MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Moran called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:12 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Ausburger, Berthelot, Coleman, Kochenburger, Moran, Schurin, Shaiken
Excused: Bruder, Fratoni

3. PUBLIC HEARING
A. Potential Program Applications to the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program
The Town Clerk read the legal notice. Mayor Moran asked for comments. No comments were offered and the public hearing was closed.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
Michael Taylor, Stonemill Road, spoke in support of creating new pickleball courts in town and expressed appreciation for having the opportunity to make it happen.
Arri Taylor, Wormwood Hill Road, noted that he would have enjoyed pickleball courts as a kid and spoke in support of creating new courts.

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.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
Mayor Moran reported she attended the memorial service for Charles Prewitt. Mr. Prewitt left a legacy of public service and peace and civil rights education.
Mr. Shaiken commented that he was surprised and honored to be asked to speak at the 2022 E.O. Smith High School graduation. The ceremony was wonderful and he wished the graduates all the best.

7. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approval of Minutes
B. Proclamation Designating the Month of July as National Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Mansfield
Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Coleman seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motions passed by consent:
• To approve the June 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes.
• Move, effective June 27, 2022, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation designating the Month of July as National Parks and Recreation Month in Mansfield.

8. OLD BUSINESS
A. 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Applications (Item #6B, 05.23.22 Agenda)
   Jennifer Kaufman, Acting Director of Planning and Development, provided an overview of the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program and how it works.

   Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Ausburger seconded to adopt the following resolution:

   Resolved, to approve the following project for submission to the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services for inclusion in the 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program: Water harvesting project at the Mansfield Community Center.

   Motion passed unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS
A. Resident State Troopers Office Update
   Sergeant Tim Merrill provided the Council with a summary of Spring Semester 2022 UConn-related law enforcement activities and answered Councilor questions regarding enforcement of a potential panhandling ordinance, enforcement statistics, and job duties of Troopers newly assigned to Mansfield.

B. FY 22/23 General Wage Increases for Non Union Personnel
   At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Schurin moved, effective July 1, 2022 to endorse a 2.5% general wage increase applied to the Town Administrator's Pay Plan thus affecting compensation for non-union personnel for FY 2022/2023. Motion passed unanimously.

C. WPCA Proposed Sewer Service Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut
   Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Coleman seconded that the Council recess as the Town Council and convene as the Mansfield Water Pollution Control Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

   Mr. Aylesworth provided highlights of the sewer agreement and noted that the new agreement allows new connections to the existing system as long as certain criteria are met. Mr. Carrington and Attorney Deneen answered Council’s questions regarding contract terms and system capacity. Mayor Moran thanked University leadership for recognizing that this kind of agreement is in our mutual best interest.

   Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Coleman seconded to adopt the following resolution:

   RESOLVED, June 27, 2022, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed amendment to the 2017 Sewer Service Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut.

   Motion passed unanimously.

   Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Ausburger seconded that the Council recess as the Mansfield Water Pollution Control Authority and convene as the Town Council. Motion passed unanimously.
10. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
Ms. Berthelot reported that the Committee on Committees is working on updating the charges of the Transportation Advisory Committee and Mansfield Advocates for Children.
Mr. Schurin reported that the Personnel and Procedures Committee discussed the general wage increase considered by the Council earlier this evening and worked on refining the Town Manager performance review questions.

11. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS
None.

12. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
A. EHHID COVID-19 reports
B. Appointment ltr. - L. Aldrich, EDC
C. Appointment ltr. - R. Favretti, Town Historian
D. Correspondence from ROVs re: Campus Polling Place
E. Correspondence from M. Stanton re: Campus Polling Place
G. Mansfield Video Streaming Meeting Statistics
H. Town of Mansfield New Hires

Mayor Moran noted that there is no progress to report regarding the proposed campus polling place.

13. FUTURE AGENDAS
• Panhandling Ordinance
• Setting Council Goals

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims or Litigation in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(B)
Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Schurin seconded to enter executive session to discuss Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims or Litigation in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(B) and to invite Ryan Aylesworth and Kevin Deneen. Motion passed unanimously.

The executive session concluded and the Council reconvened in open session.

Mr. Shaiken moved and Ms. Berthelot seconded to add the proposed settlement agreement with the East Brook Mall to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Proposed Settlement Agreement with the East Brook Mall
Attorney Kevin Deneen provided an overview of the tax settlement agreement.

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded effective today to authorize the Town Attorney and Town Manager to execute the tax settlement agreement with the East Brook Mall as presented in Attorney Deneen’s memo. Motion passed unanimously.
16. ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Ausburger moved and Mr. Coleman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor

Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk
Designation of July 2022 as Parks and Recreation Month
Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

Whereas, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut; and

Whereas, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

Whereas, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

Whereas, parks and recreation programs increase a community’s economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

Whereas, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

Whereas, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

Whereas, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

Whereas, the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT: that July is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 27th day of June in the year 2022.

Antonia Moran, Mayor
Town of Mansfield
June 27, 2022