REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
October 13, 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, Marcellino, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Sargent, Shaiken, Shapiro

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sargent moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 special meeting. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Shaiken who abstained. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shaiken seconded to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Rebecca Shafer, Echo Road, presented several charts showing Mansfield Neighborhood Preservation Group's statistical look at student populations and off campus housing. (Documents will be included in the October 24, 2016 Council packet as a communication.)

Bill Roe, Echo Road, commented that he is pleased with the progress being made regarding the effect of off campus housing in Mansfield neighborhoods but noted that more work needs to be done. Mr. Roe provided Councilors with additional information including a recent letter to the editor. (Documents will be included in the October 24, 2016 Council packet as a communication.)

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his written report the Mr. Hart offered the following comments:

- Given the ongoing drought, Mr. Hart will continue to update Councilors regarding any reports of problems with private wells.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Moran commented that there was a large party in her neighborhood over the weekend and she, in subsequent conversations with the residents of the house, discovered that they were the ones that called the police once the party got too large.

Mayor Shapiro noted that he, Ms. Keane and Mr. Hart attended the ceremony in Veterans Park in honor of the efforts of Michael Beattie to increase awareness and garner funds in support of hungry veterans. At the event the Mayor read the proclamation recently endorsed by the Council and saluted Mr. Beattie's work.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Crumbling Foundations in Eastern Connecticut

Mr. Hart, who serves as a member of CRCOG's Ad hoc Committee on Concrete Foundations, updated the Council on actions being explored which include a regionally consistent method of handling the assessment of affected properties and looking for grant opportunities for homeowners.
Members discussed the possible effects of the underreporting of the number of affected homes might have on the ability of the state to secure funds; the use of Q-Notify to make people aware of the problems and steps being made to address them; and providing a list of qualified contractors who could assess individual properties. The Town will add a link to Representative Courtney's webpage regarding the issue to Town's website.

2. Council Goal Setting
Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Sargent seconded, effective October 13, 2016, to adopt the 2016-2017 Town Council Goals and Objectives as presented and to add the document to the Mansfield Town Council policy index.
The motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

3. Revisions to Town Parking Steering Committee Charge
Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Shaiken seconded to approve the following motion:
Resolved, to amend the Resolutions to Establish a Parking Steering Committee for Storrs Center, and to Appoint Members of Parking Steering Committee for Storrs Center, as endorsed by the Committee in its draft dated July 26, 2016.
Karla Fox, Chair of the Parking Steering Committee and Cynthia vanZelm, Executive Director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership explained the proposed changes which include a revision to the charge and the membership.
Ms. Raymond questioned the use of Storrs Center and Downtown Storrs in the proposed changes. Ms. Moran offered a friendly amendment changing references to Storrs Center to Downtown Storrs. The amendment was accepted.
The motion as amended passed unanimously.

4. Veterans Day Ceremonial Presentation Planning Subcommittee
Mr. Kochenburger, Ms. Moran and Ms. Keane volunteered to serve as the Veterans Day Ceremonial Presentation Planning Subcommittee. The presentation will take place at the November 14, 2016 meeting

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee discussed who pays shared employee retirement benefits and noted that the answer is the benefits are paid by the entity who they worked for while employed. Mr. Ryan also reported the Committee is finishing up changes to the Finance Department Policy and Procedures Manual.
Ms. Moran, Chair of the Personnel Committee, noted that a discussion of the Town Manager's evaluation will take place in executive session at the next meeting.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered.

X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. M. Hart re: Town-University Relations Committee Appointment
6. L. Painter re: Central Corridor Water Utility Coordinating Committee
7. L. Painter re: U.S. EPA Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities - no funds are involved.
8. R. Sitkowski re: North Eagleville Road Improvement – this project includes water and sewer work
9. Van Zelm re: Celebrate Mansfield Festival
10. 2016 Municipal Equality Index – the Town Manager will let the Human Rights Campaign know that the town is Mansfield, not Storrs
11. Connecticut Green Bank re: Clean Energy Communities

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

In addition to the future agenda items identified in the Town Manager's report, Mr. Sargent requested the issues raised in a September 22, 2016 Hartford Courant editorial regarding Section 8 Housing in the Town of Mansfield.

Mr. Kochenburger requested the feasibility/desirability of paperless Town Council minutes be discussed. Mr. Hart stated that a January presentation is planned.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaiken moved and Ms. Moran seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul M. Shapiro, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk