
Council Chamber | Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 So. Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moran called the emergency meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ausburger, Freudmann, Moran, Schurin
Phone: Berthelot, Bruder, Kochenburger, Shaiken
Excused: Fratoni

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rules of Procedure Adjustment

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to revise Rule 2 to allow for electronic participation and to temporarily revise the Town Council Rules of Procedure Rules 3 and 4 to remove Opportunity for Public to Address the Council from the agenda and provides that public participation will be limited to comments received via US Postal Service or electronic mail.

In support of his motion, Mr. Shaiken expressed the importance of following the public health guidelines issued by the State Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control. Mr. Freudmann expressed concern with not allowing the public to be physically present at public meetings.

Mr. Freudmann **moved** and Mr. Ausburger seconded to divide the motion into two parts. Motion to divide **failed** with Mr. Freudmann and Mr. Ausburger in favor and all others against.

Original motion **passed** with all in favor except Mr. Freudmann and Mr. Ausburger who voted against.

2. Update on Town Response to COVID-19

Mr. Carrington gave an extensive oral report by department on the Town's response to COVID-19. Highlights include encouraging staff to work from home if possible, the schools are delivering meals to families and preparing for distance learning, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership is working with

local businesses, municipal buildings are closed to the public, the Town's emergency operations center is open daily, public safety staff are taking many precautions, meetings are being cancelled or held virtually, and parks are open.

3. Town Hall Closed to Public

Mr. Carrington reported that Town Hall is closed to the public. Offices are staffed. Customers may contact staff via phone or email. Matters of an urgent nature are being handled in person by appointment.

4. UCONN Response to COVID-19

Mr. Carrington reported that students will be emptied out of the dorms, commencement has been cancelled, spring athletics have been cancelled, and UConn Health has postponed all elective surgeries. Mr. Schurin reported that classes are being held online.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Moran reminded everyone that in the interest of public health, the public will not be permitted in person at the next council meeting and urged all Councilors to stay at home and call in to the next meeting.

Mr. Schurin **moved** and Mr. Ausburger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 p.m. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor

Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk