

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
August 24, 2015

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt  
Excused: Raymond

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Anthony Kotula, requested the Council purchase Lot 17 on Maple Road as open space. (Statement attached)

Jon Andersen, Old Turnpike Road, expressed his gratitude for the Challenge 38 Program. Mr. Andersen noted that his son benefited greatly from the experience.

David Freudmann, East Road, asked the Council not to approve the proposed agreement between the Town and Region 19 for parking lot services.

Carol Budinski, Higgins Highway, stated that she appreciates the opportunities the Challenge 38 Program offered her grandson. Ms. Budinski commented that he conquered a fear and gained confidence and relationships.

Tom Levine, Thomas Drive, complimented the Council for their good work on the downtown area noting the concerts on the square provide a sense of community. Mr. Levine expressed his appreciation for the hard work and thoughtful debates of the Council.

Kit Andersen, Old Turnpike Road and participant in Challenge 38, commented that the program encourages all participants to exceed and spoke to what the program meant to him.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to amend the agenda and move Item 4, Challenge Program Update, as the next item of business after the reports.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his written report the Town Manager offered the following comments:

- Mr. Hart met with the newly appointed superintendent of schools and invited Ms. Lyman to the September 15, 2015 Council meeting.
- A presentation on the recently completed revaluation will be scheduled for a future meeting

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments offered

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Storrs Center Update

The Town Manager noted that the Storrs Center development teams and Town staff have been working on the issuance of CO's for Phase 2 of Storrs Center. A contingency plan is in place to house residents in local hotels but, while still strictly applying the relevant codes, everyone is working to get the units approved.

### 2. Community/Campus Relations

Mr. Hart reported that UConn is responsible for prorated real estate taxes on the Nathan Hale and for the personal property associated with the hotel. He also noted that staff has been preparing for potential traffic problems on August 28, 2015 as a result of construction, K-12 school busses and the UConn freshman move in date. Mayor Paterson reported that the Community Campus Partnership has been meeting with off campus student residents explaining their rights and responsibilities in the community.

Mr. Hart updated the Council on plans for police coverage following the reduction in the number of State Troopers contracted by the Town.

### 3. Naming of Public Streets and Buildings in Storrs Center

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, effective August 24, 2015, to approve the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Naming of Streets and Buildings to name the road being constructed east of the buildings at 34 Wilbur Cross Way and 40 Wilbur Cross Way Elsie Marsh Drive.

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Naming of Streets and Buildings, thanked Town Historian Roberta Smith and local historian and author Rudy Favretti for their assistance.

The motion passed unanimously.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### 4. Challenge Program Update

Parks and Recreation Director Curt Vincente, Challenge Program staff Chuck Leavens and John Hodgson, and Challenge Program former participant and staff volunteer Kathleen Kissane updated the Council on the most recent Challenge and changes to the program. Mr. Leavens began the program and has guided 656 students through its completion. Council members thanked Mr. Vincente overseeing the administration of the Challenge Program; Mr. Leavens and Mr. Hodgson for their years of good work; and Ms. Kissane for sharing her experiences.

### 5. Transfer of Uncollected Taxes to Property Suspense Book

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee moved, effective August 24, 2015, to transfer \$62,191.71 in uncollected property taxes to the Mansfield Property Tax Suspense Book, as recommended by the Collector of Revenue.  
The motion passed unanimously.

### 6. Agreement Between the Town of Mansfield, Regional School District 19 for Parking Lot Services

Mr. Marcellino moved and Ms. Moran seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Regional School District No. 19 for Parking Lot Services, for a term commencing on July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2018.

The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Wassmundt who abstained.

VIII. QUARTERY REPORTS

New reports have not been posted.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee reported that at the last meeting the Committee discussed draft reports of the fraud policies and fraud tip line policies. Also, preliminary FY 2014/15 results look good with an additional \$94,000 being added to fund balance.

Mr. Kochenburger, Chair of the Committee on Committees, offered the Committee's recommendation of Terry Wollen to the Agriculture Committee for a term ending 10/31/2017

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kegler reported on the Committee on Committees booth at the Celebrate Mansfield Festival which will recognize current volunteers and attempt to recruit new ones.

Ms. Moran, Chair of the Personnel Committee, has received Councilors' responses and the results of the 360 survey and is working on a draft recommendation for the Town Manager's evaluation. The Committee is also planning to invite Superintendent Lyman to the next meeting to discuss the ethics code.

X. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORT

No comments offered

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. A. Kotula (8/13/15) By consensus the Council agreed to refer Mr. Kotula's letter to the Open Space Committee

8. Registrars of Voters Responsibilities

9. Secretary of the State re: New Educational Requirements for Registrars of Voters

10. Town of Mansfield Prescription Drug Card Usage Report for June 2015 – Ms. Moran noted the saving realized in this program and urged residents to look into the options.

11. Facilities Management Department Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – Facilities Study and Conditions of Facilities Master Plan

12. Tolland 300th Anniversary

13. Mansfield Minute – August 2015

14. Connecticut Water: In Your Community – July 2015 – All Permits in Place for UConn/Mansfield Pipeline

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

No additional items suggested

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Kegler seconded to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(6) (a), Town Manager Employment Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(6) (a), Town Manager Employment Agreement.

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt  
Also included: Town Manager Matt Hart

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Council reconvened in regular session.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk