REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
May 9, 2016
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Mayor Paul M. Shapiro called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Sargent (7:15 p.m.) Shaiken, Shapiro

Mayor Shapiro recognized Ms. Raymond who offered a motion to move Item 7, Appointment to Town Council and Council Committees, as the next item on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Ryan, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Raymond moved and Ms. Moran seconded, effective May 9, 2016, to appoint Ms. Denise Keane to serve as a member of the Town Council, to fill a vacancy created by Mr. Stephen Kegler's resignation from the Council for the term ending November 7, 2017.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council members welcomed Ms. Keane stating that they were looking forward to working with her and noting Ms. Keane's past contributions and proven abilities.

Ms. Keane was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Ms. Raymond noted that she and Ms. Keane discussed the subsequent opening on the Personnel Committee and stated that Ms. Keane is willing to replace Mr. Kegler on that Committee.

Mayor Shapiro appointed Ms. Keane to serve as a member of the Personnel Committee. Other appointments left vacant with the resignation of Mr. Kegler will be addressed later.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Raymond seconded to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2016 special meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Keane and Mr. Shaiken who abstained. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2016 special meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Keane and Mr. Shaiken who abstained. Mr. Shaiken moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Keane who abstained. Mr. Marcellino moved and Mr. Shaiken seconded to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 special meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Keane who abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Rebecca Shafer, Echo Road, provided members with a letter and two related articles which respond to statements that some of the suggestions of the Neighborhood Preservation Group seem extreme. (Statement attached, referenced articles will appear as communications in the May 23, 2016 packet)

Betty Wexler, Codfish Falls Road, thanked the Town Manager and Council for the work that has been done to improve Dial-A-Ride and asked what the Town is going to do to provide transportation for residents of the Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (MCNR). Ms. Wexler stated that there seems to be a gap in the service and questioned the Town's adherence to ADA requirements.

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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

- The Town Manager welcomed Ms. Keane back to the Council and stated that he is looking forward to again working with her.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments offered

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded to move Item 7, Study Committee to Review Cooperative Arrangements with Willington, as the next item of business.
The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shaiken seconded to reverse the order of Item 1, Transportation for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities, and Item 2, Proposed Policies Regarding Public Use of the Mansfield Town Square, in order to allow time for an interested citizen to return to the room.
The motion passed unanimously.

1. Transportation for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
   Mr. Hart reviewed the history of the identified concerns and challenges surrounding transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities and described the programs already in place. The Town Manager asked for direction from the Council and cautioned against the duplication of efforts or replication of services.
   Human Services Director Pat Schneider and Senior Center Supervisor Sarah Taylor provided information on current services and answered Councilors' questions.
   Council members discussed the changes in the Dial-A-Ride program; the need for Dial-A-Ride to advertise those improvements and provide additional information on response and waiting times; problematic gaps in services; the responsibility for nursing facilities to offer transportation; and the need for data to quantify the demand for services.
   Mr. Kochenburger again requested that Ms. Wexler be allowed to speak to her concerns. Mayor Shapiro, having already ruled that the participation of a citizen during the deliberations of the Council is not in order, declared Mr. Kochenburger out of order.
   Mr. Kochenburger moved to appeal the ruling of the Chair. Seconded by Mr. Ryan the motion passed with Keane, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Raymond, Ryan in favor and Moran, Sargent, Shaiken and Shapiro in opposition.
   Ms. Wexler was recognized. Ms. Wexler spoke to the improvements made to Dial-A-Ride and her belief that the grant that the Town has for the van mandates that the program be accessible to all citizens, including MCNR residents. Ms. Wexler requested that the van be available to MCNR one day a month.
   The Town Manager suggested that all the most recent Dial-A-Ride statistics be provided to the council in the next packet and that a more formal report using Dial-A-Ride metrics be provided on a quarterly basis. Additionally staff will reach out to MCNR for specific information as to their actual needs and the number of times Dial-a-Ride was unable to respond to a call at the facility.

2. Proposed Policies Regarding Public Use of the Mansfield Town Square
   Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded, effective May 9, 2016, to adopt the Policies Regarding Public Use of the Mansfield Town Square.
   Motion passed unanimously.

3. Proposed Policies for Us of Alcohol on Town Property
   Ms. Keane moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective May 9, 2016, to adopt the Policies for Use of Alcohol on Town Property.
   The motion passed by all except Mr. Marcellino who was absent from the room.

4. Proposed Amendments to Ordinance Regarding Streets and Sidewalks
   Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Moran seconded, to schedule a public hearing for 7:15 PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on May 23, 2016, to solicit public comment regarding the Proposed Amendments to Ordinance Regarding Streets and Sidewalks.
   The motion passed by all except Mr. Ryan who was absent from the room.

5. Adopted Fiscal Year 2016?17 Budget
   The Town Manager suggested that the Council not set a mil rate at the special meeting on May 10, 2016 until more definitive state budget figures are available.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

6. Appointment to Town Council and Council Committees
   Item addressed at the beginning of the meeting.

7. Study Committee to Review Cooperative Arrangements with Willington
   Board of Education Chair Randy Walikonis reported that a cooperative arrangement with Willington which would allow their students to attend Mansfield Schools on a tuition basis is worth exploring. Council members agreed, cautioning that all potential impacts will need to be examined.
   Mr. Marcellino moved and Mr. Shaiken seconded, effective May 9, to appoint the Town Manager, the Director of Finance, and the Mayor to a study committee to review cooperative arrangements with the Town of Willington, for an indefinite term.
   Mr. Sargent moved and Ms. Keane seconded to amend the motion to add additional Councilors to the study committee including Ms. Raymond, a member of the minority.
   The motion failed with Keane, Raymond and Sargent in favor and Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Rayan, Shaiken and Shapiro in opposition.
   The Mayor noted that additional members could be added as the discussions proceed.

8. Appointment of the Auditor to Conduct Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2015/16
   Ms. Raymond, speaking for the Finance Committee, moved, effective May 9, 2016, to appoint Blum Shapiro and Company, P.C. as the auditing firm for the Fiscal Year 2015/16.
   Mr. Ryan noted that audit services would go out to bid next year.
   The motion passed unanimously.

9. Quarterly Financial Statements dated March 31, 2016
   Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee moved, effective May 9, 2016, to accept the Financial Statements dated March 31, 2016.
   The motion passed unanimously.

10. Memorial Day Ceremonial Presentation Planning Subcommittee
    Mr. Kochenburger (Chair), Mr. Shaiken and Ms. Keane volunteered to present a program prior to the May 23, 2016 meeting.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that in addition to the subjects addressed earlier in the agenda the Committee has begun a review of the current purchasing ordinance

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered.

X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

11. Notice and Warning of Annual Town Meeting
12. Planning and Zoning Commission re: 2016-17 Capital Improvement Budget
13. Planning and Zoning Commission re: Draft Regulations – Alcohol and Music
14. Planning and Zoning Commission re: Flaherty Road Application
15. Planning and Zoning Commission re: Schoolhouse Brook Park Universal Access Trail
16. State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection re: New Commanding Officer of Troop C
17. State of Connecticut Department of Transportation re: Roadway Weather Implementation System
18. State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management re: Equalized Net Grant List
19. CCM Legislative Alert – General Assembly Goes into Special Session Next Week
20. Mansfield Minute – May 2016

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

No additional items offered.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul M. Shapiro, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

To: Mansfield Town Council, Planning and Zoning Committee, Mike Kirk (UConn)
From: Rebecca Shafer, RShafer@Mansfield Neighborhood Preservation Group
Date: May 9, 2016

Re: Updates from Mansfield Neighborhood Preservation

REQUESTS TO UNIVERSITY

In the letter reply to Mike Kirk of UConn, some of the steps we requested from UConn might have been considered a bit out of touch with reality, such as that UConn should provide more ON-campus housing, move frats back on campus and **require all freshman, sophomores *and* juniors to live ON campus**. The first article from Lehigh in Bethlehem, PA describes their situation with off-campus housing as being similar to ours, as well as, their suggestion that freshmen, sophomores *and* juniors be required to live on campus. It mentions several other colleges in PA that currently require this. So, although at first blush my suggestions may have seemed radical, they are not. Mansfield Tomorrow (Goal7.3 Strategy C.6) requests that "all students through sophomores be required to live on campus," so my suggestion takes it one step further, but it not out of the norm of what other college towns have requested.

In our meeting with UConn last month, in which I believe Kimberly Proulx who was interviewed for the article participated, we were told emphatically there is on-campus housing for everyone who wants it and there is an over-abundance of beds. However, the second article portrays the UConn housing situation less brightly and describes the **waiting list**. It indicates that the **housing situation is tight**, and there are stringent rules of who gets housing, and it indicates that the total on-campus housing available is decreasing. There is a policy that if you move off campus you are no longer eligible for on campus housing, meaning you can NOT move back to campus if your off campus situation does not work out. We were told there was a surplus of housing and if more on-campus housing were provided there would be an excess. I believe that is inaccurate.

RENTAL PERMITS ISSUED APRIL 22 - 28

RENTAL ADDRESS, OWNER & LAST DATE OF SALE

1- 37 Circle Drive
RHODES-ROJAS VERONICA
37 CIRCLE DRIVE
MANSFIELD CENTER CT 06250
2005-05-27

602 MANSFIELD CITY RD
MANSFIELD CT 06268
2016-01-27

10-16A White Oaks Condo
LIU JIE
3 COUNTRY LANE
TRUMBULL CT 06611
2016-04-05

Some of these are new purchases, some have been rentals for a period of time but are just now being permitted. This is important to be able to benchmark our progress for Mansfield Tomorrow Goals 7.3 and 7.4.

Here is the link to the entire list which is 37 pages, new permits are in italics; the list is updated regularly. http://www.mansfieldct.gov/filestora.../.../rental_occupancy.pdf

We appreciate the work Janell Mullen, Mike Ninteau, Linda Painter and their respective staff, and of course, Mr. Hart, have undertaken to provide this information, as well as, the continued support of the Council.

Thank you,

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3-154 Hanks Hill Rd.
HOOK CHARLES M & KUSUMA,
20532 SARAZEN LA
PATTERSON CA 95363
2014-06-25

4-137 Spring Hill Rd.
MOYA MARCO A & KAREN J
37 SPRING HILL ROAD
STORRS CT 06268
1998-12-28

5-53 Stafford Rd
BERNIER NICOLE & EDGAR
24 LAKE RD
COLUMBIA CT 06237
2014-07-28

6-379 Storrs Rd.
BARTON-ZUCKERMAN REBECCA D +
BARTON-ZUCKERMAN PENNY M
48 CHATHAM DR
STORRS CT 06268
2016-03-31

7-742 Storrs Rd.
MUNSON SHAWN & BRANDON
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2010-12-01

8-1580 Storrs Rd.
FARAHBAKHSHIAN KASSRA &
FARAH SIAMAK
1580 STORRS RD
MANSFIELD CT 06268
2015-11-24

9-297 Woodland Rd.
MOSELEY BENJAMIN G