

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 3rd, 2024

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 at **7:53pm** in
Courtroom One of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

David Falquette led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered were present at roll call: Burns, Meier, Daley, Diaz, Mount, Robertson, Falquette, and Scott. **Excused Absence:** Akuchie-Pass 7-0

There being no objections, the reading of the Journal and Correspondence was dispensed with.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
No Public Comments

COMMITTEE REPORTS
No Committee Reports

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: I have a question for the Safety Director. I am just curious about our newly purchased roof drill, how that's going and are we ever going to get to see this?

DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH: So yes, training will begin the 17th, 18th and 19th of December. So, that had to be pushed back, timeline back because of what we're dealing with now Central Square Training with all staff. The trainers will be coming from Texas, up to train dispatchers, police and fire. So once that training is done, I plan on when that is live, on a council night to offer an invitation for about an hour before council. We will play out a little scenario, you guys will see it deploy from the box, we will transfer up to the ninth floor, the monitors, you guys will see the screens of what dispatchers, police and fire, what they see and how that would work, a little role play. Of course, we want to offer that invitation to the media as well. Hopefully, maybe before the end of the year, could be right at the first of the year. When it's real cold. Everybody get the real shaky feeling.

CHERYL MEIER: Ok, I just wondered.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok. Back to Mayor Perry.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: I don't have anything else. But I did notice the Primary date is wrong on your council dates. Just and FYI. It's showing up in March here which is only in the Presidential year. So, don't get to set on this calendar here. It would be May 6th, so your March date would revert to the 18th and the May date would go to May 7th.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: So, noted. Director Andres.

DIRECTOR KELLY BLANKENSHIP: I have nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Andres.

DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Blankenship.

DIRECTOR KELLY BLANKENSHIP: No thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Porch.

DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH: No Sir.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Yockey?

AMY YOCKEY: I have nothing to report.

LATE BILLS

No Late Bills

SUSPEND RULES

CYNTHIA DALEY: I would like to move with respect to all bills that come before council this evening that the rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended and that each Bill be read one time by title only. Seconded by Mr. Falquette. A electronic vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

LEGISLATION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette, Bill 24-236.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 24-236 that it be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-236.

LACONIA JAMES-ROSS: Authorizing renewal of an Agreement with the Richland County Commissioners for Payment of Counsel Fees for Indigent Criminal Defendants, and declaring an emergency.

AGREEMENT – PAYMENT OF COUNSEL FEES

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL 24-236

ORDINANCE: 24-237

Authorizing renewal of an Agreement with the Richland County Commissioners for Payment of Counsel Fees for Indigent Criminal Defendants, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 24-236 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The Bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-236? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-236 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-236. Bill passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette, Bill 24-237.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-237 be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-237.

LACONIA JAMES-ROSS: Appropriating the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$110,000.00) from the unappropriated Safety Services PRIDE Fund (#239), for the purpose of transferring funds to the Safety Services Fund (#214), based on actual and anticipated revenue through December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

TRASFERRING FUNDS TO THE SAFETY SERVICE FUND

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #24-237

ORDINANCE: 24-238

Appropriating the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$110,000.00) from the unappropriated Safety Services PRIDE Fund (#239), for the purpose of transferring funds to the Safety Services Fund (#214), based on actual and anticipated revenue through December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 24-237 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The Bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-237? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-237 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-237. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-238, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thanks Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-238 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-238.

LACONIA JAMES-ROSS: Submitting to the electors of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, the question of amending the Charter of the City to reimpose an additional levy of one-quarter percent (1/4%) municipal income tax for another period of four (4) years commencing July 1, 2025, for the exclusive purpose of rehabilitation and repair of streets and park roads, and declaring an emergency.

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #24-238

ORDINANCE: 24-239

Submitting to the electors of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, the question of amending the Charter of the City to reimpose an additional levy of one-quarter percent (1/4%) municipal income tax for another period of four (4) years commencing July 1, 2025, for the exclusive purpose of rehabilitation and repair of streets and park roads, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 24-238 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The Bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-238? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-238 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-238. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-239, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thanks Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-239 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-239.

LACONIA JAMES-ROSS: Submitting the question of adopting the continuation of an existing municipal income tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) for a period of four (4) years from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029 for "City P.R.I.D.E.," to the electors of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for their approval or rejection at the primary election to be held within the City of Mansfield, Ohio, on May 6, 2025, with such additional income tax receipts to be used exclusively for Parks, Recreation, Illumination, Demolitions, and Emergency services, and declaring an emergency.

MUINCIPAL INCOME TAX - CITY P.R.I.D.E.

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #24-239

ORDINANCE: 24-240

Submitting the question of adopting the continuation of an existing municipal income tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) for a period of four (4) years from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029 for "City P.R.I.D.E.," to the electors of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for their approval or rejection at the primary election to be held within the City of Mansfield, Ohio, on May 6, 2025, with such additional income tax receipts to be used exclusively for Parks, Recreation, Illumination, Demolitions, and Emergency services, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 24-239 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The Bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-239? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-239 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-239. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-240, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-240 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-240.

LACONIA JAMES-ROSS: Reenacting a portion of Chapter 193 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, as amended, to provide for a "City P.R.I.D.E." levy of one-quarter percent (.25%) municipal income tax, after approval of such levy by the electors pursuant to § 718.01 of the Revised Code of Ohio, upon income taxable by the City of Mansfield for a period of four (4) years and commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029, to be used exclusively for Parks, Recreation, Illumination, Demolitions, and Emergency services, and declaring an emergency.

RE-ENACTING A PORTION OF CHAPTER 193

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #24-240

ORDINANCE: 24-241

Reenacting a portion of Chapter 193 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, as amended, to provide for a "City P.R.I.D.E." levy of one-quarter percent (.25%) municipal income tax, after approval of such levy by the electors pursuant to § 718.01 of the Revised Code of Ohio, upon income taxable by the City of Mansfield for a period of four (4) years and commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029, to be used exclusively for Parks, Recreation, Illumination, Demolitions, and Emergency services, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 24-240 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The Bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-240? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-240 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-240. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-241.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-241 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-241.

LACONIA JAMES - ROSS: Amending Section 355.01, of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances, "Off-Street Parking", and, declaring an emergency.

AMENDING MANSFIELD CODIFIED ORDINANCE "OFF STREET PARKING"

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-241

Amending Section 355.01, of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances, "Off-Street Parking", and, declaring an emergency.

Bill 24-241: THIS BILL WILL BE A 1st READ

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-242.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-242 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-242.

LACONIA JAMES-ROSS: Authorizing the Public Works Director to purchase for the Street Department, according to STS pricing contract #CTR0228131B, one (1) 2024 Case CE 621G Front End Loader from Southeastern Equipment Company, (3875 West Fourth St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903), in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$195,007.00), and declaring an emergency.

2024 CASE - CE 621G FRONT END LOADER

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-242

ORDINANCE: 24-242

Authorizing the Public Works Director to purchase for the Street Department, according to STS pricing contract #CTR0228131B, one (1) 2024 Case CE 621G Front End Loader from Southeastern Equipment Company, (3875 West Fourth St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903), in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$195,007.00), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-242 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:7 Nays: 0

The Bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-242? Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Sir. I move Bill 24-242 be placed on the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 24-242. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, Bill 24-243.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-243 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-243.

LACONIA JAMES - ROSS: Amending Sections 311.02 and 311.03 of Chapter 311 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances, "Street Obstructions and Special Uses," and declaring an emergency.

AMENDING MANSFIELD CODIFIED ORDINANCE – SECTIONS 311.02 AND 311.03

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-243

Amending Sections 311.02 and 311.03 of Chapter 311 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances, "Street Obstructions and Special Uses," and declaring an emergency.

Bill 24-243: THIS BILL WILL BE A 1st READ

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there anything else to come before council this evening?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Move to close.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded to close. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Great, **8:08pm** council is now closed. We are adjourned.

END OF DISCUSSION

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mr. Falquette, seconded by Miss Robertson, and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Laconia Ross
Assistant Clerk of Council

Phil Scott
President