MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Moran called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

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

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

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 response to concerns raised by Mr. Coleman, Mr. Aylesworth explained that follow up samples will be taken from the new wells drilled for the new elementary school after lead was detected. Should an issue be confirmed, local officials will work closely with the design team and state officials to rectify the problem.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
Mayor Moran commented that she has accepted an invitation from the Town of Chaplin to participate in their 300th anniversary celebration. She reported that a celebration in honor of resigning Council member Peter Kochenburger was held prior to tonight’s meeting.
Mr. Ausburger commented that Vera Stearns Ward has resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission and thanked her for her years of service. He also commented that he will be voting in support of the pickleball court plan.

6. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approval of Minutes
B. Appointments to Town Committees
C. Cancellation of August 22, 2022 Meeting
Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Ausburger seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motions passed by consent:
- To approve the July 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes.
- Move, effective July 25, 2022, to appoint JamieLang-Rodean to the Board of Ethics as a full member for a term ending June 30, 2025.
- Move, to cancel the August 25, 2022 regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council.

7. OLD BUSINESS
None.
8. NEW BUSINESS
A. Code Red / Emergency Communications
Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal, Emergency Management Director Adam Libros discussed our emergency communications program, Code Red, including how the system is used, types of messages sent and system limitations. Councilors requested that additional messaging be sent to further inform residents about the Code Red system.

B. Conceptual Plan for Pickleball Facility at the Mansfield Community Center
Mr. Aylesworth explained that this item was on the agenda to gauge Council’s interest in moving forward with Mr. Michael Taylor and the Town Attorney to draft an agreement in reference to the proposed pickleball facility. Mr. Taylor and son Arri Taylor discussed court sizes and proposed location for the courts. The Council expressed its support to move forward with a draft agreement.

C. Pandemic Premium Pay for Town and School District Employees
Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Bruder seconded to table this business item to the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Appointments to Standing Council Committees
In consideration of the resignation of Councilor Kochenburger, Mayor Moran made the following changes to Council committee appointments:
- Deputy Mayor Shaiken appointed as Finance Committee Chair
- Councilor Berthelot removed from Committee on Committees and appointed to the Finance Committee
- Councilor Bruder appointed as Chair of the Committee on Committees
The new Councilor will be appointed to the Committee on Committees.

E. Town Clerk Office Update
Town Clerk Sara-Ann Chaine provided the Council with an overview of departmental responsibilities and accomplishments in fiscal year 2022 and ongoing initiatives.

F. Proposed Revised Mansfield Advocates for Children Charge
[Mr. Shaiken left the room.]

Ms. Berthelot, at the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, moved to adopt the proposed resolution as written.

Mr. Bruder commented that the changes to the current charge are required by statute.

Motion passed unanimously.

The adopted resolution is as follows:

Resolved, to adopt the following Mansfield Advocates for Children charge:

PURPOSE AND CHARGE: Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC) is an early childhood collaborative, promoting the well-being of children and their families in Mansfield. Our goal is to assure that Mansfield children ages birth through eight years old are healthy, successful learners, and they and their families are connected to the community. MAC also proudly serves as an...
advisory council to the Mansfield Town Council on issues relating to education, health and the safety of young children. MAC also acts as the Mansfield School Readiness Council (SRC), which oversees and implements guidelines for the School Readiness program contained in the Office of Early Childhood General Policy C-01 (2/2022).

COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP: The Committee shall be composed of at least seven (7) members, but no more than twenty-five (25) members. The Committee shall follow the guidance contained in the Office of Early Childhood GP C-01 (2/2022) pertaining to SRC Membership as required by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood's School Readiness Grant program, shall include:

- The Mayor or designee
- The Superintendent of Schools or designee
- Parents and/or Guardians of Mansfield children
  - At least twenty-five (25) percent of the membership shall be parents or guardians of children
- Representatives from local programs associated with children including but not limited to:
  - School Readiness Grant recipients
  - Local early care and education providers
  - Home based early care providers
  - Family resource centers
- Representative from a local health care provider in the community
- Local homeless education liaison (McKinney-Vento Liaison)
- Representative from a workforce or job training entity in the community
- Representative from a local business in the community
- Other representatives from the community who provide services to children including but not limited to:
  - Public Librarian
  - Public & private sector services
  - Faith based organizations
  - University based organizations
  - Community members with an interest in early childhood initiatives

Members shall be jointly appointed by the chief elected official and the superintendent of schools. The Committee will interview applicants and the Chairperson shall make recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of schools. Members serve for three-year, staggered terms. The members of the council shall elect the chairperson(s). Members are required to recuse themselves from any discussion or vote pertaining to the issuance of Town grant funds to the agency which employs them.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Serves as an advocate regarding the early childhood needs of the residents of Mansfield.
- Submit an Annual Report to the Mansfield Town Council in June of each calendar year.
- Hold School Readiness Council meetings at times and locations that are convenient for the council members, including the parent and guardian members.
- Document efforts to ensure that the racial, ethnic and socioeconomic composition of the council reflects that of its town or region, as applicable.
• Make recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of schools on issues relating to School Readiness, including any applications for grants pursuant to sections 10-16p, 10-16u, 17b-749a and 17b-749c of the C.G.S.
• Foster partnerships among providers of School Readiness programs.
• Cooperate with the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC) in any program evaluation, use measures developed pursuant to section 10-16s of the C.G.S. for purposes of evaluating the effectiveness of School Readiness programs.
• Identify existing and prospective resources and services available to children and families.
• Facilitate the coordination of the delivery of services to children and families, including (1) referral procedures, and (2) before- and after-school child care for children attending kindergarten programs.
• Exchange information with other SRCs and community organizations serving children and families.
• Make recommendations to school officials concerning the transition from School Readiness programs to kindergarten; and encourage public participation.
• Collaborate with the Office of Early Childhood related to planning improvements to the state early care and education governance structure.

MEETINGS: The Committee will meet October through June, with the exception of November and January, on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM.

[Mr. Shaiken returned.]

G. Proposed Committee on Committees Charge
Ms. Berthelot presented the proposed charge and noted that charging the Committee with making appointments so that applicants may begin serving on committees sooner may be in conflict with the Town Charter. Mr. Aylesworth suggested the Town Attorney could provide an official legal opinion on the matter. Mr. Bruder spoke in favor of this suggestion. Mr. Schurin shared his concern about potentially allowing only two Councilors to make appointments as well as his concern that having committees vet applicants may discourage change. Mr. Ausburger commented that it takes the Council even longer to make an appointment when a Council meeting is cancelled. Mr. Kochenburger suggested that “as authorized by the Town Council, the committee makes appointments” be added to the charge. Mr. Shaiken stated his support for getting a legal opinion as well as his concern about not having Council consent to appointments even if a legal opinion finds that appointment by the Committee on Committees is permissible. Mayor Moran suggested applicants could be encouraged to attend committee meetings after being recommended for appointment. Mr. Kochenburger noted that the process assumes there is one candidate and does not address what happens when there are multiple candidates for one position. Mr. Aylesworth will ask the Town Attorney for a legal opinion.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
Mr. Schurin reported that the Personnel Committee met earlier and talked about their committee charge and the grants coordinator position.

10. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS
None.

11. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
A. EHHD COVID-19 Reports
B. Downtown Storrs Parking Garage Financial Report (June 2022)
C. A. Tierney, Town Manager Town of Hebron, re: Mutual Aid Assistance (07.13.22) – TM look at this thank you to and congrats to fire department on being useful and effective and well respected

12. FUTURE AGENDAS
   - Mansfield Elementary School Wells

13. ADJOURNMENT
   Mr. Kochenburger moved and Mr. Coleman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor
Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk