

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

April 14, 2016

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Mayor Paul M. Shapiro called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Marcellino, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Sargent, Shaiken, Shapiro

Excused: Kochenburger,

Staff Present: Town Manager Matthew Hart, Director of Finance Cherie Trahan, Assistant Town Manager Maria Capriola, Director of Public Works John Carrington, Director of Parks and Recreation Curt Vincente,

1. Staff Reports/Communications

The Town Manager presented information on the Governor's most recent budget proposal and its impact on Mansfield. Staff will prepare a number of budget scenarios for Council review. The Director of Finance reviewed items identified for future discussions, flagged items, and the requests for information from the previous meeting. Ms. Trahan discussed per pupil costs, the revised Region 19 levy, and updated grand list figures.

Flag – Early Childhood Services Coordinator

Flag – Implementation of motor vehicle tax rate change

2. Budget Review

- Town Aid Road Fund

Mr. Carrington commented on the impacts of changing the method of treating roads from sand to treated salt.

- Parks and Recreation Fund

Mr. Vincente spoke to the Parks and Recreation Fund and the programs currently offered. Council members agreed, at the April 11, 2016 Council meeting, to add to the Community School for the Arts to a future agenda.

Future Discussions – Future budget information will provide line item details for this Fund

Future Discussions – Future budget materials will clarify titles in order to be able to better follow the Fund

- Mansfield Discovery Depot

Ms. Trahan reported on the Mansfield Discovery Depot budget and their efforts to bring in additional revenues.

- Other Operating Fund

Ms. Trahan reviewed the list of Other Operating Funds noting that most of these funds are dedicated to specific purposes.

- Debt Services Fund

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Ms. Trahan reviewed the current Debt Service Fund and the projected amounts going forward.

- Enterprise Funds

Mr. Carrington and Ms. Trahan reviewed the Sewer Operating Enterprise Fund, the Solid Waste Management Fund and the Transit Fund. Mr. Hart spoke to potential changes to the special fare bus program.

Request for Information – Indicate which customers receive sewer and water services and those that receive just sewer services (Pg. 228)

Request for Information – Add footnotes explaining the allocation for capital equipment being paid for over time (Pg.232)

3. Discussion of Proposed Budget/Council Questions

The April 20, 2016 Budget Workshop agenda will be revised to note Chief Dagon's discussion of the Fire and Emergency Services Budget.

Members briefly discussed their ability to adjust the budget after it has been approved.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Paul M. Shapiro, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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