken: (Passed 8-0)*

LEGISLATION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-133.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 25-133 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 25-133.

DELAINE WEINER: To accept and appropriate a donation from Worner Roofing, in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the Mansfield Police Department Neighborhood Impact Section to purchase socks and shoes for their "Back to School Drive".

DONATION – BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE (SOCKS & SHOES)

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-133

ORDINANCE: 25-132

To accept and appropriate a donation from Worner Roofing, in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the Mansfield Police Department Neighborhood Impact Section to purchase socks and shoes for their "Back to School Drive".

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-133 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 25-133? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-133 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 25-133. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Burns, Bill 25-134.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-134 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 25-134.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Finance Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Gorman-Rupp in the amount of One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be used for the Disc Golf Course at Middle Park.

DONATION – GORMAN-RUPP (DISC GOLF COURSE / MIDDLE PARK)

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #25-134

ORDINANCE: 25-133

Authorizing the Finance Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Gorman-Rupp in the amount of One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be used for the Disc Golf Course at Middle Park.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-134 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 25-134? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. And, I don't believe that I said it earlier, but I thank Gorman-Rupp Foundation for their donation. I move that Bill 25-134 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 25-134. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Burns, Bill 25-135.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-135 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 25-135.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to submit an application for funding the 2026 Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project.

FUNDING – '2026 INFLOW & INFILTRATION REDUCTION PROJECT

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #25-135

ORDINANCE: 25-134

Authorizing the Public Works Director to submit an application for funding the 2026 Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-135 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 25-135? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-135 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 25-135. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Burns, Bill 25-136.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-136 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 25-136.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a Military Construction Cooperative Agreement (MCCA) with the National Guard Bureau, concerning the construction of an electrical substation and distribution system to serve the 179th Air National Guard Cyberspace Wing, and declaring an emergency.

MCCA – NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #25-136

ORDINANCE: 25-135

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a Military Construction Cooperative Agreement (MCCA) with the National Guard Bureau, concerning the construction of an electrical substation and distribution system to serve the 179th Air National Guard Cyberspace Wing, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-136 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 25-136? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-136 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 25-136. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-137.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 25-137 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 25-137.

DELAINE WEINER: Acceptance on behalf of the Council of the City of Mansfield, Ohio of the report and recommendation of the fact-finder in SERB File #24-MED-01-0029 with respect to certain issues in

collective bargaining with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local #3088, and declaring an emergency.

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION FACT FINDER – AFSCME, LOCAL #3088

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-137

ORDINANCE: 25-136

Acceptance on behalf of the Council of the City of Mansfield, Ohio of the report and recommendation of the fact-finder in SERB File #24-MED-01-0029 with respect to certain issues in collective bargaining with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local #3088, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-137 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 25-137? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-137 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 25-137. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-138.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 25-138 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 25-138.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Mayor, Safety-Service Director, Public Works Director and Human Resources Director to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local #3088, and declaring an emergency.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – AFSCME, LOCAL #3088

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-138

ORDINANCE: 25-137

Authorizing the Mayor, Safety-Service Director, Public Works Director and Human Resources Director to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local #3088, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-138 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 25-138? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: I just want to note we got the leadership of the AFSCME in the back, and we appreciate all your work on this. I know it was long process, but we certainly appreciate where we got and I think hopefully as in collective bargaining, both sides got things that are useful to us. So, we look forward to continue to work with you positively.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Okay. I'm sorry. Any other discussion on Bill 25-138? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-138 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 25-138. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: That concludes our legislation...

DAVID FALUETTE: Mr. President? The chair of the Economic Development Committee would like to make a motion that Mansfield City Council enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase of real property for public purposes, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(2). (It was seconded by Miss Robertson)

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded that we go into Executive Session.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Mr. President. I want to request that Mr. Bianchi attend that as well. Roll Call vote was taken: (*Passed 8-0*)

{Executive Session from 7:53pm – 8:34pm}

DAVID FALQUETTE: Mr. President, I move that we close Executive Session and return to regular session.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded that we adjourn Executive Session and come back into regular session. *(Roll Call vote was taken: (Passed 8-0))*
Is there anything else to come before council this evening?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Move to close.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second

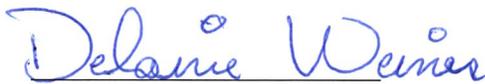
PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded we adjourn. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

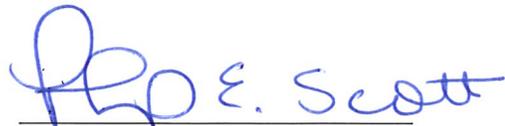
PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: We are adjourned. At 9:09pm, council is closed.

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