

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
September 26, 2016

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: Keane, Kochenburger, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Sargent, Shaiken, Shapiro
Excused: Marcellino

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Shaiken seconded to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting, as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Peter Millman, Dog Lane, spoke in support of the proposed sustainable landscape plan for the Beck Building. Mr. Millman noted that solar car ports have worked well in other towns; the parking lot area of the town hall offers an opportunity for generating solar power; and urged the Town to examine lease purchase options for the procurement of solar equipment.

Justin Gordon, Dog Lane, questioned with regards to off-street parking regulations why rental properties have different rules than owner occupied properties do. Mr. Gordon also questioned regulations regarding off campus fraternities and sororities and the recent enforcement of those regulations.

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Acting Town Manager Dave Dagon presented the Town Manager's report.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Shapiro reported on the success of the recent Celebrate Mansfield event. The turnout was great, the music enjoyable and a great time was had by all. The Mayor thanked all those who volunteered.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No Items of Old Business

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proclamation in Honor of Michael Beattie and Biking for Vets

Ms. Raymond moved and Ms. Moran seconded, effective September 26, 2016, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation in Honor of Michael Beattie and Biking for Vets.

Motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation attached.

2. Sustainable Landscape Plan for Beck Municipal and Mansfield Community Center

Professor of landscape architecture, Kristin Schwab, presented a plan for a sustainable landscape for the Audrey P. Beck Building and the Mansfield Community Center which she developed with the assistance of her students. Ms. Schwab will provide a copy of the plan to Councilors.

Members thanked Ms. Schwab for the thoughtful plan and discussed how its implementation could be incorporated into the master facilities plan.

3. Financial Statements dated June 30, 2016

Finance Committee Chair Bill Ryan moved, effective September 26, 2016, to accept the Financial Statements dated June 30, 2016.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Proposed FY 2015/2016 Yearend Transfers

Finance Committee Chair Bill Ryan moved, effective September 26, 2016, to approve the Yearend Budget Transfers as presented by the Director of Finance in her correspondence dated September 15, 2016.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Proposed FY 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Program Adjustments

Finance Committee Chair Bill Ryan moved, to approve the adjustments to the Capital Projects Fund as of June 30, 2016, as presented by the Director of Finance in her correspondence dated September 22, 2016.

Motion passed with Kochenburger, Moran, Ryan, Sargent, Shaiken and Shapiro in favor and Keane and Raymond in opposition.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that at their last meeting the Committee also discussed purchase procedures and Mansfield Discovery Daycare budgeting concerns. Town Manager Matt Hart and Finance Director Cherie Trahan will be meeting with representatives of MDD.

Mr. Kochenburger, Chair of the Committee on Committees offered the following September 13, 2016 recommendations of the Committee:

Suzanne Singer Bansal as an alternate on Board of Ethics for a term ending June 30, 2017
Rebecca Shafer to the Town-University Relations Committee for a term ending March 13, 2018

Natalie Miniutti to the Historic District Commission for a term ending January 1, 2020

Heidi Groeger as an alternate on the Open Space Preservation Committee for a term ending December 31, 2019

The motion to approve the nominations passed unanimously.

Committee members offered their appreciation to those who volunteer to serve.

Ms. Moran noted that the Ad hoc Committee on Rental Regulations and Enforcement will be rescheduling their next meeting and that the Personnel Committee continues to work on the Town Manager's evaluation.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered.

X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. M. Hauslaib (09/08/16)

7. T. Luciano (09/12/16)

8. B. Roe (09/12/16)

9. J. Sgro (09/09/16)

10. Planning and Zoning Commission re: PZC Referral – Mountain View Acres

11. L. Painter re: CTNext Innovation Places: Application for a Northeast Connecticut Innovation Hub

12. L. Painter re: Proposed Mobilitie Wireless Communications Towers – Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development will be meeting with Mobilitie representatives and will ask that the proposed towers be subject to the Connecticut Siting Council’s review.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

No additional items identified.

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to enter into executive session to discuss the Sale or Purchase of Real Property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6) (D) and Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims or Litigation, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6) (B). Inland Wetland Agent Jennifer Kaufman and Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter will join Councilors in discussion of the first item and Attorney Kevin Deneen will participate in the second item of business. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims or Litigation, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6) (B)

Present: Keane, Kochenburger, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Sargent, Shaiken, Shapiro

Also Attending: Attorney Kevin Deneen

Sale or Purchase of Real Property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6) (D)

Present: Keane, Kochenburger, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Sargent, Shaiken, Shapiro

Also Attending: Jennifer Kaufman and Linda Painter

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Following the completion of the executive session, Mr. Kochenburger moved and Ms. Moran seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Paul M. Shapiro, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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