

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-MARCH 13, 2006

Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer

Absent: Paterson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Redding seconded to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2006 meeting.

Motion so passed with Mr. Schaefer abstaining.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Deputy Mayor Haddad requested a moment of silence for the troops serving abroad.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Richard Long, 31 Westgate Lane, emphasized the need for a full complement of voting commissioners on the Housing Authority. Mr. Long had previously informed the Council that he would no longer attend meetings after January 2006 and expressed concern that the Council had not yet appointed a member to take his place.

Ms. Redding, Chair of the Committee on Committees, thanked Mr. Long for his service and explained that the committee has been looking for a replacement and would like to talk to the Housing Authority in the near future. *Ms. Koehn thanked Mr. Long for his service as a Commissioner on the Housing Authority*

Jane Ann Bobbit, 88 Atwoodville Road, explained that the Housing Authority operation is complex and important to the town. She reiterated the need for full membership.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fenton River

Martin Berliner, the Town Manager, reported on a meeting he attended with Mayor Paterson on the Fenton River Study. Some of the progress made includes the replacement of a couple of thousand feet of water transmission lines and the replacement of 2 of the 4 well pumps. He also stated that the University of Connecticut is working with the town on governance issues and is starting up an advisory group to explore the options. Minutes of the attended meeting will be included in the next Town Council Packet.

2. Campus/Community Relations

No Report

3. Budget Review Calendar for the Fiscal Year 2006/07

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective March 13, 2006, to adopt the Budget Review Calendar for Fiscal Year 2006/07, as presented by town staff.

Mr. Hawkins noted that April 26th was listed twice. The correction to change the first of these to April 24th was accepted as a friendly amendment, as was Mr. Schaefer's request that the General Government discussion be moved to April 12th.

Motion so passed.

4. Earth Day, April 22, 2006

Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager, reported that the Clean Energy Team is trying to put an event together to celebrate Earth Day. The town also sponsors Rid Litter Day every year.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

5. WPCA, Community Sewer System Agreement – Knollwood Apartments

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to recess as the Town Council and convene as the Water Pollution Control Authority.

Motion so passed.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded, effective March 13, 2006 to authorize Martin H Berliner, 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 U of C 242, LLC for the Knollwood Apartments.

Motion so passed.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adjourn as the Water Pollution Control Authority and reconvene as the Town Council.

Motion so passed.

6. Third Amendment to Fire Protection Agreement

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded, effective March 13, 2006, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin Berliner, to execute the attached "Third Amendment to Fire Protection Agreement" between the Town of Mansfield and

the Eagleville Fire Department, Inc., and the attached "Third Amendment to Fire Protection Agreement" between the Town of Mansfield and the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Dave Dagon, Fire Chief, commented that the Companies have been sent the agreement and that the agreement is essentially the same as prior agreements but provides a 90- day extension to allow the new Mansfield Fire Fighters Association to form. Successor agreements will be made with this organization.

Motion so passed.

7. An Ordinance Regulating Bikeways

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective March 13, 2006, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on March 27, 2006, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance Regulating Bikeways.

Mr. Haddad requested assurance from the staff that Section 10 of the ordinance would not prohibit power wheel chairs or other devices that people with disabilities use to get around town. This use could be added to Section 9 as a permitted use. Staff will check with the Town Attorney to ascertain that this addition is not considered a substantial change.

Ms. Koehn asked if the ordinance should address dog litter. Mr. Clouette agreed with the idea but questioned whether or not it should be done separately or should include other public accesses. Staff will investigate whether or not this should be a separate ordinance or should be included in each ordinance to which it is applicable.

Motion so passed.

8. Housing Code for the Town of Mansfield.

Michael Ninteau, Building Official and Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager presented the draft ordinance to adopt a Housing Code for the Town of Mansfield. They stated that, if approved, the town would adopt the provisions of the *International Property Maintenance Code*, amending it as needed. The presentation outlined the purpose, structure, scope and staffing of the ordinance. The next step in the process is Town Council review followed by at least one public hearing.

Council members expressed concern regarding short-term rentals due to summer vacations, sabbaticals or awaiting construction of a new house and how these situations might be handled. The staff will look at possible wording. Mr. Hawkins complimented Mr. Hart and Mr. Ninteau on their work noting that it is overdue and will help with issues confronting off campus housing like overcrowding, substandard living situations and fire safety conditions.

Mr. Hart noted that the Mansfield Community/Campus Partnership has reviewed and endorsed the program.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded to schedule a public hearing for the Housing Code of the Town of Mansfield for April 24, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion so passed.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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Ms. Koehn reported that the Special Committee on Charter Revision continues to meet to interview potential commission members. The Committee expects to bring both the recommendations for appointment and the charge to the Council on March 27, 2006.

Ms. Redding noted that the Committee on Committees is continuing to review the charges of the committees and will be discussing the vacancy on the Housing Authority.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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The Downtown Partnership met on March 7th.

The School Building Committee met on March 8th and selected a consultant to talk to the stakeholders and look at renovations especially in the areas of security issues and code issues.

The Town University Relations Committee will meet on March 14th.

Town Council tours will leave from the town hall on March 15th and 21st to look at projects around town. The tours will last from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Manager distributed a list of potential items to include in the Charge to the Charter Revision Commission and copies of the proposed budget for Region 19.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Koehn requested that the UConn Advisory Water Committee be a future agenda item.

IX. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

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9. Aquifer Protection Area Regulations of the Town of Mansfield – Ms. Koehn asked for clarification on whether or not the regulations protect future water supply sites and wells.

10. M. Berliner to T. Callahan re: UConn Water/Wastewater System Policy Advisory Committee – Ms. Koehn expressed her concerns regarding the composition of the committee and the public's opportunity to be informed. She requested an opportunity for the Council to review the synopsis of the Milone and McBrown

report.

11. CCM Federal Issues Bulletin

12. Connecticut Department of Transportation re: 2006 Construction Season Paving Program

13. Hartford Business Journal, "More Committing to Green Energy"

14. J. Kaufman re: WHIP Cost Share Program

15. E. Paterson re: Mansfield Downtown Partnership

16. Smart Power – The Monthly Charge Newsletter

17. State of CT Military Department re: Initiatives Supporting Service Members

18. Storm Water Sampling Report 4th Quarter, Stadium Road Detention Basin

19. The New York Times, "Open Space: Preserving It Takes a Village

20. UConn Students Enrolled at Storrs Campus, 1985-2006

21. University of Connecticut Advance, "Campus-wide Efforts Helping the Environment

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to go into Executive Session.

Motion so passed.

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paulhus,
Redding, Schaefer

Also present: Martin Berliner, Town Manager

Absent: Paterson

Personnel Issues

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to move out of Executive Session.

Motion so passed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Motion so passed

Gregory Haddad, Deputy Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk