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4 So. Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moran called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on GoToMeeting.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Berthelot **moved** and Mr. Schurin seconded to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 regular meeting as presented.

The letter “s” to be removed from “Agreements” under Reports and Comments of Council Members due to a scrivener’s error.

Motion **passed** with all in favor except Mr. Fratoni who abstained.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Nancy Tomastik, Maple Road, requested an amendment to the Town’s Litter Ordinance to prevent bagged advertisements and Yellow Pages from being distributed to residences, citing home security and environmental issues.

5. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER/COVID 19 UPDATE

Interim Town Manager John Carrington presented his written report. The report is available online at www.Mansfieldct.gov and is on file with the Town Clerk.

Mr. Kochenburger **moved** and Mr. Shaiken seconded that we authorize the mayor to send a communication to all businesses in Mansfield that we have on file reminding them that an upcoming migration of individuals into town, some new some returning, and request that they voluntarily consider going back to earlier safety standards that were in existence in phase one.

Councilors discussed and debated the request and the implications of mentioning phase one.

In replacement of his original motion, Mr. Kochenburger **moved** and Ms. Berthelot seconded that we authorize the Mayor to send a letter to all businesses in Mansfield that we can reach reminding them of the migration of many people, some new some others, to the community and to consider voluntarily adopting some of the safety practices they had in the past such as the required use of face masks and one way aisles in stores. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Ms. Berthelot seconded to add an agenda item called Mansfield Letter to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection under New Business immediately following the presentation from UConn. Motion **passed** unanimously.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Moran reported she has been working with CCM and other towns on a request to the State to allow towns to limit the size of gatherings and with Advance CT on economic development opportunities in our region.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. UConn Fall Plan

Representatives from UConn presented their plan for the fall semester in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, answered many Councilor questions regarding the University's testing and surveillance strategies, off-campus student outreach efforts, and the community's concerns with the influx of students, and announced the launch of UConn's Thought Exchange survey regarding the return of students to town.

AA. Mansfield Letter to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)

Mayor Moran discussed the letter requesting DESPP for a waiver to limit and create a permit process for gatherings.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Ms. Berthelot seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter distributed earlier or a similar letter to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection along with other communities across Connecticut.

Mayor Moran said West Hartford requested the letter be clarified to apply to private outdoor gatherings.

Motion **passed** with all in favor except Mr. Fratoni and Mr. Freudmann who voted against.

[Mr. Ausburger left the meeting.]

B. Mansfield Middle School (MMS) Roof Building Project Referral to Planning and Zoning Commission

MMS Roof Building Committee Chair Paul Shapiro and Director of Facilities Allen Corson presented an update on the progress and status of the project.

Mr. Bruder **moved** and Ms. Berthelot seconded to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report in accordance with CGS §8-24, the project to replace the Mansfield Middle School Roof and to include the installation of photovoltaic solar panels at the Mansfield Middle School located at 205 Spring Hill Road, Mansfield.

Mr. Freudmann **moved** and Mr. Fratoni seconded to replace “include” with “consider including.” Motion to amend **failed** with all against except Mr. Fratoni and Mr. Freudmann who voted in favor.

Original motion **passed** unanimously.

C. Historic Restoration Fund Grant for Mansfield Historic Society

Mansfield Historical Society Executive Board Member Bruce Clouette described the grant program, old town hall building and its history, and the building’s moisture and water issues. Acting Director of Public Works Derek Dilaj described the perimeter drainage work needed to keep the basement dry.

Councilors discussed concerns about the long term cost of building maintenance.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Ms. Berthelot seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, effective July 27, 2020, that John C. Carrington, Interim Town Manager, is empowered to execute and to deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and a future contract, if the grant is approved, with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for a Historic Restoration Fund grant.

Motion **passed** with all in favor except Mr. Fratoni, Mr. Freudmann, and Mr. Schurin who voted against.

D. Request for Water Main Easement on Town Owned Property, Baxter Road

Mr. Bruder **moved** and Mr. Shaiken seconded that the Interim Town Manager is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Mansfield a Purchase and Sale Agreement to sell, for no less than \$2,700, the referenced easement,

which will include responsibility for any fire protection charges depending on the final design, to the Willington Property Group, LLC, its successors or assignees and thereafter to execute all necessary documents to close the transaction in accordance with language from the Diversion Permit. Motion **passed** unanimously.

E. Community Sewer Service Agreement – North Frontage, LLC

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Bruder seconded that the council recess as the Town Council and convene as the Mansfield Water Pollution Control Authority. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Ms. Berthelot **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded, effective July 27, 2020, to authorize John Carrington, Interim Town Manager, to execute the attached Community Sewer System Operation and Maintenance Agreement between the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of Mansfield and North Frontage, LLC. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded that the Mansfield Water Pollution Control Authority recess as the Mansfield Water Pollution Control Authority and reconvene as the Town Council. Motion **passed** unanimously.

F. Amendment to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Citizen Participation Plan

Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter introduced and summarized the proposed amendment.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Schurin seconded, effective July 27, 2020, to adopt amendments to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Citizen Participation Plan as further described in the packet for the July 27, 2020 Town Council meeting. Motion **passed** unanimously.

G. Small Cities (Community Development Block Grant) COVID-19 Public Hearing

Mr. Bruder **moved** and Ms. Berthelot seconded, effective July 27, 2020, to schedule a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on August 10, 2020, to solicit public comment regarding a proposed application to the State Department of Housing for funds under the CDBG-CV Small Cities Program. Motion **passed** with all in favor except Mr. Fratoni and Mr. Freudmann who voted against.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder reported that the Committee will meet next month.

10. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to table Petitions, Requests, and Communication and include them in the August 10th packet. Motion **passed** unanimously.

11. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Downtown Storrs Operations Report (June 2020)
- B. Storrs Center Parking Operation Financial Report (June 2020)
- C. K. White (7.11.20)
- D. N. Tomastik (7.23.20)
- E. Mansfield Connecticut Connection - Litter Ordinance Petition (7.23.20)
- F. Resident Emails re: Litter Ordinance (7.23.20 -7.24.20)
- G. D. Freudmann response email re: Litter Ordinance (7.23.20)

12. FUTURE AGENDAS

- Litter Ordinance

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 p.m. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor

Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk