

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 7th, 2025
Employee Relations Committee @ 6:25pm
Economic Development Committee @ 6:30pm
Safety Committee @ 6:35pm
Public Hearing @ 6:45pm
Parks Committee @ 6:50pm

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, October 7th, 2025 at 7:25pm in the
Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Eleazer Akuchie led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered were present at roll call: Meier, Akuchie, Daley, Diaz, Mount, Robertson, Falquette, and Scott. ***{Burns was absent: Approved 7-1}***

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: At this time, we will have public comments. We have quite a few signed up. And, as is always the case, we ask that you come up to the microphone there. We limit you to three minutes. Please give your name and address for the record. So, with that, we'll call up Andrew Eyink. Thank you, sir. One of these days, I'll learn your name.

ANDREW EYINK: *{532 Bailey Drive, Mansfield Ohio}* Pursuant to the lawful notice previously entered into the public record 2 September 2025, wherein I, Andrew Eyink, Declared and affirmed my standing as County Reeve with the highest lawful authority within the physical boundaries of Richland County, Ohio, the following points were clearly stated:

1. My lawful status as an American common law and public law;
2. My right and duty to utilize public facilities, including the county jail, for the lawful detention of offenders under the American common law and public law;
3. My intent to hold a public American Civil Peace flag raising ceremony as a peaceful and lawful expression of self-governance and restoration of lawful government;

This notice was served and made publicly available to all relevant municipal officers and City Council members. As of the date of this writing, no rebuttal, objection, or lawful counterclaim has been received within the standard 21-day period as provided under the Principles of American Common Law and the Law of contracts;

Therefore, Tacit Agreement is hereby established, and the following is affirmed:

The City Council and its officers have acquiesced to the lawful authority and jurisdiction of the County Reeve as declared;

The use of public facilities, including the jail, for the purposes under the County Reeves Authority is acknowledged and uncontested;

The planned American Civil Peace flag raising ceremony stands as a lawful and peaceful act of self-governance and is not subject to statutory/civil or admiralty/maritime interference;

Let this serve as formal and lawful affirmation of jurisdiction, standing, and authority, any future rebuttal must be made in writing, under full commercial liability, and sworn under the penalty of perjury. Thank you. Does anyone have any questions? Thanks.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next, we have Tammy McQuillen.

TAMMY MCQUILLEN: *{1680 Executive Ct. Apt. 118, Mansfield, Ohio}* Hi everybody. I am here just to comment about the PNC Bank inquiring the land on the parking lot. And, I'm not really for that. I think it's a bad idea. I've supported you guys on your other projects throughout Mansfield. I've seen the vision. I've seen the planning has been good, but this seems like it's being rushed through. That parking lot is so important to the merchants on Main Street. And, so it's really unique. It's easier for people to get to the Main Street businesses. I don't know if you guys are aware, but there are four (4) handicapped parking spaces in that lot. They are up in the southwest corner, which makes it really good for people with mobility issues because they can park their car, access Main Street sidewalk, go to Crowes (Shoes), go down to the pizza place (Two Cousins Pizza), go to the Carousel. And if you put this bank in there, those spaces are going to be lost. And then you talk about another parking area, well I don't know where it could be, where it would be as convenient of a location if it's anywhere else around the carousel. So, I think that needs to be considered. And the other thing is, the businesses on Main Street are really been hurting through this project and they've been supportive. But you got to understand, these are little guys. So, they're not like the PNC Big Bank, you know, that can donate a building and pay money to kind of force their way in. Just don't think it's fair to them where they've been loyal, they've been patient through this major construction and now your gonna ask them to okay, "We're done with Main Street, but now guess what? PNC Bank is gonna go in, take another 18 months of construction." And that's gonna be disruptive. These guys are, they're gonna leave or lose their businesses. They're really hurting. I just talked to one lady, she's at her wits end. So, you know I would ask you to reconsider Because I think this was rushed through. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Next, we have Jim Arata.

JIM ARATA: *{29 Greendale Ave, Mansfield Ohio 44902}* Hello. I've come this evening just to ask a question to know how I would get some help. I have contacted Deborah Mount, our council lady in the area that's of concerned, which is Greendale Avenue. It's where I grew up as a boy and I kept our family homestead after my parents passed. And it's for a place of remembrance and also for my sisters to stay when they come into town. And, Columbia Gas and Global Energy Partners have been working and installing new gas lines. And, where they took their machinery across the curbs, and I have photo documentation. But it broke big areas of the curb and put trenches in the yard. And, I went to the Service Safety Directors office, and the secretary had me submit an email with the photos and the information. But I'm just coming to know where we can get help to get the curbs repaired, because the gas company folks came by and brought a couple of workers and picked all of the pieces that is broke out of the curb. But now there's areas where there's nothing but dirt. And the water comes down the street when it rains and flows in towards the yard. And I didn't know where I need to go to get help, to know where to go to get the help, to get the curbs repaired. So, I just wanted to bring that to council's attention. And I appreciate Miss Mount had responded to my email that she was going to be checking with Code & Permits and so forth. But I just didn't want it to be. They come and picked up the broken pieces, pretty good pile on the back of a truck. And I've never seen anyone since. And the Columbia Gas man, the supervisor, that they had repeatedly asked the city to meet with them to look at the damage. And now I noticed today that even the home next door, parts of that curb is laying in the street now. So, I just thought I would come as a concerned citizen. Because when you park along that curb now, before they took the pieces away, it's a safety hazard, so... thank you for your time and hopefully we can, bringing that to your attention we can get some help. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next, we have Tom Ross.

TOM ROSS: {475 Forest Hill Road, Mansfield Ohio} Thank you for hearing me this evening. Part of my comments probably are not necessary right now since this legislation has been reduced to a three meeting – three date pieces of legislation. But I'd like to make a comment, several. I'm here this evening to make a comment on the proposed legislation that involves the City of Mansfield and Park National Bank. Initially I thought why the fast track? The so-called emergency clause quoted as Section Four, should be Section 5, since there is already a Section 4 in this legislation. I'm going to read this emergency clause because I think it's something you should consider when the time comes. *'In that the prompt conveyance of the property is required to facilitate economic development efforts. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation, the immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety of the City of Mansfield. Therefore, this ordinance shall take effect immediately, whatever, as long as you voted yes.'*

I don't know where in the world the idea of peace, health and safety in the City of Mansfield on that corner comes from. I think that's just so farfetched. I find that totally wrong and unacceptable. The section wasn't even numbered correctly. And our public peace, health and safety are real issue here. Park National Bank already owns a large, empty lot diagonally across the street from its current location. A building there would house many more than the twenty-five employees of Park officials say would be employed. That lot use to be the site of the Mansfield Leland Hotel. It's empty, it's available, it's owned by Park National Bank. Why move them into what is proposed? Every time I've parked in the Fourth and Main lot, it has been well over 50% full, many more a much higher percentage of that even. If the city has a true interest in downtown Mansfield, it will maintain it as a parking lot. A 'no' vote will have an extremely detrimental effect on the efforts that are being made right now to improve downtown Mansfield. The old Farmers Bank building, for sale for years, has had no takers and no development has developed as a result of it being available. I want you to keep that in mind if you will. Over the years, I was active downtown, as President of the Chamber of Commerce, United Way, member of the Regional Planning Commission, among other things. I feel I have some basis from which I speak. What is the true condition of that Park building? What's it really worth? You know an old proverb states and I quote, *"Look before you leap and then take the elevator."* If you do, you will vote no on this legislation. Only Park National Bank will benefit because the city, not Park National Bank, will have an albatross on their hands. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Just for information, when we get the public comment, it's been tradition that we do not, council does not address any comments made in public comment. So, it is not that we're jerking you or ignoring you or anything, that's just practice in the past, so everybody knows. With that, I will call up John Fernyak.

JOHN FERNYAK: {4 West Fourth Street, Mansfield Ohio} I'm representing Engwiller Properties, for the investors. I'd like to thank council for the benefits they've given our business people. It's been the difference between keeping them alive and watching them close up. It's been wonderful and thank you so much. The program that you have pulled concerns me greatly because we've had Covid-we've gotten through that. We've had the construction down there, which we're limping through. Engwiller has done forty-six renovations of buildings downtown. We've got four more to do. We're also working with a developer that is talented with residential which I think is important for the downtown to get more people downtown to do business with people who have businesses there. But if you take 90 parking spaces for this proposed bank building, your taking 40 people, 90 people away that aren't gonna do business downtown. They may do business with Park, but you've got dozens of merchants downtown that are gonna really have a problem. And so, I think that we got the cart before the horse. We need to have more parking downtown than we've got, because as those merchants have built businesses, we've put in nine parking lots downtown and we still need a big parking lot to feed those merchants. Otherwise, you loose tax dollars and it's not gonna be fun. Thanks so much.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Van? Maybe he left with the...he signed up for John Todd Park. So maybe he left with those folks. Ok. Moving on, Mr. Easter McNeil. Just remember Easter, it's been a while since you've been...

EASTHER MCNEIL: {304 East Arch Street, Mansfield Ohio} I know... but I may take my wife's three-minutes or whatever ...so that makes six-minutes. All of you new on council don't know me. My name is Easter McNeil, use to be up here. I would have been on council but, they...not this council. They sent a letter saying blah, blah, blah, blah. So, I gave it up. But, I'm up here tonight because I keep getting stuff from the city about this or that, this or that. It's a bunch of crap. I'm telling, a bunch of crap. I got property all over the city. I try to take care of it. People have broken in. I need to put a guard with a gun. But anyway, I got property on Arch Street and I got letters. "You don't cut your grass." Grass is being cut all the time. I pay somebody to cut my grass on Arch, Fifth, Bowman Street and it's being cut. I 'm tired of the city, always on my back. But they been on my back for a long time, a long time. I know, he's looking at the clock. But all I can say is, I'm tired. I haven't been up here because I've had heart problems. I still have heart problems. I had a heart operation, all that. But, I'm tired, tired. "Your grass ain't cut." I pay somebody to cut my grass all over the city. They come down the street, tore down a house. The street got a hole in it. In the street, grass, weeds grow up in the street, it's on Arch Street, growing up in the street. It's not our responsibility, it's your responsibility. Because the people that you hired, they tear down the house, go down and it's concrete and they put holes in the concrete...

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. McNeil...

EASTHER MCNEIL: I know. I'm taking my wife's three minutes now. Alright? They dup down in this street, grass is growing up out of the street, who's responsible for that? It's over on Arch Street. Right up the street, right across the street from a house I own. Something needs to be done. The city come down...

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Wrap it up...

EASTHER MCNEIL: Who said wrap it up?

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Me. Your time's up.

EASTHER MCNEIL: Hey...I'm taking your time. The city come down, and they did the street. The city put too much asphalt in the street, where the asphalt is up over the curb. When it rains hard, where do you think that water goes?

CHIEF JASON BAMMAN: (whispers in his ear)

EASTHER MCNEIL: You guys better go sit down. The water comes in my basement, because the asphalt covered the drain. Six Ward. You the Sixth Ward? My house number, 304 East Arch Street. Come by. I'll show you. Next...

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee Reports

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, that concludes public comment. Are there any other more committee, committee reports? Mayor, do you have anything further for council?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Andres.

DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Converse.

DIRECTOR KELLY CONVERSE: No thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Harper.

DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER: Nothing.

LATE BILLS

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: I move respect to **Bill 25-157, Bill-158** and **Bill 25-159**, that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that **Bill 25-157, Bill 25-158** and **Bill 25-159** be allowed on the floor this evening. Seconded by Miss Robertson. A vote was taken and resulted as follows: Aye: 7, Nays: 0.

SUSPEND RULES

ELEAZER AKUCHIE 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 Miss Robertson. A voice vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

LEGISLATION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-151.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 25-151 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 25-151.

DELAINE WEINER: Accept and appropriate forfeiture money received in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,516.00), and declaring an emergency.

ACCEPT & APPROPRIATE FORFEITURE MONEY

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-151

ORDINANCE: #25-150

Accept and appropriate forfeiture money received in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,516.00), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-151 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 25-151? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-151 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 25-151. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-152.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 25-152 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 25-152.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Harbor Freight in the amount of One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00), and declaring an emergency.

DONATION – HARBOR FREIGHT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-152

ORDINANCE: #25-151

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Harbor Freight in the amount of One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-152 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: Any discussion on Bill 25-152? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move Bill 25-152 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 25-152. Bill Passes 7-0.

DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-153.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 25-153 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 25-153.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to purchase, from the Jim Shorkey Auto Group, two (2) 2026 Dodge Durango(s) for the Police Division K-9 Unit, and declaring an emergency.

PURCHASE – POLICE DIVISION K-9 UNIT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-153

ORDINANCE: #25-152

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to purchase, from the Jim Shorkey Auto Group, two (2) 2026 Dodge Durango(s) for the Police Division K-9 Unit, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-153 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 25-153? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-153 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 25-153. Bill Passes 7-0.

DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-154.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move with respect to Bill 25-154 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 25-154.

DELAINE WEINER: Accept and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the FY 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One and 79/100 (\$259,841.79) to be used for building improvements, training and related overtime costs, and declaring an emergency.

FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-154

ORDINANCE: #25-153

Accept and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the FY 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One and 79/100 (\$259,841.79) to be used for building improvements, training and related overtime costs, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-154 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 25-154? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Just a thank you again to Captain Yerian and the fire department for going after these funds and bringing them in to help the department and the whole city. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other comments? Questions? Ok, hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move Bill 25-154 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 25-154. Bill Passes 7-0.

DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 25-155.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 25-155 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 25-155.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the adoption of a policy to permit the use of employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policies in lieu of surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees of the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

POLICY – EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY & FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-155

ORDINANCE: #25-154

Authorizing the adoption of a policy to permit the use of employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policies in lieu of surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees of the City of Mansfield, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 25-155 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 25-155? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-155 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 25-155. Bill Passes 7-0.

DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 25-156 was caucus only. Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-156 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 25-156.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the conveyance of real property to the Mansfield Community Improvement Corporation and declaring an emergency

CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY – MANSFIELD C.I.C.

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #25-156

ORDINANCE: 25-155

Authorizing the conveyance of real property to the Mansfield Community Improvement Corporation and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 25-156 be read and placed upon the floor for 1st Read, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: 1st Read.

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 25-156? Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. Just real quick. Again, wanted to thank everybody that came to speak on this. I'm glad that the people that did speak on it, and I'm sure that people will reach out by phone or email or letter, if people still types letters or email and puts them in the mail. But please, include your name, address and phone number so that we can reach out and ask questions and things along that line as we make consideration of this for the next meeting in two weeks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other discussion, comments on Bill 25-156? Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I guess it's kind of repetitive. Thinking that Mayor Perry did for transparency, it's like it's a whole new time where we don't have to guess what's happening in the city and sharing all this information. And it's good seeing faces. You guys need to come often, not just when we discuss these things as well. Like I said, I want to just ditto everything that Councilman Falquette said and thank those who reach out to us.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Anyone else? Miss Daley.

ANTOINETTE DALEY: My question is, you know I thought of it also when one of the residents mentioned that Park National does have a property. Why wouldn't they think of that property which regards to the one we own? Does anyone have an answer for that?

DAVID FALQUETTE: I certainly don't if you're looking at me, but I think that is a question that can be researched over the next couple of weeks and we will see what comes out of it.

ANTOINETTE DALEY: Ok.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: I will just add, I mean I don't want to speak on behalf of the bank. But I think that, as I noted earlier, redeveloping the lot is something that we have been talking about for some time. And I think that the bank likes what they're seeing happen in downtown and on Main Street and wanted to be a part of that. Again, all of that being underscored by the fact that we know that, we know that we need the parking. Two other things I will add, just as long as you called on me. One is, I am going to attend the downtown Mansfield merchant meeting on the Thursday morning. So, I know there's a lot of folks that are in the room that are merchants or related and you did not speak up. But please, I will be there and happy to talk more about this. I owe Joyce a phone call back and others. So, by all means, please attend that. It's going to be at 9:00am at the carousel actually. So, and then there is no CIC meeting tomorrow night, because we do not have a quorum in the end. So, just since you all got that email probably earlier today, I was going to tell you, you can take it off your calendar.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other, yes?

ANTOINETTE DALEY: Another question is, we do have parking at the property, is it owned by the city? Is it possible we could do an elevated garage there? Just a thought.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: So, I think ultimately, we would like to have tier parking, a garage. And I mean that was really, when we talked about developing the lot, that I think, is our ultimate game is to have that. So that we can make the best use of the frontage, along the street, both on Fourth Street as well as Diamond and Main. But, taking care of the parking in a different way. Garages are not inexpensive.

The two-deck garage at Ohio Health was about three-million dollars a deck. And that was ten years ago now. However, we have talked with other communities. Springfield, Kent and several others communities are size have figured out the garage and it's typically through a public-private partnership. So, I think that's the long-term solution and then the short-term solution to me is that we can get some surface spaces replace what's being proposed. And I will say too that you know Park (Bank) is not going to use the entire parcel that they're looking at and they have committed to having public parking on their lot. And, they're also going to be having their employees park off-site. So, I know that was another concern from folks that, are their employees going to take those spots. So, those are things that we have talked, I would just like to add since there's certainly folks in the audience that are interested.

ANTOINETTE DALEY: Would Park National be able to come in and explain to residents who are concerned?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Sure. I can ask...Chris was actually here earlier. So, he just left. Yes, I can have a chat with him and see if we can do a little bit more on that.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other questions, comments concerns on Bill 25-156? Ok, that will be considered as 1st read.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next is Bill 25-157, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thanks Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-157 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 25-157.

DELAINE WEINER: Adopting personnel positions, pay grades and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2026 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

ADOPTING PERSONNEL POSITIONS, PAY GRADES & SALARIES

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-157

ORDINANCE: #25-156

Adopting personnel positions, pay grades and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2026 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 25-157 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, 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: Any discussion on Bill 25-157? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-157 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-157. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Alright, Mr. Falquette, Bill 25-158.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-158 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 25-158.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an agreement for industrial, commercial, distribution and research development and other services with the Mansfield Community Improvement Corporation, and declaring an emergency.

AGREEMENT – MANSFIELD C.I.C.

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #25-158

ORDINANCE: 25-157

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an agreement for industrial, commercial, distribution and research development and other services with the Mansfield Community Improvement Corporation, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 25-158 be read and placed upon the floor for 1st Read, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: 1st Read.

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any discussion, comments on Bill 25-158? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-158 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 25-158. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next is Bill 25-159, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-159 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 25-159.

DELAINE WEINER: Amending the Zoning Districts Map of the City of Mansfield, Ohio (Ordinance #04-208) to rezone one parcel located at and around Annadale Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio from Zoning Classification B-1 (Neighborhood Business District) to B-2 (General Business District) Classification, and declaring an emergency.

AMENDING ZONING – ANNADALE AVENUE

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-159

ORDINANCE: #25-158

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Upon motion by Miss Mount, that Bill 25-159 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, 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 25-159? Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. The owner was here, but he left. I was hoping he might comment in public comment, what his plans were and his reasoning. But being that he's not here, we don't know really anything more on it.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Robertson.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you Sir. I have some concerns about this. Number one, I've sat on City Planning Commission and I put a lot of weight in what they say. Also, I am familiar with the area and it butts Madison Township, and that's kind of an insulated nice little residential area there with people that's been there a long time. I have some concerns if the owner had been here to ask because I know what intentions are, but I also know those could change. And, this ruling going to affect a lot of people that's been in that area a long time. So, I have some concerns about that, and I just wanted to express that.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Any other questions, comments, concerns about Bill 25-159? Mr. Akuchie?

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thank you Mr. President. Myself too. I do have concerns because I didn't hear what the neighbors there think about it when it was explained and if the Planning Commission voted it down, I believe they put a lot of effort making that decision, So, personally I will not be voting for it.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok. Anyone else? Council, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: I believe there were no residents that showed, that commented at the City Planning Commission either. They were notified though.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, anyone else? Ok, with that, Miss Mount?

DISCUSSION:

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thanks Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-159 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-159. Bill Fails 0-7 (*all council*).

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok. 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: We are adjourned. At 8:09pm, council is closed.

END OF DISCUSSION

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

Delaine Weiner
Clerk of Council

Phil Scott
President