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, Berthelot, Bruder, Kochenburger, Moran, Schurin, Shaiken
   Virtual: Fratoni
   Excused: Coleman

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
   Nancy Silander, Silver Falls Lane, thanked the Council for making Mansfield a desirable place to live, commended Planning and Development staff for their work on the neighborhood plan and suggested a timeline for implementation be added to the plan.

4. 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 addition to his written report, Mr. Aylesworth reviewed a memo from Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development, regarding progress on the Helping Hands Program.

   Ms. Berthelot noted that she would like a regular report from the State Troopers to be provided to the Council again.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
   None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA
   A. Approval of Minutes
   B. 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program
      At the request of Mr. Shaiken, Mayor Moran moved consent agenda item 6C to the first item of new business.

      Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Bruder seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

      Motions passed by consent:
      - To approve the May 9, 2022 regular meeting minutes and the May 10, 2022 special meeting minutes.
• Move, to schedule a public hearing for 7:00 PM at the Town Council’s regular meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022, to solicit public comment regarding potential program applications to the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program.

7. OLD BUSINESS
None.

8. NEW BUSINESS
A. Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority (MRRA), Passenger Tire Charge
Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Bruder seconded to recess as the Town Council and reconvene as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bruder moved and Ms. Berthelot seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, effective May 23, 2022 to amend Sections A196-12 (D) (2) of the Mansfield Solid Waste Regulations, to change passenger car tires (up to 19 ½ inches on or off rims) from $2.00 to $3.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Ausburger seconded to recess as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority and reconvene at the Town Council. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Juneteenth Independence Day Proclamation
Mr. Glenn Mitoma, Human Rights Commission Chair, introduced the proclamation noting its local focus and the witness stone project.

Mr. Kochenburger moved and Mr. Bruder seconded, effective May 23, 2022, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation recognizing Juneteenth. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Neighborhood Stabilization Plan
Mr. Aylesworth recapped the allocation of ARPA funds to the Neighborhood Stabilization Plan project. Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development reviewed the factors that prioritize the area for a neighborhood plan and summarized the benefits to creating the plan. Details such as neighborhood boundaries and an implementation timeline will need to be worked out by a steering committee. A large portion of the project cost is allocated to community engagement as well as creating the document and developing related regulations. Ms. Painter stressed the effectiveness and desirability of single family homes on small lots vs. multifamily housing and largely credited Jennifer Kaufman, Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent, with the content creation for this neighborhood stabilization concept.

Mr. Kochenburger moved and Mr. Ausburger seconded to authorize the Town Manager to move forward with the development of the Neighborhood Stabilization Plan as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Being that it was Ms. Painter’s last Town Council meeting as a Mansfield employee, Councilors praised Ms. Painter for her impressive portfolio of accomplishments amassed during her career in Mansfield and lamented the loss of this most consummate professional.

D. Change in Charge and Name of the Personnel Committee
Council agreed by consensus to hold this item until the next council meeting.
9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
Mr. Schurin reported that the Personnel Committee met this evening and spoke about the timeline for the Town Manager's performance review and development of the survey. Ms. Berthelot reported that the Committee on Committees is currently working with the Mansfield Advocates for Children on their charge and will continue to work with various committees on charge updates.

10. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS
None.

11. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
A. EHHD COVID-19 Reports – Mr. Aylesworth reported that the case numbers are on the rise and positivity rates are likely underreported because of home tests and non-reporting. Cases have been on the rise since lifting the mask mandate. Vaccinations and boosters are encouraged as is staying home when sick.

C. Taste of Mansfield Champion Awards (Press Release)
D. 2022 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony (Press Release & Flyer)

12. FUTURE AGENDAS
None.

13. ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Bruder moved and Mr. Ausburger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor
Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk
Proclamation
Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

WHEREAS, the United States of America, in declaring its independence on July 4, 1776, proclaimed “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”; and

WHEREAS, despite this proclamation, millions of individuals of African descent were held in bondage in these lands, constituting a grave crime against humanity; and

WHEREAS, the abolitionist leader and former slave Frederick Douglass spoke to white Americans of the Fourth of July holiday: “I am not included within the pale of glorious anniversary! Your high independence only reveals the immeasurable distance between us. The blessings in which you, this day, rejoice, are not enjoyed in common. The rich inheritance of justice, liberty, prosperity and independence, bequeathed by your fathers, is shared by you, not by me. The sunlight that brought light and healing to you, has brought stripes and death to me. This Fourth July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn...”; and

WHEREAS, slavery was practiced in Connecticut until finally precluded by law in 1848; and

WHEREAS, slavery was practiced in Mansfield into the 19th century; and

WHEREAS, among those enslaved in Mansfield were Titus, son of Tobias and Peg, who worked as a blacksmith, butcher, and tanner, and enlisted to serve the cause of independence during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, Titus contributed his forced and uncompensated labor to the development of the Town of Mansfield and the enrichment of Shubael Conant, his enslaver, whose family name is prominently commemorated in the Town of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, Titus has remained unrecognized in the Town of Mansfield until the research of teachers and students at Mansfield Middle School led to the placement of a Witness Stone bearing Titus name at the Mansfield Library on June 10, 2022, and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, providing for that all persons held as slaves in all parts of the Confederacy “shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free;” and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, the final Confederate state in rebellion, and declared: “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of
personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them, becomes that between employer and hired labor;” and

WHEREAS, in 1866, Texans began marking the Juneteenth holiday with community gatherings and events, such as parades, religious services, speeches and readings, cookouts, and music; and

WHEREAS, communities around the country have increasingly adopted the 19th day of June as “Juneteenth Independence Day” to celebrate the end of chattel slavery and the resilience of the African American community; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut General Assembly has directed the Governor to observe Juneteenth Independence Day since 2003; and

WHEREAS, in issuing the Proclamation recognizing Juneteenth Independence Day in 2020, Governor Ned Lamont stated, “Simply recognizing a day and educating people about our country’s history is not enough. We must do more. We must take action to reach the goal of a more equal and just society;” and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield has recognized its responsibility to respect, protect, and fulfill the human rights of all residents, and to promote equity and racial justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT:

1) That the 19th of June, 2022 be declared Juneteenth Independence Day.
2) That on or around June 19, 2022, the Town of Mansfield will support events that commemorate and celebrate the end of African slavery in Mansfield, Connecticut, and the United States of America,

3) That the Town of Mansfield directs the Town Manager to work continue to work with Town departments, the Human Rights Commission, and other stakeholders—including, but not limited to, scholars, historians, community leaders, and human rights activists—to develop activities and events to commemorate and celebrate Juneteenth Independence Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 23rd day of May in the year 2022.

Antonia Moran, Mayor
Town of Mansfield
May 23, 2022