

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
April 27, 2016

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, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Sargent, Shaiken (arrived 6:50 p.m.), Shapiro

Staff Present: Town Manager Matthew Hart, Director of Finance Cherie Trahan

1. Staff Reports/Communications

Mr. Hart noted that the additional handout incorporates the changes shown on page 2 of the packet in an easy to read format.

2. Adoption of Budget and Recommended Appropriations

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$41,655,430 is hereby adopted as the proposed operating budget for the Town of Mansfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$4,897,170 is hereby adopted as the capital improvements to be undertaken during fiscal year 2016/17 or later years.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$3,145,000 be adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS ACT

It is further resolved, that the following Appropriations Act be recommended for adoption at the annual Town Meeting for budget consideration:

RESOLVED: That the proposed General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$41,655,430 which proposed budget was adopted by the Council on April 27, 2016, be adopted and that the sums estimated and set forth in said budget be appropriated for the purpose indicated.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51, the proportionate share for the Town of Mansfield of the annual budget for Regional School District No. 19 shall be added to the General Fund Budget appropriation for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and said sums shall be paid by the Town to the Regional School District as they become available.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$4,897,170 be adopted provided that the portion proposed to be funded by

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bonds or notes shall, at the appropriate times, be introduced for action by the Town Council subject to a vote by referendum as required by Section 407 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$3,145,000 be adopted.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded to approve the following amendments:

Based on the Governor's Proposed Budget dated April 12, 2016, reduce estimated Education Cost Sharing Grant Funding by \$387,700 and estimated Municipal Revenue Sharing Funding by \$632,300;

Reduce the contribution to Fund Balance by \$400,000, from \$900,000 to \$500,000;

Remove the motor vehicle mill rate cap of 29.36;

Reduce the General Fund Transfer Out to Capital/CNR by \$325,000, reducing the unappropriated balance in Capital Non-Recurring Fund;

Reduce the General Fund Transfer Out to Capital/CNR and the CNR Transfer Out to the Storrs Center Reserve account by \$200,000;

Increase the General Fund budget for Early Childhood Coordinator by \$1,000 to maintain current hours if grant funding is reduced;

Increase the Legislative budget by \$25,000 for an annual audit of policy & procedure compliance;

Increase Contribution to Area Agencies as follows: \$400 for Perception Programs, \$500 for Sexual Assault Crisis Services, and \$500 for Holy Family Shelter;

Reduce the Transfer Out to Capital/CNR by \$27,400 to cover cost of audit, early childhood coordinator, and increases to contributions to area agencies;

Reduce Transfer Out from CNR to Capital by \$20,000 for the Day Care carpeting project;

Reduce Transfer Out from CNR to the Management Services Fund by \$7,400 for Town Technology.

To provide cash funding for the Vinton boiler, increase the Transfer Out from CNR to Capital by \$125,000; reduce the 5 Year CIP plan for Education Information Technology by \$50,000; and the 5 Year CIP plan for School Facilities by \$50,000; and provide \$225,000 in funding from the Management Services Fund Energy Account.

Mr. Kegler moved and Ms. Raymond seconded to amend Mr. Ryan's amendment by striking the increased contributions to area agencies.

Mr. Sargent moved to amend Mr. Kegler's amendment to Mr. Ryan's amendment by reinstating the \$500 for Sexual Assault Crisis Services. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Kegler's amendment to Mr. Ryan's amendment failed with Kegler and Raymond in favor and Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Ryan, Sargent, and Shapiro opposed. Mr. Shaiken abstained from voting on this specific issue because of his relationship with these agencies. Mr. Shaiken works for the trade association which represents non-profit agencies.

Mayor Shapiro noted that the amendment under consideration addresses the proposed decreases in state revenue as presented in Governor Malloy's second budget.

The Ryan amendment, as presented, passed unanimously.

Mr. Kegler moved and Mr. Sargent seconded to amend the amended motion by striking \$144,045 from the Board of Education budget.

Mr. Kegler stated that in keeping with the pay as you go policy this amendment will lower the Education budget by the amount it would cost to finance the improvements to the Middle School gym.

The motion failed with Kegler, Raymond and Sargent in favor, and Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Ryan, Shaiken and Shapiro in opposition.

Council members commented on the budget, as amended and thanked Mr. Hart, Ms. Trahan and their staff for their work.

Mr. Kegler requested a three minute recess. Mayor Shapiro recessed the meeting and requested that the Council reconvene at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Shapiro declared the meeting in order at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Sargent moved and Mr. Kegler seconded to split the vote on the Town Budget and Board of Education Budget. The Town Manager addressed the process which would require a separate vote on the General Fund Budget and votes on the Capital Fund Budget and the Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget. Mr. Sargent requested the Manager's suggestion be applied to his motion and that there be three separate votes on the three budgets and that the vote on the General Fund Budget be split into two votes.

The motion to split failed with Kegler, Raymond and Sargent in favor and Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Ryan, Shaiken and Shapiro in opposition.

The motion to approve the original motion as amended by the Ryan amendment passed with all in favor except Ms. Raymond who voted against the motion.

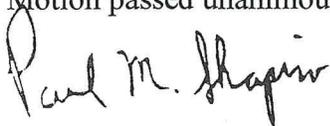
3. Next Steps

The Council's public information session will be held on May 4, 2016 in the Council Chamber. The Annual Town Meeting for Budget Consideration will take place on May 10, 2016.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shaiken seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.



Paul M. Shapiro, Mayor



Mary Stanton, Town Clerk