MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Moran 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 Municipal Building.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Ausburger, Berhelot, Bruder, Coleman, Kochenburger, Moran, Shaiken (late arrival noted below)
Virtual: Schurin
Excused: Fratoni

3. PUBLIC HEARING
A. Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget
The Town Clerk read the legal notice. Mayor Moran asked for comments.

Nancy Silander, Silver Falls Lane, speaking as a private citizen not as member of the Region 19 Board Education, asked the Council to keep the $150,000 for the Hunting Lodge Neighborhood Plan in the budget as the area covered by the plan includes the neighborhoods north and west of campus and will address the rental property and blight issues.
Bill Tomeko, Hunting Lodge Road, spoke in support of the Hunting Lodge Neighborhood Plan, and asked the Council to be proactive about holding off developers and stabilizing the neighborhood after Goodwin school is closed.
John Silander, Silver Falls Lane, speaking as a private citizen not as a member of the Conservation Commission, spoke in support of the Hunting Lodge Neighborhood Plan, citing a need for planned housing for families and retirees.

[Mr. Shaiken arrived.]
Hearing no further comments the public hearing was closed.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
None.

5. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER
Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth presented and discussed his written report. The report is available online at www.MansfieldCT.gov and is on file with the Town Clerk. In response to Councilor questions, Mr. Aylesworth will provide more information on the police mentoring program and explain how vapor barriers develop bubbles in his next report.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
None.
7. CONSENT AGENDA
   A. Approval of Minutes
   B. Historic Documents Preservation Grant
   C. Fair Housing Policy and Resolution
      Mr. Shaiken moved and Ms. Berthelot seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

   Motions passed by consent:
   • To approve the March 28, 2022 and March 30, 2022 Town Council meeting minutes.
   • Resolved: That Ryan J. Aylesworth, Town Manager, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.
   • Move, effective April 11, 2022, to adopt the attached Fair Housing Policy Statement.
   • Move, effective April 11, 2022, to adopt the attached Fair Housing Resolution.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

8. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Municipal Facilities Needs Assessment Study - Preliminary Findings
      Ryszard Szczypek, TSKP Studios, provided the Council with an update regarding preliminary observations, findings and recommendations relative to the “Phase 1” municipal facilities needs assessment study. Mr. Szczypek answered Councilor questions including those in regards to the future option for a police station and potentially using the vacated elementary schools as swing space if a new town hall is built or if existing spaces such as the town hall or middle school are renovated.

   B. Proclamation Recognizing Child Care Providers Appreciation Day 2022
      Ms. Berthelot moved and Mr. Bruder seconded to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation in recognition of Child Care Providers Appreciation Day. Motion passed unanimously.

   C. Acceptance of Community Challenge Grant and Allocation of ARPA Funding
      Mr. Aylesworth provided a brief background regarding the Town’s grant application. In response to Councilor questions, Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development, clarified that no portion of the funding is from the affordable housing trust fund.

      Mr. Bruder moved and Ms. Berthelot seconded to formally accept the $4,854,595 Communities Challenge Grant awarded by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development on April 6, 2022 and to commit the following funds as part of the local match:
      • $900,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds
      • $800,000 of Federal Highway FAST Act (SAFE) grant funds
      • $480,000 of Capital Improvement Program funds

      Motion passed unanimously.
D. Congressional Earmark Funding Requests
Mr. Aylesworth explained the Town’s reasoning for reapplying for community project funding.

Mr. Ausburger moved and Mr. Coleman seconded to authorize the Town Manager to submit an application for community project (congressional earmark funding) for a multi-use trail from the Intersection of US-44 and CT-195 in Mansfield Connecticut proceeding south to Tower Loop Road, with the understanding that the Town will be required to provide matching funds equal to 20% of the overall costs of the submitted project. The Mayor shall be authorized to submit a letter of support for the proposed project on behalf of the Town Council.

Mr. Kochenburger requested that the last sentence of the second to last paragraph on the first page of the proposed letter be removed and replaced with “Pedestrians frequently walk in the travel lane already and several nights a week when the University is in session hundreds of students utilize CT 195 to walk to and from Four Corners and the Main Campus, creating particularly hazardous situations.”

The request was ruled a friendly amendment.

Motion passed as amended.

E. Appropriations/Transfers from FY 2021/2022 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Funding
Mr. Kochenburger, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, moved, effective April 11, 2022 to increase the FY2021/22 PILOT Revenue line item appropriation by $2,422,000 funded by the additional State PILOT grant; and

effective April 11, 2022 to increase the FY2021/22 General Fund Transfer to Capital/CNR by $2,080,000 funded by the additional State PILOT grant; and

effective April 11, 2022 to amend the Capital Non-recurring Fund and the Capital Improvement Program Fund budgets to fund projects 1 through 14 noted above in this memorandum*; and

effective April 11, 2022 to amend the FY2021/22 General Fund Transfer to Park and Rec by $192,000 funded by the additional State PILOT grant; and

effective April 11, 2022 to amend the FY2021/22 General Fund by adding a new account to the Legislative section of the General Government budget with an appropriation of $150,000 funded by the additional State PILOT grant.

Councilors Coleman and Ausburger stated that more of the funds should go towards road repairs.

Motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Ausburger and Mr. Coleman who voted against.

*Noted projects:
1. Replace Fleet Vehicle - Building & Housing 27,000
2. Replace Fleet Vehicle – Finance 22,000
3. Replace Fleet Vehicle – DPW 27,000
4. Skid Steer 75,000
5. Trailer 14,000
6. Snow Pusher Box 15,000
7. Aerial Lift/Used Bucket Truck 45,000
8. Box Truck 60,000
9. Replacing Maintenance Service Van 45,000
10. Road Resurfacing Cape Seal 500,000
11. Guardrails Imprv/Replacements 75,000
12. Speed Signs 25,000
13. Facilities needs assessment 35,000
14. Emergency Repairs and Small Facilities Projects 15,000

9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
Mr. Kochenbarger reported that the Finance Committee met regarding the appropriations and
transfers and the auditor’s report no problems and no specific improvement recommendations.

10. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS
None.

11. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
A. EHHD COVID-19 Reports
B. Attorney K. Deneen Ltr. re: Council Members Appointed to Non-Profit Boards 03.28.22
C. Wutsch, Mansfield Lions President 03.25.22
D. R. W. Cotterill, UConn College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources 04.05.22
E. Mansfield Farmers Forum
F. Mansfield 2022 Memorial Day Parade
G. Mansfield Public Schools Early Spring 2022 Newsletter

12. FUTURE AGENDAS
- Mr. Aylesworth to address question of whether the Town asks for criminal history data in the
  next Town Manager’s Report.
- Mr. Aylesworth to add the new school site environmental study documents to the next Council
  packet.

13. ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Coleman moved and Mr. Ausburger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. The
motion passed unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk
Proclamation

Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

WHEREAS, Child Care Aware® of America and other organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, over half the children under the age of six nationwide are estimated to spend some time in a nonparental care arrangement on a weekly basis, which provides critical enrichment opportunities and nurtures development for children of all backgrounds and is a vital building block of our state economy; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created tremendous hardship for child care providers and the families of Mansfield who depend on them, who have continued to meet the needs of families while risking their health and financial stability to remain open, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield recognizes these hardships and has provided much-needed relief to providers to help sustain the viability of child care during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; support for high-quality child care represents a worthy commitment to our children’s future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Antonia Moran, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Mansfield, Connecticut, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2022, as Provider Appreciation Day in the Town of Mansfield and urge all citizens to recognize Child Care Providers for their important work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 11th day of April in the year 2022.

Antonia Moran, Mayor
Town of Mansfield
April 11, 2022