

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 5th, 2025

Streets Committee - 6:20pm
Safety Committee - 6:35pm
Public Hearing - 6:45pm

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, August 5th, 2025 at 8:13pm 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: Meier, Akuchie, Daley, Diaz, Mount, Robertson, and Temporary President Burns. {*Absent: Falquette and President Scott Pass 7-0*}

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee Reports

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Mayor, is there anything else you would like to add?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: No Ma'am.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Director Andres.

DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES: No.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Director Converse.

DIRECTOR KELLY CONVERSE: No thank you.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Director Porch.

DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH: No Ma'am.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Director Harper.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR MADDEN: Nothing additional, thank you.

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 Miss Robertson. A vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

LEGISLATION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: We will now proceed with legislation. Bill 25-119.

LAURA BURNS: I move with respect to Bill 25-119 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: The clerk will now read Bill 25-119.

DELAINE WEINER: To honor Ray Peterson's legacy and recognize his contributions to the community by naming the baseball field at Liberty Park in his honor. WHEREAS, Ray Peterson is a local baseball legend. He graduated from Madison High School in 1959. During his time at Madison, he was recognized as an All-Ohio Baseball Player and is now enshrined in the Madison Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of his athletic excellence and achievements. Ray Peterson went on to be drafted by the Detroit Tigers at the age of Seventeen, before electing to attend the Ohio State University. Mr. Peterson remained committed to the Sport of Baseball and to the youth of our community, coaching the McVey Post American Legion Baseball Team for 30 years. Ray Peterson has been a beloved figure in our community and a local baseball legend, he inspired generations of athletes by his coaching and led by example, leaving a lasting contribution to the development of youth sports in our community.

HONORING – RAY PETERSON (LEGACY)

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #25-119

ORDINANCE: 25-118

Amending Section 355.01, of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances, “Off-Street Parking”, and, declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-119 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Is there any discussion on Bill 25-119? Hearing none, I will move that Bill 25-119 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will pass their vote for Bill 25-119. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Bill 25-120. I move that Bill 25-120 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: The clerk will now read Bill 25-120.

DELAINE WEINER Authorizing the Finance Director to accept and appropriate a grant from the Mansfield Board of Realtors in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,500.00) to be used for the Disc Golf Course at Middle Park.

GRANT – MANSFIELD BOARD OF REALTORS

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #25-120

ORDINANCE: 25-119

Amending Section 355.01, of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances, “Off-Street Parking”, and, declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-120 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Is there any discussion on Bill 25-120? Hearing none, I will move that Bill 25-120 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: And council will now cast their vote for final passage of Bill 25-120. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Moving on, Bill 25-121. I move that Bill 25-121 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: The clerk will now read Bill 25-121.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Finance Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Bay World Manufacturing in the amount of One Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$100.00) to be used for the Flag Football Program.

DONATION – BAY WORLD MAUFACTURING

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #25-121

ORDINANCE: 25-120

Amending Section 355.01, of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances, “Off-Street Parking”, and, declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-121 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Is there any discussion on Bill 25-121? Hearing none, I will move that Bill 25-121 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will now cast their vote for the final passage of Bill 25-121. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Bill 25-122. I move that Bill 25-122 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: The clerk will now read Bill 25-122.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Finance Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Village Care LLC in the amount of Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00) to be used for the Flag Football Program and Youth Sports.

DONATION – VILLAGE CARE LLC

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #25-122

ORDINANCE: 25-121

Amending Section 355.01, of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances, “Off-Street Parking”, and, declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-122 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Is there any discussion on Bill 25-122? Hearing none, I move that Bill 25-122 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will now cast their vote for the final passage of Bill 25-122. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Last one and other people can do some talking, Bill 25-123. I move that Bill 25-123 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: The clerk will please read Bill 25-123.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Finance Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Synergy Properties in the amount of Five Hundred Sixty and 00/100 dollars (\$560.00) to be used for the Flag Football Program.

DONATION – SYNERGY PROPERTIES

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #25-123

ORDINANCE: 25-122

Amending Section 355.01, of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances, “Off-Street Parking”, and, declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-123 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Do we have any discussion on Bill 25-123? Yes, Mr. Akuchie.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thank you Madam President. I just want to say 120, 121, 122 and 123. Thank all of the members of the committee of the city that is stepping up so much and supporting activities which is impressive and I want to thank them and look forward to more support from all the members of our society.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Thank you sir. Any other discussion? Alright, I move that Bill 25-123 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will now cast their vote for Bill 25-123. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-124.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Madam President. I move that Bill 25-124 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: The clerk will now read Bill 25-124.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate an EMS Equipment Grant in the amount of Two Thousand Seven Hundred seven and 74/100 Dollars (\$2,707.74) from the Ohio Department of Public Safety-Emergency Medical Services Division to be used for EMS Equipment in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

EMS EQUIPMENT GRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-124

ORDINANCE: 25-123

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate an EMS Equipment Grant in the amount of Two Thousand Seven Hundred seven and 74/100 Dollars (\$2,707.74) from the Ohio Department of Public Safety-Emergency Medical Services Division to be used for EMS Equipment in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-124 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Do we have any discussion on Bill 25-124? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Ma'am. I move Bill 25-124 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will now cast their vote for final passage of Bill 25-124. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-125.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Madam President. I move that Bill 25-125 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: The clerk will now read Bill 25-125.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Hazardous Materials Training Grant in the amount of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$9,350.00) from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to be used for EMS Hazardous Materials Training in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING GRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-125

ORDINANCE: 25-124

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Hazardous Materials Training Grant in the amount of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$9,350.00) from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to be used for EMS Hazardous Materials Training in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-125 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Is there any discussion on Bill 25-125? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Ma'am. I move Bill 25-125 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will now cast their vote for Bill 25-125. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-126.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Madam President. I that Bill 25-126 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-126.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) Grant in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$75,000.00) from the Ohio Attorney General's Office to be used for the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) Project in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM (DART) GRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-126

ORDINANCE: 25-125

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) Grant in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$75,000.00) from the Ohio Attorney General's Office to be used for the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) Project in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-126 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Any discussion on Bill 25-126? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Ma'am. I move Bill 25-126 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will now cast their vote for Bill 25-126. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-127.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Ma'am. I move that to Bill 25-127 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-127.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Violent Crime Reduction Grant in the amount of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Four and

50/100 Dollars (\$141,424.50) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used to continue the City's License Plate Reader Program in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

VIOLANT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-127

ORDINANCE: 25-126

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Violent Crime Reduction Grant in the amount of One Hundred Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Four and 50/100 Dollars (\$141,424.50) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used to continue the City's License Plate Reader Program in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-127 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Do we have any discussion on Bill 25-127? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Ma'am. I move Bill 25-127 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will now cast their vote for Bill 25-127. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-128.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Madam President. I move with respect to Bill 25-128 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: The clerk will now read Bill 25-128.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant in the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Two and 50/100 Dollars (\$22,752.50) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used to reduce violence in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN) GRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant in the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Two and 50/100 Dollars (\$22,752.50) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used to reduce violence in the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-128 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Do we any discussion on Bill 25-128? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Ma'am. I move Bill 25-128 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will now cast their vote for Bill 25-128. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-129.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Madam President. I move with respect to Bill 25-129 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: The clerk will now read Bill 25-129.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Family Violence Grant in the amount of Forty-Nine Thousand Eighty-Nine and 86/100 Dollars (\$49,089.86) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used to for a Family Violence Liaison Officer, and declaring an emergency.

FAMILY VIOLENCE GRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Family Violence Grant in the amount of Forty-Nine Thousand Eighty-Nine and 86/100 Dollars (\$49,089.86) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used to for a Family Violence Liaison Officer, and declaring an emergency. Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-129 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Is there any discussion on Bill 25-129? Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Just to echo my colleagues. Thank you to the employees and staff that worked to get these grants and bring in all these funds. It is helping the whole city and thank you.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Alright, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you. I move Bill 25-129 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will now cast their vote for Bill 25-129. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Mr. Diaz, Bill 25-130.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Madam President. I move that Bill 25-130 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-130.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Levying special assessments for the improvement of Glenwood Boulevard and Parkwood Boulevard by sprinkling, mowing, sweeping, cleaning, etc., the grass plots or lawn strips in the middle of said boulevards, and declaring an emergency.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS – GLENWOOD/PARKWOOD BLVDS

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #25-130

ORDINANCE: 25-129

Levying special assessments for the improvement of Glenwood Boulevard and Parkwood Boulevard by sprinkling, mowing, sweeping, cleaning, etc., the grass plots or lawn strips in the middle of said boulevards, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 25-130 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Do we have any discussion on Bill 25-130? Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Madam President. I move that Bill 25-130 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: And council will now cast their vote for Bill 25-130. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Miss Mount, Bill 25-131.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Madam President. I move that to Bill 25-131 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-131.

DELAINE WEINER: Amending the Zoning Districts Map of the City of Mansfield, Ohio (Ordinance #04-208) to rezone two parcels located at and around the intersection of Paddock Drive and Longview Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio, from Zoning Classification MH (Mobile Home) to MF (Multi-Family) Classification, and declaring an emergency.

AMENDING ZONING DISTRICTS – ORDINANCE #04-208

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-131

ORDINANCE: 25-130

Amending the Zoning Districts Map of the City of Mansfield, Ohio (Ordinance #04-208) to rezone two parcels located at and around the intersection of Paddock Drive and Longview Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio, from Zoning Classification MH (Mobile Home) to MF (Multi-Family) Classification, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-131 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 0 Nays: 7

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

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Is there any discussion on Bill 25-131?

ANTOINETTE DALEY: I do have a question. Was this approved by the Planning Committee?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: It was recommended from Planning Commission. Yes.

ANTOINETTE DALEY: Even they know of the wetland issues, they approved it?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: So, they're aware that it was in the flood zone. Yes, but their approval would not dictate what could and could not be built on...

ANTOINETTE DALEY: It would be the developer? Would have to put certain infrastructure in place to prevent such kind of ... and also, Codes and Permits would have to enforce that, right?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Yes. So, there would be storm water, they would have to get a storm water permit to build on it. And then, they would also have to get regular permits to build on it. So, the rezone itself was, is just allowing different types of housing.

ANTOINETTE DALEY: Instead of mobile homes, it would be like apartments. Basically, what is at Benton Street where I live. Ok, thank you.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: I haven't really voiced an opinion here. So, I guess, it's my concern is the same that everyone else has I think is that we've heard an awful lot of opinions and I think there was a lot of missed information that was out this evening. The residents came, not having the full story. However, we have the full story and we don't know the full story. We don't know what the developer is intending to do or what the land owner is intending to do with the land. So, I guess that is my biggest concern, not knowing what it could be if we change it. We're opening a can of worms, potentially opening a can of worms. So, that is just my opinion.

ANTOINETTE DALEY: But, one question. If we change it to multi-family, it has to be for multi-family, correct? Can they ... they have to ask for rezoning it for something other if that were the case?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: They, I believe you would still be able to put lesser residential there, because multi-family would be the most permissive residential. So, yes. But if they wanted to make it commercial, or anything that would be that significant of a change, they would have to come back before.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Madam President. I guess my concerns, and being on, you know I had a brief stand on City Planning Commission and I can tell you that if it sold 'as is and the owners wanted to do something, then they would come back to City Planning Commission and say I bought this, correct? And you could rezone or does it stay with that now?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: They would have to go through a rezone. I'm sorry. So, if you say no tonight...

SHARI ROBERTSON: Yes, and say another developer comes in, and they would have to ... And we have seen that at City Planning, where people have bought plots that were zoned for industrial or whatever it may be and then they bought it with the intent of rezoning it, and then they come to City Planning and that's where you get, you know what's going in there. And you get an idea with it. As I voiced before, my concern is like many, where not sure what we're voting to go in there. It could be someone that could say if we would pass it, they could say, "I'm going to put single-family homes in there." They could do that too, but we don't know. And the concerns that were voiced I think we're very valid by the neighborhood in some areas.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Councilwoman Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Question, not sure if it's for the Law Department or Administration. Does it make a difference, time frame wise, if it was voted yes, no or tabled? Can either the same owner if he identifies a specific project or a new owner if he was to sell, bring it back right away and ask for a different zoning? Or is there some amount of time that would have to lapse before it can be rezoned again?

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR DAVID MADDEN: I am not aware of a waiting period between zoning change request. I can check into it, but I am not aware. There might be a thirty-day period or something but I'm not aware...

DEBORAH MOUNT: Ok. It's not like two years or anything long. Ok.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR DAVID MADDEN: That is correct.

DEBORAH MOUNT: So, whichever way the vote went, it could be reintroduced relatively quickly if a project was identified by whomever.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR DAVID MADDEN: Those can be notice requirements. It would take a while to get that rolling forward as we kind of saw tonight. But, yes.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: I just wanna say, I do want to characterize that the conversation at Planning Commission was largely around the fact that as mobile home currently, it is quiet, they have options of what they can do. I mean, I wanted to make clear to people tonight that they had, you know, whichever way council goes, if you were to vote it down, it doesn't mean something isn't going to go in there. And that was more the conversation at Planning Commission. Their neighboring residences, which you heard tonight, are zoned mobile home residential. The land is currently zoned mobile home. Taking it, multi-family isn't necessarily that far out of that stretch to be fair, for sure. That was just the overriding. Yes, the Planning Commission wasn't saying, "Yes, we need this here." When we're looking at it, we don't see a big difference. So, but there was just a couple of residents there that day.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Councilwoman Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: And overall, I feel that the zoning to multi-family is a good fit for that area. But I also feel it based on public sentiment, we would be better off having an identified project before we change it.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Any other discussion? Councilwoman Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Madam President. I move that we suspend with further readings and bring Bill 25-131 for final vote tonight.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will now cast their vote for Bill 25-131. Bill Fails 0-7. *{all council voted no}*

END OF DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Miss Robertson, Bill 25-132.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Madam President. I move that Bill 25-132 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-132.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Annual request authorizing the Director of Finance to make transfers, among the City's appropriated funds by classification within departments and sub departments, necessary to balance accounts for proper accounting purposes at year-end (as of December 31, 2025), and declaring an emergency.

MAKING TRANSFERS – CITY'S APPROPRIATED FUNDS

BY: MISS ROBERTSON

BILL #25-132

ORDINANCE: 25-131

Annual request authorizing the Director of Finance to make transfers, among the City's appropriated funds by classification within departments and sub departments, necessary to balance accounts for proper accounting purposes at year-end (as of December 31, 2025), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Robertson that Bill 25-132 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Meier. 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.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Is there any discussion on Bill 25-132? Hearing none, Mr. Robertson.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Madam President. I move Bill 25-132 be placed on the floor for final passage.

CHERYL MEIER: Second.

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Council will now cast your vote for Bill 25-132. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Is there anything else to come before council this evening?

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Move to close.

CHERYL MEIER: Second

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: It's been moved and seconded to close. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: We are adjourned. At 8:41pm, council is closed. Have a good night, everyone.

END OF DISCUSSION

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mr. Akuchie, seconded by Mrs. Meier, and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.



Delaine Weiner
Clerk of Council



Laura Burns
Temporary President

Public Hearing
Tuesday, August 5th, 2025
Time: 6:45pm

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Alright. Everybody, thank you for coming. It's not often that we get to be in a public hearing with these many attendees. This is great. Thank you for being involved. Ok, so one thing we are going to request, our mics are not working. So, we are going to request that you are quiet while people are speaking so that we can hear everything, and so that the rest of the audience can hear everything. And we do request that any comments that you make, that we are mindful. I know that things can be challenging and that people can be emotionally charged over incenses like this, but let's be polite while we are speaking as well. Okay, thank you so much and I will now turn it back over to Councilwoman Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Madam President. The public hearing regards Bill 25-131, *Amending the Zoning Districts Map of the City of Mansfield, Ohio (Ordinance #04-208) to rezone two parcels located at and around the intersection of Paddock Drive and Longview Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio, from Zoning Classification MH (Mobile Home) to MF (Multi-Family) Classification, and declaring an emergency.* So, for this public hearing the members of the public is for you guys to have your input, and we'll ask whoever is interested in speaking, one at a time, come up to the desk here, state your name and address for the record and you will have three minutes. So, I will let you know when you are at fifteen seconds.

ROBERT JOHNSON: {1251 Caldwell Street, Mansfield OH 44906} Ok. Hello, my name is Robert Johnson. I was here on the first meeting. And I had a disagreement. I don't feel it's right for them to be pushing this in our neighborhood because most of our people in our neighborhood don't want this. Because of government housing. This is government housing and we don't need it over here because it is nothing but money bad spent and the purpose would serve none because the homeless people, that live in government houses, they will always be homeless no matter where they live at, because they will never own nothing, have incentive to have something, or have entitlement to own something. So, you're just making the situation worst, how I feel about it. Now, if this was other housing it would be a different situation. But when you bring the government in, that's a different situation. I got over 200 names of people here who can't come to this because they are sick and elderly people that live in my neighborhood and there a lot of other people who work and stuff and so on that can't be here. But I have their names and they are opposed of this because of many different things. It has a lot to do in our area. We have five streets in our ward, and it's a lot different on this side of the fence. I'm talking about Route #30. Okay? On that side of fourth ward, they don't have to put up with the fair, they don't have to put up with everything that goes on out here in this area. And there's a lot that goes on that we tolerate and the rest of Mansfield don't have to hear it because for these five streets being in the city limits, and we got Madison Township all the way around us except for them five streets. I don't know why these five streets won't keep us in the city over here. Is it because of the fairgrounds, has a lot to do with this? And the fairgrounds brought this up, about the trailer park.

And here we go again about that. You want to bring up the homeless people. You get housing for the homeless people; I think that the city is responsible for the homeless people and should house them. If they need treatment or drug rehabilitation or psychiatric help, I think we got facilities for that. People who don't want to work, or have no intentions to work, there's a place called Court Farmers, Richland County Home, down on Route 545. I think there's plenty of beds out there for people who don't have a place to live...

DEBORAH MOUNT: fifteen seconds...

ROBERT JOHNSON: And, there's a lot of other issues in our neighborhood. We don't need no more trouble out there. It's hard enough as it is. This is a black eye on our neighborhood, I feel like it. Whoever, these 200 hundred names here, for the people, I would like to give this to somebody, to let you know these are the people that oppose to all of this.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Alright, thank you. We will give these to the clerk....

ROBERT JOHNSON: piece that I had, I signed it. I did this on my own intentions. Because, last I was told, I was the only person who had anything to say about this. Because I feel that, I was the only one, very few people was notified about this situation. So, I had to tell my neighborhood and my community. Thank you.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Ok. Sir, if you would like to come forward and state your name and address.

MICHAEL THIEL: {1160 N. Old State Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015} My name id Michael Thiel. I am the owner of the property. So, the property, I believe there may be some confusion regarding the intentions of the property by Mr. Johnson. It's not approved for government housing or for the homeless. I'm not sure where that confusion came from...

ROBERT JOHNSON: Well, nobody said...

***UNKNOWN CITIZEN*:** It's on the sign, I have a picture of it...

DEBORAH MOUNT: He has his three minutes, so let's let him...

AURELIO DIAZ: Please be respectful and let him speak...

MICHAEL THIEL: So, currently it's zoned as a mobile home park. And has been, was part of the mobile home park, it's adjacent to it to the south. There was 80 acres, 40 acres is already developed as a mobile home, and the 40 acres that I own was part of that, has been separated out. I've had discussions with Adrian Ackerman and some of the development people. There was a housing study done in '2023, that I think the City of Mansfield, Richland County was involved with. There's a housing shortage within Richland County, and that there is an excess of mobile homes within and mobile home parks within Richland County. And, we had a meeting, a zoom meting with the development director, Adrian Ackerman, the utilities director and that was kind of the path we led down. There are utilities available. Utility director let us know off Delph. There's public water and sanitary which would allow for basically whatever you would need there. And most of the access for folks that would be looking to develop that would be off of

Lance Road, not through the development back off Cherokee, Pawnee. Those are side streets that wouldn't be used for any type of development. So, think there may be some confusion as to, sounds like, listening to some confusion, but I am willing to take any questions or you know

UNKNOWN CITIZEN: I have a question sir...

MICHAEL THIEL: Yes Sir...or is it appropriate ... question...answer...

DEBORAH MOUNT: We'll probably have to hold that until the end.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Can I ask a question?

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT LAURA BURNS: Sure.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Go ahead.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Are you planning to sell the property? Because we've gotten some inquiries. So, I guess my concern is if we rezone this, and then you sell the property, someone else comes in and wants to do something else.

MICHAEL THIEL: Correct. And that is what we, when I came to the meeting a few weeks ago. That's what I had let you guys know up front. I'm not a developer. I'm a firefighter, own several rental houses, but I am not a developer. That's not what I am looking to do. I'm looking to sell it to someone to let them develop the property further.

SHARI ROBERTSON: So, based on end you can't say what type of multi-family housing is going to go in there if you're selling it to somebody else once it's rezoned. Correct?

MICHAEL THIEL: Correct...Thank you.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Alright. Whoever's next.

ROBERT BEATTY: {1099 Walker Street, Mansfield Ohio} Thank you for allowing me to speak here. I'm the president of the Roseland Neighborhood Watch. I'm a show this right here of the layout that I use in my meeting. Okay? And this right here, where this blue is, is where they are talking about, over by Delph. And, a lot of the people that are complaining is living around this area right here. A lot of this over here, Roseland, where it's been said in regards to the petition about sex offenders, about immigrants, about just more crime apparently all kinds of stuff. Anyway, the petition that was sent out was misleading to a lot of people, because a lot of people do not know exactly what is going in here. A lot of people, as he has just come up here and said, there's a lot of things that people did not understand. They were told one thing, and it ended up being something different. So, this right here, is mainly what we are talking about right here. And the thing of it is, is that several of these residents became retaliating against all this stuff because the fact that city codes came in and they went ahead and gave them some violations of some things that were being done wrong on the property. Well, then they turn around and they got defensive about it, and now this whole topic comes up here. Now everybody wants to come out of the woods and say something. Okay. I would love, many people that live over here would love to have woods where you have the deer come out and things like that. You know, but the bottom line is this. Is this right here, is what's at topic right now. And everybody that I believe

that is here is just wanting to try to get an understanding exactly what is going on with these woods over here. Because right now at this point, just sit and listen to everybody and nobody still knows what is going on. I mean nobody seems to still know what is actually going in there. When's it going to be done. I mean all this stuff. I mean they have a right to know. But like the petition, obviously your name was placed on there. And, I called you up and you had no idea what was going on. You don't even know Mr. Johnson, okay? So, and also just to note, 200-hundred signatures minus one, because my roommate happen to sign it and he didn't have all the details. So, it's 199. So, other than that, this is what we are talking about here. Thank you.

UNKNOWN CITIZEN: Sir, could you turn that around and show the rest of us?

ROBERT BEATTY: Sure.

UNKNOWN CITIZEN: Okay. Point out what you're talking about.

ROBERT BEATTY: Right here. The wood area...

UNKNOWN CITIZEN: On Longview...

ROBERT BEATTY: No. This is Delph, right here. All the woods that goes from here all the way up to here, which is Pawnee, right here. That 's where everybody is talking about.

UNKNOWN CITIZEN: That's where all of us live...

ROBERT BEATTY: I kind of figured that...

UNKNOWN CITIZEN: My question is are you for it, or against it?

ROBERT BEATTY: I'm for trying to find out exactly what is going on...

UNKNOWN CITIZEN: No, are you for it or against it? Cause, you are the neighborhood watch so-called thing...

(Commotion in the crowd)

DEBORAH MOUNT: Also, just for the record, the clerks are going to need everybody who is talking to sign in, write their name and address so that they have that for the record. So, sir, if you could go ahead and state your name and address...

CHARLES PEAK: {1175 Caldwell Street, Mansfield Ohio} I am one of the ones that he says lives by that. It isn't just because we want the woods. We don't want the trailer court to do nothing because that trailer park has been a blight on us every since it's been there. Their sewer backs up, floods the, I got people, I can show you people the sewer polluted the creek down there. Killed all kinds of wildlife because we didn't have the right sewer and stuff. So, they're not gonna get the right sewer again because, now that's gonna take from us. And we don't got good sewer pipes, we're all gonna get messed with then. Now, we're gonna try to feed these people down here so he can make a bunch of money? Ain't gon' happen. This ain't gon' happen. Whether the neighborhood watch likes it or not. You can see these people don't like it. And that's who you better listen to, because that's who votes.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Alright. Whoever is next. Come forward. State your name and address and you have three minutes...

VINCE STORMS: *{1114 Pawnee Avenue, Mansfield Ohio}* My name is Vince Storms. I live on 1114 Pawnee Avenue. We've been out there for about thirty-one years now. And I would greatly appreciate it if you guys don't allow nothing like that to go on because too much traffic as there is. We got a lot of rentals in the area, people up and down, lot of kids in the area. We don't need that traffic for one thing, and I don't think we need the traffic from the apartments as well. We need to keep our kids safe too. And you got to ask yourself, would you want that in your backyard? We don't want it, okay? And I appreciate you guys listening. Thank you. And I don't know what the requirements are for notifying people, but we never got no letter. If that means anything to anybody. I don't know if you had to notify everybody, notify a percentage of them, but we wasn't notified.

CLERK DELAINE WEINER: Yeah, when we do the rezones, it goes into the News Journal and it's posted twice. Which I know a lot of people don't get the News Journal. Codes and Permits also goes out and puts up signs, and they have upgraded their signs so they are much bigger to be able to be seen. That's how they are notified for that.

VINCE STORMS: Well, we'd appreciate it if you'd give us some more consideration and don't do that, okay? Thank you.

MICHAEL THIEL: Am I able to say something? I did speak to Mr. Milliron in regards to the sign when I was informed about it. And he told me that he didn't understand why they didn't go out. And I will say one thing though for them, that they finally did put one sign out, but that was the only sign, other than the two that got delivered there was no other signs put up.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Okay, who's next? You want to come forward. Name, address and if you could sign in as well. Three minutes.

SHERRY MADDEN: *{1242 Wyandotte Avenue, Mansfield Ohio}* Ok. I live right beside the road he's talking about. It's about 15-20 feet from my front porch...

DEBORAH MOUNT: Could you tell us your name and address please...

SHERRY MADDEN: Sherry Madden. 1242 Wyandotte Avenue. I received a letter. Only me and one other person in that whole neighborhood received a letter, that was it. Two letters. I called; the meeting was supposed to be June 23rd, 2025. I got my letter on July 15th, 2025. So, when I called, they said, "Well, we're going to be doing another meeting which is today. Everybody should have gotten a letter." I said, "Well no one got a letter." And I told him where we lived. And he said, "Well, there's signs posted down Lance Street." Well, I went down Lance Street. I have pictures, there's one sign-it was back in the woods, you could barely see it. So, I went home and I called him and I told him. His name was on the letter, forget what his name was. John somebody. And he said, "Well, they also posted them on Delph." Well, that's where we all live. So, we went on Delph. It was one sign, back in the woods. So, you know, they're trying to pull some shady stuff here it sounds like. Like, we all live here. Nobody doesn't want these roads connecting to our streets. Like I said, if they bring a road from Delph to Longview,

that is front of all of our houses, about fifteen feet from our houses. We don't want that out there. We don't want, everybody out there in that neighborhood works, they're not lazy, they own their own homes. We don't want government housing out there. We don't want people out there that are too lazy, don't want to work. They want free everything. Let him move it to his neighborhood. Cause, we don't want it here. I mean it's ridiculous. Thank you.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you. Who's next? Somebody else would like to ...

BOBBY CAUDILL: *{1240 Pawnee Avenue, Mansfield Ohio}* Good Evening, everybody. My name is Bobby Caudill. I live at 1240 Pawnee Avenue. Never been to anything like this so if you could bear with me a second. I do wanna just kinda get away from everything that's going on. There's a narrative that there's like a pitch-fork mob in here right now and I don't want that vibe right now. Let me just paint this picture for you. My parents, I watched them work their entire lives, day in day out. They're in their retirement years now in the same home that I grew up in, that they 've lived in their entire lives married. They walk out their back door and there is woods. It's peaceful. And they have that and worked for that their entire lives, and it's about to be ripped away. That's all I have to say. So, if you could just keep stuff like that in mind, and I'm sure they are not the only married couple that going through that right now. So, that's why I'm here. Because my parents have sacrificed for me. So, if I don't at least say something, I'm gonna feel awful about it. So, please don't allow this to go through. Thank you.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you.

TELESA SUNDERLAND: *{1243 Wyandotte Avenue, Mansfield Ohio}* My name is Telesa Sunderland. I live at 1243 Wyandotte Avenue, at the dead end. I've lived there for forty-one years. I raised my family there. I'm a widow, and I live there alone right now. I have grandkids that come and visit. They play in the yards, and we do not need nothing like this in our area. And, I didn't receive a letter. You know how I found out? FACEBOOK. Somebody posted on Facebook. Otherwise, I would have never known. Okay, my question is why didn't everybody get letters? Who was required to send them out? You know? I would have never known about tonight if I hadn't seen it. And, I just think everything is trying to be hush-hush, secret. Till we get everything passed. But, it's not gonna work that way. I'm sorry. So please consider us that have lived there forever. We raised our family there; we have grandkids that come and visit and we do not need it. We actually just got the trailer park straightened up enough that we don't have all that garbage cutting through our neighborhood because that's what we've had the past forty years. They run through our yards; you know. They steal. They throw garbage down. They just now cleaned that up, so we're not dealing with that still. So, please consider us.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Okay...

GARY CAUDILL: *{1240 Pawnee Avenue, Mansfield Ohio}* My name is Gary Caudill. I live at 1240 Pawnee Avenue. And, I'm really concerned whether the infrastructure out there could even support what there wanting to put in there. My brother lives at the house, at 836 Delph, and he had constant sewage back-up in his basement to the point that they finally had to move out because it was unsafe to be there. My dad lived at; we built a house at 1244 Pawnee Avenue. He had the same problem with sewage back-up into his basement. So, I don't know how the infrastructure in

place there now could support more housing when it barely supports what we already have there. So, I'm really concerned about that because, I say I'm two houses away from Delph. So, I'm right there. I have a basement and I have real concerns about that part of it.

HANNAH ELLIS: {1213 Seminole Avenue, Mansfield Ohio} Hi. I'm Hannah Ellis. I live at 1213 Seminole Avenue on the dead-end side. I have concerns. Right now, our neighborhood is quiet. We can let our kids ride their bikes on the roads. Everybody that lives there knows to watch out for the kids. Everybody there does the speed limit, except on Pawnee up closer to Trimble. I have spoke to Mayor Jodie about Pawnee flooding, which is the simple rain to the point that it floods our yard. So, my question is; is A, what is this going to do for the wildlife that lives in those woods? Cause I grew up in that trailer park from '2000 to '2012, and then bought my house on Seminole. I grew up in this neighborhood. I grew up running those woods, riding my bike through the trails. And right now, like I said, our neighborhood is quiet. The developer, the person who owns it flat out said he can't guarantee what it's going to be developed into. Because he just wants to sell it. Which is fine, but if you can't guarantee what's going to move in there, how are we supposed to feel safe and secure about it and we don't know what's coming in? What about the wildlife? What about the traffic? And like he said, the infrastructure? Trimble is already a backed-up mess. The light on Trimble and Route 30, can't support what we have now. I mean it backs up all the way to Route 39. Like, and I'm sorry and I get it, you want to bring this in. Bring it to your neighborhood. If you wouldn't put it in your back yard and your neighborhood, don't bring it to ours. It is quiet. It is peaceful. It's one week in a year that it's not so quiet, that is when the fair is in town and it lasts a week. And a weekend when it's not so quiet. When the fair rents out to "Ink and a Clink" (Ink-Carceration). But for the majority of the time, it is quiet. The crime in our area has cut down significantly from when I was younger. Now, I'm not saying that bringing it, developing it and turning it into houses is automatically going to increase the crime. So, consider those who live there, pay their taxes there and have to stay there. Because we are the only five roads that aren't a part of Madison Township. Thank you.

RENEE KASH: {1159 Walker St, Mansfield Ohio} My name is Renee Kash, and I'm here on behalf of my father. He lives at 1159 Walker Street; he grew up there. He also owns 1160 Walker Street and a couple of the empty lots. Kids play there, they go there every day to play. My mother passed away two years ago; she would be horrified by this because she loved her home. We all love our homes. I'm related to probably 80% of the people in this room right now. We all grew up together. We are worried about drugs. The traffic, again, and the danger to the wildlife. We have a lot of deer that live in our little neighborhood. We have a multitude of deer, different birds. But that's not the only thing. We are more worried about our children. We are worried about the traffic. We are worried about kids getting hurt. And we are worried about drugs. My dad is more worried about the drugs and the property values, of course and the kids of course. Because we have a lot of kids. We have a lot of young families moving into our neighborhood since a lot of people are starting to age now and were concerned for them. My daughter lives just a couple roads down in Ontario, were concerned about that whole area, the property values and the children. Do I need to put my dad's address or mine?

DEBORAH MOUNT: Yours

RENEE KASH: Thank you.

DONALD EDWARDS: {1425 Walker Lake Rd, Mansfield Ohio} I'm Donald Edwards, I live on Walk Lake Road and Lantz. Ok. I'll tell ya how the city works out there. The only time that they mow by the ditch line was for Ink and the fair. When their plowing snow in the winter time, they'll hit all these side roads before they even touch Walker Lake Road. They slide in the ditch out there. And I sure don't want all that in my back yard. I can't even get the city out there now to do their job. I've seen trucks on Lantz Road sit there, City workers, sit there and be there half a day sittin in their truck. I've seen Ohio Edison there too, they ain't the only one. But I shore don't want to this out in my back yard. That trailer park leaked sewage out there into that creek for years. Nobody never checked it. What are they going to do now? Are we going to have the same thing? I know these people don't want it in their back yard or in their front yard. Would you want it in your back yard? No, you wouldn't! You wouldn't want it in your front door either. Thank you.

LAURA LESTER: {1139 Wyandotte Avenue, Mansfield Ohio} As a resident in the small Roseland neighborhood where my family and so many others call "home", we do not want this housing built. Our family has lived in the area for 29 years and our small neighborhood has families that have lived there for years, raised their kids and grandkids there, where everybody knows each other and are somewhat related to each other. We all watch over each other in this neighborhood. With a school and a nursing home facility, we do not need more traffic in the area. The dead-end roads (Seminole Ave, Walker St., Wyandotte Ave, Caldwell Ave, & Pawnee Ave) have been like this for years, and doesn't need to be opened up for building these new homes.

There is other land available elsewhere to build housing, why bring it to our neighborhood? Would any of you council members like this happening to your neighborhood in your own backyard? I would say no. Why try and build this in our backyards? We do not want this to happen. For the safety of all the residents in our neighborhood we do not need this to happen. With crime and other things happening, with this being built, it will probably be worse. This neighborhood is a quiet place where not a lot happens and it should stay that way.

Building the housing here is just asking for trouble. As the saying goes "If it's not broke, don't fix it." Leave our neighborhood alone and find other land to build on. Our neighborhood does not want or need this built in our area. We do not want to feel as if we are being pushed out of our homes for this being built.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Can you also tell us your address?

LAURA LESTER: 1139 Wyandotte Ave, I live on the corner. Across from Crystal Care nursing home.

ANTHONY WHEATON: {1159 Wyandotte Avenue, Mansfield Ohio} Yes, my name is Anthony Wheaton. I'm the administrator at Crystal Care Center of Mansfield, 1159 Wyandotte Ave. I speak pretty much on behalf of the owner, Susan Smith, of that facility. And I would just

say that however you decide to rezone or not rezone, just be aware of the fact there are res...we have 74 beds there. So, there are residents that we want to feel safe, we want them to be comfortable in the neighborhood. So, any decision you make just understand that there are nursing home vulnerable people there. And the owner explicitly asked me to mention that she would be concerned no matter how this process turns out. Anything that would increase the traffic. So, we've been a part of the community for...since 1993 there. And so, in whatever decision you make just be aware that we would not want anything to occur. And I know that's an unknown at this point. We would not want anything to occur that would endanger our residents from walking away from the facility and getting hit. Or anything like that. So, I don't really have a dog in this fight, but I will say that as the administrator of the nursing home, I would be concerned about anything. No matter what might end up being that would jeopardize residents possibly walking into high traffic areas and anything that would jeopardize their safety and security. We love being a part of the neighborhood there. We got a...as a matter of fact I'll take this opportunity to say we have the block party coming up at the nursing home next Saturday, August 16th. So, the neighborhood is always welcome. We always enjoy doing that for the area members of Roseland. So, again, whatever decision you make consider the residents and the staff there. And their safety needs. Thank you.

CYRUS COLLINS: *{1425 Walker Lake Rd., Mansfield Ohio}* I'm Cyrus Collins. I live on 2537 Myers Road but I have grown up at my grandparents' house at 1425 Walker Lake Rd. I learned to ride my bike on Lantz Road because it's a safe road and there's not a lot of traffic anymore. But how will the kids walking to and from school, like she said a moment ago, feel in the neighborhood when these housings are put in. Build side walks for them? Have crossing guards constantly watching out for the public. These are your kids, our kids. Not yours I should say. But is this the time I need to buy my grandparents cameras and install them because the crime rates will increase.



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