

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 16th, 2025

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 at 7:23pm 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: We do have a couple of people signed up for public comments. First is Joetta Polk. As normal, please limit it to three minutes and give your name and address at the mic.

JOETTA MCCRUTER-POLK: *{563 North Mulberry Street, Mansfield, Ohio}* Good evening, everybody. Listen, I am here just to say thank you. To all of City Council, to our mayor for taking an interest and having a heart. For the fine work that the late pastor, Reverend Larson did in the community, for this community. His church, Providence Missionary Baptist Church is here. Let me here you (clapping). And we do honor your pastor and his first lady as well, he will have brief words as well. Thank you, Mayor Perry, and to everyone that came to the table to make this decision to honor the late Rev. Verdell Larson. This church will be celebrating their 71st church anniversary on October 26th, 2025. I'm not going to go any further, I will let Pastor Cobb address that, but thank you, thank you, thank you. And again, church are we not happy? (clapping) And to his beautiful daughter, Miss Dwana Washington, Pastor Cobb. Thank you all so very much.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Pastor Cobb, will you come up please?

PASTOR MARK COBB: *{491 Davey Street, Mansfield Ohio}* My former pastor, Bishop William Morris Jr. is the pastor Shiloh Baptist Church. He would often say, "When people are nice to you, you should reciprocate two words back to them." Those are simply 'Thank you.' And so, let me say to the council, to the mayor, let me say to all of you all, let me say to the greatest church this side of North America. Let me say collectively, corporately, we want to say thank you for your consideration. Thank you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Anything further from the Mayor, Directors?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: I did forget to announce we did set neighborhood Trick-or-Treat this year will be on Thursday, October 30th, 2025 from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. So, that is in accordance with Ontario, Lexington and Bellville – maybe Lucas. So, we all try to work together on that. I was a little afraid to do

it on Halloween with all the high school sports. So, October 30th, 5:30pm-7:00pm, put your porch lights on if you want to participate.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Speaking of porch, Director Porch? *(laughter)*

DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH: Yeah, I forgot to mention. So, it's National IT week. So, I'd like to recognize Huck and his fine team of workers that keep our city running and Heath and Jesse and Shawn. Huck, sometimes Huck, but mostly on this right side does all the hard work. So, thank you guys. I appreciate it. *(clapping)*

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

LEGISLATION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 25-144.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 25-144 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 25-144.

DELAINE WEINER: Adding the name of Reverend Doctor Verdell E. Larson Street, as an honorary recognition of Reverend Doctor Verdell E. Larson's contribution, to the name of Miller Street north of 6th Street.

STREET NAME CHANGE – REV. VERDELL LARSON ST.

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #25-144

ORDINANCE: 25-143

Adding the name of Reverend Doctor Verdell E. Larson Street, as an honorary recognition of Reverend Doctor Verdell E. Larson's contribution, to the name of Miller Street north of 6th Street.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 25-144 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 25-144? Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Just one. I just wanted to clarify that if this bill were to pass tonight how that would look. I know that Mrs. Washington and Mrs. McCruter-Polk, Mayor and I met about a few weeks ago. We talked about since that road doesn't even have up a street sign, we would definitely erect that, in a pole itself and a sign in time enough for the church celebration. I know some people were like 'there is no pole'. We will definitely take care of that. With that being said, I move that Bill 25-144 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 25-144. Bill Passes 8-0. *(applause)*

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-145.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-145 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 25-145.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to pay for nine (9) new hires of the Mansfield Police Department to attend the North Central State College Police Academy, and declaring an emergency.

NCSC – MPD NEW HIRES ATTENDING POLICE ACADEMY

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-145

ORDINANCE: 25-144

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to pay for nine (9) new hires of the Mansfield Police Department to attend the North Central State College Police Academy, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-145 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: Discussion on Bill 25-145? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERLY MEIER: Thank you, Sir. I move Bill 25-145 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 25-145. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-146.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-146 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 25-146.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Mansfield Police Department Grant in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and 77/100 Dollars (\$15,968.77) from the Richland County Foundation to be used for improvements to the Mansfield Police Department Breakroom, and declaring an emergency.

MPD GRANT FROM RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION - BREAKROOM

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-146

ORDINANCE: 25-145

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Mansfield Police Department Grant in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and 77/100 Dollars (\$15,968.77) from the Richland County Foundation to be used for improvements to the Mansfield Police Department Breakroom, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-146 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 25-146? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERLY MEIER: Thank you, Sir. I move that Bill 25-146 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 25-146. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette, Bill 25-147.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-147 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 25-147.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission for the City of Mansfield.

AMOUNTS & RATES BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION – CITY OF MANSFIELD

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #25-147

ORDINANCE: 25-146

Accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission for the City of Mansfield.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 25-147 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 25-147? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DISCUSSION:

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-147 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 25-147. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette, Bill 25-148.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-148 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 25-148.

DELAINE WEINER: Accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission for the City of Mansfield.

AMOUNTS & RATES BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION – MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #25-148

ORDINANCE: 25-147

Accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission for the City of Mansfield.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 25-148 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 25-148? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DISCUSSION:

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-148 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-148. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Burns, Bill 25-149.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-149 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 25-149.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a grant of Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and 00/100 (\$63,890.00) from the Richland County Public Health to be used for improvements at Sterkel, Central, Maple Lake, Prospect, and King Street Parks, and declaring an emergency.

GRANT – IMPROVEMENTS AT STERKEL, CENTRAL, MAPLE LAKE, PROSPECT & KING STREET PARKS

BY: MRS. BURNS

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a grant of Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and 00/100 (\$63,890.00) from the Richland County Public Health to be used for improvements at Sterkel, Central, Maple Lake, Prospect, and King Street Parks, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-149 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 25-149? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-149 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 25-149. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Burns, Bill 25-150.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-150 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 25-150.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a grant of Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 (\$2,175.00) from the Richland County Foundation to be used for the purchase of trash cans at Sterkel Park, and declaring an emergency.

GRANT – PURCHASE OF TRASH CANS AT STERKEL PARK

BY: MRS. BURNS

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a grant of Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 (\$2,175.00) from the Richland County Foundation to be used for the purchase of trash cans at Sterkel Park, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-150 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 25-150? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-150 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 25-150. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there anything else to come before council this evening? If not, I ask for a motion to adjourn.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Move to close.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second

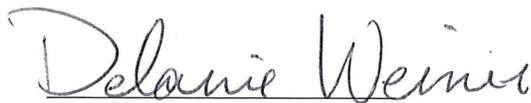
PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded to adjourn. All those in favor say aye.

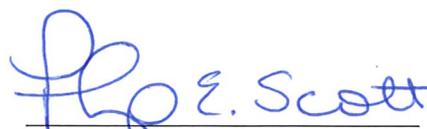
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: We are adjourned. At 7:37pm, council is adjourned.

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