

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 2nd, 2025
Claims Committee @ 6:00pm
Economic Development Committee @ 6:20pm
Finance Committee @ 6:30pm

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025 at 7:49pm 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: Burns, Meier, Akuchie, Diaz, Mount, Robertson, Falquette, and Scott. *{Excused Absence: Daley 7-0}*

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: At this point in time, we will start our public comment. Just a few things before we do get started. For those that have not been here before, we limit it to three minutes and we have quite a list, so I will probably stay pretty tight on that. Sometimes I'm a little flexible, but with the amount of, we have an already kind of a late hour, I will probably hold pretty firm to three hours. One thing also, council does not engage in any back-and-forth debate. We listen to your concerns and then we move on to the next person. So, with that, I will call on our first person signed up, Bethany Mount.

BETHANY MOUNT: *{114 Cliffbrook Drive, Mansfield, Ohio}* Thank you for considering hen keeping. This is an opportunity my younger siblings and I really would have loved to have when we were growing up. We have heard folks all around town complain there's nothing for young folks to do. We all know this isn't true, but voting for this would allow one more thing for young folks and their families to do. As a Neighborhood Watch participant, I also wanted to thank you for putting in the safeguards you have in there in place requiring chicken keepers to do things the right way. At first, I thought the \$100 permitting fee was rather high, but I realized that this is what the city needs to do to allow residents to have chickens. I won't complain about that. Again, thank you for considering this legislation. Please vote yes to a hen keeping in I am excited for the possibility of more backyard flocks.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Kelsey Cunning.

KELSEY CUNNING: *{993 West Cook Rd, Mansfield, Ohio}* Kelsey Cunning, 993 West Cook Road. I'm addressing some of the concerns that have popped up over the past couple weeks, and we have someone here who can answer any questions about chicken ownership if you would like to ask her later. First, regarding rental properties, it is multidimensional. There is concern about enforcement, in particular about renters, but they must follow the same rules as homeowners with the added requirement of landlord approval. Landlords choose whether to permit any animal, and chickens are no exception. There is fear of

irresponsible tenants, but with more renting than ever, it's unfair to discriminate against those who cannot afford to buy a house.

Another is the landlord's responsibility and liability. However, chickens are much less destructive than cats and dogs and less of a threat to people. The next concern is about dogs.

From a dog ownership standpoint, having hens can annoy dogs. It doesn't take much to upset dogs, and I understand the importance of training my dog as part of responsible dog ownership. Whether it's a garbage truck or a squirrel in the yard, many cities with dog issues still successfully allow backyard hens. Hens are not like dogs. They don't roam the city with the possibility of attacking and spreading fatal rabies. Chickens won't be able to reproduce, creating a bigger problem over time because of the ban on roosters. They tend to stay close to their coop, but the boldest hens only traveling less than 100 meters when they escape. Enforcement is to avoid upsetting neighbors and protect the hens because they are prey, not predators. But that's not the only reason, but it's also that we want to enclose them, but also from contracting diseases from interactions with wildlife. Chickens can spread diseases like any animal. A significant benefit of this bill is its educational component. Biosecurity training would be included in the registration packet. There is misinformation, particularly on bird flu and histoplasmosis. Small backyard coops have not been primarily spread with the bird flu. Large commercial farms have. Histoplasmosis is already a man's field. The fungi can thrive in bird poop. We have not seen widespread issues with chickens in other Ohio communities, despite up to 90% of people in Ohio possibly being exposed. Mansfield's crows, starlings, and pigeons have not caused an outbreak. Another source is when dirt is disturbing construction projects. With the many construction projects happening in town, we haven't seen an uptick with that either. As with any decision, pros and cons must be weighed. Families should make the decision, not the government, especially when it comes to with their health and whether or not they should choose to do it. Today I did bring you guys' packets because I heard from a few council members that you did not receive the petition last week. So, I brought that as well as information about the OSU chicken certificate and information about chickens and diseases, which the health department helped provide. Thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next, we have Serena Hughes.

SERENA HUGHES: {4 Dunbilt Ct, Mansfield Ohio} Hello. Hello. My name is Serena Hughes. I'm eight years old. I live on 4 Dunbilt Court. I would like to have backyard chickens because we would not have to buy eggs from the store. I want to learn how to take care of backyard chickens. I would like to have backyard chickens because they would be a fun and useful pet. Thank you for having this time. Please vote yes for backyard chickens.

CHARLES HUGHES: {4 Dunbilt Ct, Mansfield, Ohio} Hello. My name is Charles Hughes. I'm 14 and I live in the second warden on 4 Dunbilt Court. I believe that backyard hens is important because raising backyard hens can teach me and others where food comes from. If we have backyard hens, I look forward to caring for them and giving them the proper treatment and having healthy eggs to eat. I know that having hens require hard work and responsibility and I am willing to put forth the effort in doing that. Please vote yes to backyard hens. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mallory Hurst.

MALLORY HURST: {38 S. Weldon Ave, Mansfield, Ohio} All right. Good evening, Council. Thank you for your time and thank you for all that you do for the community. I'm going to ask you to bear with me because I'm not a public speaker but I'm going to do my best. My name is Mallory Hurst and I'm a local realtor here in Mansfield and I'm also a resident as is my husband and I care so deeply about Mansfield. I just want to preface it with this. I love this community and I want the best for this community and I work every day very hard for this community so I would not advocate for something that I believe in if I thought that it was going to harm the community that I love so much. So, I am an

advocate for backyard chickens in Mansfield. I know that there's a little bit of chicken fatigue. We're all kind of a little bit tired of hearing about this right now. I understand it's been kind of going on for some years but the issue is not going away and we're seeing it in the real estate industry as well. It's starting to pop up more and more. I was just listening to a podcast by the National Association of Realtors and they were stating that as of September 2025 it's estimated that 17 million Americans own backyard chickens in their homes right now which is 13% of United States homes which is a pretty significant, I would say statistic there. So, what they found when they started asking agents because like this isn't going away like all these chickens. They're finding that agents are seeing that it can actually end up being a drawing point for listings that otherwise wouldn't have an upper edge in the market currently. So, it's actually drawing people in as opposed to lowering property values like some people may think but it's been a drawing point. Some people even may go to a certain house because there's a chicken coop. So, we're seeing more positive feedback which is encouraging just to kind of give a little peace of mind for those that are concerned about property values. Yes, there is concern about nuisance and about neglect but neglect is going to happen whether you have chickens or not. If you're going to neglect your home, you're going to neglect it whether you have chickens or not. So that's always a concern with property values. So, I think that those two issues are a little bit separate there and I think that with the city taking time to listen to concerns for those for and for against taking the time to put in legislation and ordinances in place that will protect the community at large. I think that's very important and I know there are vast opinions but we live in a community where we're all going to have different opinions. So, I really do think there's some common ground. So, I thank you for your time and for listening to the concerns that we have. I really do hope you vote yes and if anybody has questions about property values concerning chickens, I would be happy to sit down. I'm much better over coffee than in front of a big room so thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Tom Hirst.

TOM HIRST: *{38 S. Weldon Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio}* How's it going everybody? My name is Tom Hurst and I live at 38 South Weldon and my wife and I have lived in Mansfield. I worked at Relax for like eight nine years so I probably recognize most of you. But really at the end of the day I think one of the most important things about having chickens locally is like with the KV market selling to save a lot food deserts. You hear a lot about food deserts. There's a lot of people that not only in this day and age don't get proper nutrition because there's a lot of garbage in our food nowadays but also don't know where proper nutrition really comes from. With eggs with backyard eggs, it's shown that there are four times more nutritional density to homegrown backyard eggs than there are at the store. What you're getting from a store is a factory farmed egg where those chickens are in cram warehouse defecating on each other, walking around picking their food in those areas. It's disgusting and the nutritional value is destroyed. Chickens get their nutrition from the soil, from picking at the grasses and other things, bugs. They can't get that in a lot of factory farms. Not only is having chickens in your backyard going to be beneficial for our community from a nutritional standpoint, it's also going to be beneficial for the chicken itself. We want a resilient community. We don't want our community to just get wrecked by sickness, disease, all types of financial issues. Having backyard chickens will mitigate a lot of that in the way that it will get people to start thinking about where does my food come from, what does it look like to actually not just go to a store but provide for myself. Resilience comes not just from nutrition but resilience comes from knowing that I can go in my backyard and I can take care of something that is going to then provide something for me and I'm going to keep it alive. I know there's a ton of issues with people driving around and seeing chickens just roaming around. At the end of the day, these laws, I know there's concerns on how do we actually enact all of this stuff. Very fair. But at the end of the day, you're only hurting people that want to take care of themselves, that want to do things properly. When we make it illegal to have chickens, only people who are disrespectful to the law itself are going to keep those chickens. You're going to get people who are going to not care about the value of their home, not care about the value of their community taking part of that. When we give the power to people to make their own choices, I think we're surprised on how much more responsible they are and the choices that they make. Thanks, guys.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next, Amanda Murnahan.

AMANDA MURNAHAN: {1410 Royal Oak Drive, Mansfield, Ohio} Good evening, Councilmembers. My name is Amanda Murnahan. I reside at 1410 Royal Oak Drive with my daughter, Adeline. Over the past few years, like many people, I've felt the weight of constant noise, stress, and division in the world around us. Technology keeps advancing and while I support and appreciate it, I also feel we've lost touch with some of the things that ground us, nature, community, and simple daily routines that can bring calm and purpose. For my family, raising a small number of hens represents a chance to get back to those roots. I also want to point out how thoughtfully and carefully this ordinance has been crafted. It is clear, structured, and built with responsibility in mind. These safeguards show that this ordinance was designed thoughtfully with neighbors and community standards. For us, passing Ordinance 50519 would be one small step toward a more grounded lifestyle, one that supports natural whole food, teaches children life skills, and builds small pockets of community connection in a world where chaos is more common than calm. I genuinely believe that Mansfield can set an example of how modern living and simple traditions can exist side by side. Allowing responsible hen keeping doesn't just benefit individual families. It helps create a community that feels a little more connected, a little less stressed, and a little more human. Thank you. Thank you.

AVALON MURNAHAN: {1410 Royal Oak Drive, Mansfield, Ohio} My name is Evelyn. My age is nine. Backyard hens won't cause any problems, but they would make a big difference for families like mine. They help to eat bugs, their poop helps gardens to grow, and they give fresh eggs we can use every day. Plus, they will make my mom so happy. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Maggie Zimmerman.

MAGGIE ZIMMERMAN: Hi, my name is Maggie Zimmerman, and I am proud to say I own my home at 4583 Street right here in Mansfield, Ohio. And I want to thank all of you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of dozens of my neighbors and hundreds of Mansfield residents who believe it's time we bring backyard chicken's home. Right now, many Mansfield households face rising grocery bills and limited access to fresh, healthy eggs. Allowing a small flock, no more than a few hens for property, gives families a chance to produce their own high-quality eggs at a fraction of the cost. This simple change helps stretch tight budgets and teaches our children where food really comes from. I know some of you worry that chickens might lower property values or degrade neighborhood aesthetics. However, there are cities across Ohio, including Ashland, Lucas, Madison Township, and many Cleveland suburbs, they've all embraced backyard poultry with strict coop sitting and sanitation requirements and found no negative impact on home prices. On the contrary, clean, well-maintained coops and responsible caretakers often boost curb appeal and enthusiastic neighbors share fresh eggs. It sparks conversations and forge new friendships across fences. By updating our ordinance to include basic guidelines like secure coops, routine inspections, and sensible limits on flock size, we ensure public health and neighborhood harmony. We empower residents to build resilience, promote local food security, and deepen our collective sense of community. It's a small change with big rewards, nutritious food, stronger bonds, safer environments, and no hit to property values. Let's give Mansfield families the freedom to raise a handful of healthy hens in their backyards because when our residents thrive, our city thrives too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Next, Michael Paramore.

MICHAEL PARAMORE: {Absent}

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Oh, okay. Next, Jessica Steele.

JESSICA STEELE: *{1311 Bentonwood Ct, Mansfield, Ohio}* I'm Jessica Steele. I happen to live in Madison Township at 1311 Bentonwood Court, but I am a lifetime resident of the Mansfield area and wanted to provide my support. Did you know that in 1944, 40% of our nation's fresh produce came from Victory Gardens? Victory Gardens were encouraged during the First and the Second World Wars, and they also included hens. It provided a very sustainable, very close to home way for the families to not only have fresh eggs, it provided them with fresh meat, as well as insect control. There are obviously concerns that have been expressed with other diseases and so forth, but you guys are helping to mitigate that by having the ordinances outlined the way you have with the restrictions and reasonable and responsible guidelines. In addition to the Victory Garden concept, that has also allowed people to have community, know their food sources, and have better food for them. In addition to sharing my support, I also wanted to give some credentials. I am a mother. I'm 4-H alumni. I am a 4-H advisor and had the opportunity to be raised on a farm. Knowing where my food came from, from a young age, I took very much for granted. Coming back as an adult and having children in my home we fostered, so bringing children into our home that were from inner city situations, having no clue that a chicken running around in the yard is the same kind of chicken on your plate, even though they have the same name. So having that opportunity for children to see where food comes from and realize what food is a healthy choice for their body and to be able to be a better part of their community by being healthy is really important and that is something that is so hard anymore. With that said, by being a 4-H advisor and 4-H alumni, we had many opportunities to care for animals and having chickens would be an opportunity for young children to have even more opportunity to practice public speaking and showmanship skills when they're out at the fair. To see children that are so very quiet and reserved, myself included, I absolutely hate public speaking. I have goosebumps right now, but I can do it. It can be taught. You can help make a difference even in young children's lives through programs such as 4-H and being able to have opportunities such as backyard chickens. So, we appreciate all that you guys have put forth through the thought process. It's very well written, so thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Jeb Baker.

JEB BAKER: *{275 West First St, Mansfield Ohio}* My name is Jeb Baker. I live at 275 West 1st Street. Good evening, Council. I'm here to ask for your vote to allow backyard hens in the city. More than 40 cities in Ohio permit them with no significant increase in complaints. Six hens create less waste than one medium-sized dog. The proposed legislation allows responsible property owners to have up to six hens. The legislation also includes protections for neighbors. Please vote yes to move Mansfield forward. Thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Beatrice Hughes.

BEATRICE HUGHES: *{4 Dunbilt Ct, Mansfield, Ohio}* Hello, Council. I'm Beatrice Hughes. I'm kind of nervous. I am 16. I live at 4 Dunbilt Court here in the Second Ward. I have lived in Mansfield my whole life. When I heard about the idea of backyard hens in Mansfield, I wanted to inform others about how pleasant the hens really are. Hens produce a pleasant cluck sound, which is much different than the crow of a rooster. Under the proposed ordinance, roosters will not be allowed. Compared to other everyday sounds, hens are among the quietest. A barking dog is over 90 decibels. A lawnmower is around 80 to 90 decibels. Hen's clucking is around 60 to 65 decibels, similar to a normal conversation. I prefer the sound of hens to that of blasting music or barking dogs in our neighborhood. I've been around hens for many times in my life, and I have raised meat birds with my family. I believe that hens would be a nice addition to the sounds of my neighborhood. The proposed ordinance also limits the number of hens and sets rules for coop placements so that they are kept at a respectful distance from neighbors' homes. I like these rules and think they show neighbors' respect.

Also, with chickens comes chicken manure. Our family gardens, and we like rich soil. Chicken manure, after composted, can be a valuable fertilizer for gardens. Did you know that chicken manure is one of the best natural fertilizers available? Chicken manure is rich in nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus. I believe that chicken manure would be beneficial to our gardening community. I have found hens to be good-natured animals that are fun to watch interact with one another and are peaceful. Did you know that Mansfield City Police recorded records show that there were 32 dog bites last year, and those are just the recorded bites? I'm glad chickens do not cause harm to people like larger animals can. To conclude, hens are not loud compared to some neighbors blasting music and dogs. Hen manure can be turned into fertilizer useful for gardeners, and hens are good-natured animals. I think that people who want hens and follow the rules of the proposed ordinance should be allowed to have backyard hens. Please vote yes for backyard hens. Thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Jeremy Hughes.

JEREMY HUGHES: *(4 Dunbilt Ct, Mansfield, Ohio)* Thank you, Council, and I want to thank everybody here that's been speaking. It's been really good to hear everybody's comments back here. My name is Jeremy Hughes. I live in the Second Ward, and I'm going to read just a little passage out of Genesis here. It's Genesis chapter 1, verse 21. On the fourth day, God created great wells in every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly. And after their kind, every winged fowl after his kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters and the seas, and let the fowls multiply on the earth. And everything, oh, I'm sorry, and then the evening and the morning were the fifth day. And God said, let the earth bring forth creatures out of his kind, cattle and creeping things and beasts, and the earth after their kind. And so, it was. And God made the beast of the earth after its kind, and cattle after their kind, and every kind of creeping thing upon the earth after its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God said, let us make man in our own image after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, and the image of God created he, male and female, created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. The scriptural definition of dominion would be to have responsibility to care for and steward the things on this earth, or to rule them. This is the sovereign authority that God has given to all mankind to manage his kingdom. If I were in your position, I would want the next generation of youth in this city to have a good perspective of how to care for the animals that help us to live and thrive. This also would give the youth an opportunity to learn various skills. Many of the larger egg production companies have somewhat poor conditions for their chickens that produce the eggs that we eat. I believe all of you would want to consider how well all of the animals, how well the animals were cared for before you partake of the things that they give us. Good. Please give the folks in Mansfield a chance, and please vote yes for the backyard hens. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mary Amber Hughes.

MARY AMBER HUGHES: *{4 Dunbilt Ct, Mansfield Ohio}* Hello, my name is Mary Amber Hughes, and I'm a 25-year resident of Mansfield. We're homeowners on Dunnville Court here in Mansfield, and my husband and I are raising our family in the second ward, and I am in support of backyard hens. Both of my grandfathers raised hens, raised chickens. I raised chickens as a young girl on the farm in northern Morrow County where I grew up. I believe living and caring for animals is one of the best ways to learn about science. I would say my love of science has come from my interaction with nature and animals that I experienced as a young girl.

Some of my favorite childhood memories are visiting the peaceful and clean coops, chicken coops, of my grandfathers to feed, water, and gather eggs. I saw my grandfather provide safe environments and care for their hens in their backyards. One of my grandfathers liked to feed his chickens his vegetable scraps to his hens, while the other grandfather regularly paid attention to raising his hens from chicks and keeping his hens secure from predators. These men were hard-working, they were responsible, and they taught me that animals properly managed are a blessing to their owner. I love this memory I have around chickens, and I would like to have the opportunity to raise chickens and create a positive memory like this with my children and, Lord willing, my future generations. I have read and support the proposed ordinance, and I believe that the proposed ordinance is clear and responsible. I think that the residents of Mansfield that follow the proposed ordinance will strengthen our communities. I'd like to be a part of a Mansfield community where residents are free to work hard, responsibly raising their fresh eggs. Gardening in the city has risen since 2020, and as a gardener, I know that composted chicken manure is a desirable amendment for the backyard gardening. Chicken manure is an excellent source of nutrients. You already heard its nitrogen and phosphorus contents. It is actually twice as high as other farm manures that many of us put in, like cow. Chicken manure is a complete fertilizer that contains macronutrients, the big nutrients that my daughter already mentioned, as well as important micronutrients, such as calcium, that some of us would supplement to our gardens for healthy plant growth. Chicken manure is more than a fertilizer, though. It is also a good soil amendment. It adds organic matter to soil, which improves soil structure, moisture holding, drainage capacity, and aeration. Soils high in organic matter are less prone to erosion and retain fertilizer better, making our job more effective when we apply fertilizer. The organic matter in chicken manure also has another benefit. It feeds soil microbes and allows organic nutrients to break down faster, making them available to plants more quickly. I see future hen owners bringing local neighbors together for farm fresh eggs, composted manure, and hands-on living science. Please vote yes for backyard hens so that Mansfield residents like myself can use backyard to raise fresh eggs, create valuable compost for our gardens, and to teach our families hard work and create a stronger neighborhood community. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Okay, that is all we had signed up for public comment, so we will proceed on. Are there any other committee reports? Okay, hearing none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee Reports

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mayor, do you have anything further?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: 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: Deputy Director Madden.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAVID MADDEN: Nothing further.

LATE BILLS

I move with respect to **Bill 25-184** that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that **Bill 25-184** be allowed on the floor this evening. *{Passes 7-0}*

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Mr. President, oh sorry, can I ask this bill in particular, you know, we're using DocuSign at this point and it was prepared in time but stuck in my email and was at 4 20, so 20 minutes late, and I guess I'm just wondering if the four o'clock rule, like, is there any chance that council could consider amending the rules to at least allow to the end of the day? I mean, I do understand that, you know, it causes more work when it's really late, but in an instance like this, I'm just wondering if that's, you know, council rules that we could talk back and forth. Obviously, I'm not looking for an answer tonight, but I just wanted to throw it out there because, you know, we're embracing DocuSign to be a little more quick through everything, and so maybe that would help us to do that.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: I think that's probably something council down the road could probably work on changing the rules for some sort of a within that 24 of that day. But that that's for discussion for another day, but very good comment for tonight. Okay, the motion passes 7-0.

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 vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

LEGISLATION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Starting off with our first piece of legislation for this evening is Bill 25-178. This is a first read, and I'll call on Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 25-178 be read.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-178.

DELAINE WEINER: Amending Section 505.02 of Chapter 505 (Animals and Fowl) of the City of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, adding Section 505.19 to Chapter 505.

AMENDING MANSFIELD CODIFIED ORDINANCE - Section 505.02 (ANIMALS & FOWL)

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #25-178

ORDINANCE: #25-178

Amending Section 505.02 of Chapter 505 (Animals and Fowl) of the City of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, adding Section 505.19 to Chapter 505.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-178 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 4 Nays: 3

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 25-178? Mrs. Meier. Sorry.

CHERYL MEIER: So, okay. So, first off, I absolutely think that this legislation has been well thought out. It's certainly gone through, you know, numerous meetings with the public, and I appreciate all of the involvement and the community coming together to to come up with, you know, ideas that would absolutely, you know, potentially work. My concerns, my concerns are the enforcement. My concerns are the, my concern, I don't have concerns with the people, with the people who are here this evening that are going to, that want to raise backyard hens. I have no concerns with any of you here. I have the concerns with the people who are going to go rogue and then our codes and enforcement people having to pick up the pieces. That's my concerns. There won't be a software program in place for the permitting and development office, and so every permit that they give out is going to have to be done by hand. The banding, which I think is a great idea. I love that. So, that a hen gets loose, and it's running down Edgewood, and you know, somebody can, you know, an officer gets called, because you know they will, and they find out that, oh, okay, this is hen 236, and it belongs to, you know, Cheryl Meier. Exactly. Um, but I had, I was, I was having a meeting with, um, Chief Baumann the other day, and I brought up, um, I said, you know, what if, let's, let's say that that does happen. Hen gets out, and it's, you know, running down the road. A car hits it. Um, there's damage to the car. Uh, probably unlikely, but more damage to the hen, but you know, there's damage to the car. Now these hens are registered with a permit, and they're banded. Are the owners of the hens responsible for damage to this person's car? I don't know what the answer to that is. The chief didn't have a quick answer for me either. I suppose it would be if a dog got loose, you know, what happens with, with that, um, you know, when that happens as well. So, I did put out, um, on my, on, on the several neighborhood watch pages that I am a member of, um, and ask, I kind of laid out, and I know some of you may have seen that, um, post, and I also put it on my council page, um, laid out the highlights of the rules, you know, not going into complete details, but giving the highlights of what the rules will be. Uh, and I had over 60 responses. Let's say there was probably a few more than that. Maybe I missed a few, but, um, there is a new neighborhood watch page, um, in the circle neighborhood, uh, which is the neighbor, they, for lack of a better name, the area over like Hollywood Lane, um, in that area. And so that's just a very small, uh, participating page and all, there were four nos from that page. Um, from the Keep Woodland Safe page, um, there were eight yeses with caveats that the requirements are all followed and that there's codes there to put those, um, to enforce those. And there were 26 nos. Uh, Ranchwood similarly had 15 no's and eight yeses. Um, and then my council page had three yeses and two nos. Of course, I did receive the, um, letters today. Um, Kathy Bashar, um, Mary Amber Hughes, I got your letter and, um, Morgan Likens, which were all of course, anytime somebody takes time to write a letter, generally they're in support of, I think we would all agree with that. But that's just some of my comments. Um, I'm just really concerned that our codes office is also, we have two code enforcement, um, inspectors and they're both new. They're both new within the last several months. Um, not that I don't think that Adrienne and her department, I mean, that she's got a great training program in place and certainly they know what they're going to, they know what they're doing. If they don't, they will. But this is a big undertaking and I don't, I would hate to see it fail, but if we put it in place, so those are just some of my thoughts. So that's what we're here for to kind of talk back and forth, right?

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Robertson.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you, president. Um, um, Ms. Meier, I appreciate your, Mrs. Meier, I appreciate your input. I share, um, many of the concerns that, um, Mrs. Meier brought up. Um, so some of the feedback that I've had and I made some enforcement is huge. And we heard that at the last council

meeting. Um, I can tell you from coming from an enforcement side in the city, it is not always, um, fun for the enforcers to have to deal with the people who are rogue, so to speak. Um, and we do have, I'm sure we would have many responsible people. Um, and I think many of them are in this, uh, council chambers right now. Um, but what I look at and the things I've been hearing is, uh, how the ordinance is written. They are, many people are not in favor of the rentals. Um, and I get it, but we have so many, um, home or, you know, homeowners or landlords are from out of town and we're constantly fighting them to get trash and old vehicles off their properties and everything else. So that's a concern. And again, it goes back to enforcement and that falls both on police and codes. Um, the acreage, you know, in the city, if, uh, I'm correct, you can have hens if you have three plus acres. Um, a lot of our neighborhoods, and I think one reason the Sterkel Park, you have houses, I live in that area, we're right on top of each other pretty much. And that was a concern when I talked with some of my neighbors, um, they were not in favor of that. They feel that the, just arbitrarily allowing it anywhere in the city, um, downtown was another thing. Are we going to allow chickens downtown? You know, um, that was something else. We're beautifying the whole downtown. Are we going to have these coops and, you know, and then we get the rogue people, it's not going to clean up. Um, and then where does that go? Uh, I've heard from people that have dogs and correct. I have a dog, little one, he's yappy. I guarantee you; he makes more noise than any hen will make, any six hens, okay. Um, but I will tell you that people are concerned. Am I going to have to put up fencing now because I have a large dog and now, I got this expense of thousands of dollars because you guys passed legislation to have hens and I don't want a problem with my neighbor because we've gotten along really well. That's some of them. Um, and then, you know, these things we have here, we were talking about it last week and I literally go home and get up the next morning. You know how it spies on you. I have an article from Kings County in Washington state about a resident being hospitalized since early November who had died on November 21st with the first known case of H5N5 bird flu in humans. Usually, it's H5N1. So, this picked it up and then of course it's thrown it at me. And again, these are things you can get stuff anywhere, but this is just an example. Um, as the legislation's written, I have many concerns. To me personally, based on what I've heard, um, and then I've heard people in favor. Don't get me wrong. I've heard people, Hey, it's my property. You know, I should be able to have what I want on it. I can tell you, I played in a chicken coop off of Harker Street from my grandmother's friends when you were allowed to have chickens anywhere in the city and had a lot of fun with that. Um, but at some point, the city did do away with them and, uh, would love to see the research on that as to why. Um, but I, I feel if anything, this is something that should be a voter up to the voters. Um, that's my personal opinion based on the feedback and things that I've gotten. Um, and, and that's just how I feel about it right now and how it's written. Um, and some things. And so that's pretty much all I have to say. I do think there's a lot, I will say there's a lot of positives. Um, the education to different things, you know, the fact that you can have fresh eggs there. I know I do not like the price of eggs and I eat eggs a lot. Um, but, uh, I will tell you that those are the concerns that I've heard. Some of them are mine, not all of them, but many of them are. And, uh, it personally, and from what I've heard, I would love to see it to actually go to a vote with the general public.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to applaud, uh, Councilwoman Meier and Robertson. I mean, I mean, I think that they're a testament of like doing what elected officials do. You listen to people, um, who voted for you or who didn't vote for you and doing all your math. And I think this time around compared to 2019, 2018 is so much different. Um, I also want to thank, uh, Councilwoman Meyer for, um, you know, linking us to those, uh, those pages of, uh, in different neighborhoods. It's important that we know that. I represent Ward 5, which is downtown, um, some Northern areas that's been begging for, you know, uh, accessible food, um, who were the food, um, desert tends to hit the most. It's also an area that is on the border of Madison, which is a lot of, um, rural type areas.

So, um, as of yet, it's still early in the game, but I've, there's been a few people in my ward who don't want it, but there's been a lot of people who do. And I think when it's something like this, we need to approach it from a citywide, um, approach. I personally feel like I'm surprised this isn't already in effect. Um, I do want to also piggyback with, uh, Councilwoman Meier with the concerns of, um, not many folks that are city who can enforce it, but I also, I will, I'm very pro-hen at this point, just so you know, um, for a variety of reasons. And I think having young people come up here and talk about the educational aspect of it, to me, nutrition and affordable food is very important that impacts so many demographics, particularly those who I work with closely. Um, I'm, I mean, we have more geese around the city than anything else. And in terms of illnesses based on billboards, I'm more concerned about syphilis than any kind of bird flu. I mean, if I can throw some humor in there, I do, but I do think, um, I live downtown in a commercial space, so this would not apply to me. I think that I was talking to Mr. Swoops today and who has a lot of experience with this, this realm, and I also know it takes a lot of money to invest. And I think it's going to rule out those who are very serious about having hens and those who are rogue. Um, will it exhaust and annoy those who have to regulate it? Absolutely. We also live in an age where we have technology and we can assist and with their videos and our cameras and, and, um, and inform when those things are happening. There are several dogs in our community who are safety hazards and running amok. Let's not talk about the cats as well, but I'm also realistic. I know that talking with Councilwoman Meier, that this can also attract predators like coyotes and raccoons and stuff like that. Oh, wow. And, and Mr. Hughes, I want to thank you for your Genesis passage because that really hit home with a lot of things in terms of, like, being self-sufficient. And we're just talking about a lot of really heavy things in the past few weeks. Um, and I think I want those who are here to know that for those who are against it or for it, it really is not for us personally. It's, it's, we're doing it based on what we feel is right in our ward, but I will publicly say I am in favor of pro-hens. I mean, duh, my names on a petition, but before I did that, um, I did that as a resident, not as elected official. Um, I feel like the area I represent and everything that is coming to us, um, is it really solidifies my vote more so. It doesn't take away from those concerns, but, um, I think this is least of our worries. To me, concerns in our community are, um, irresponsible land, landlords, um, irresponsible tenants, homelessness, things we talk about, backyard hens to me is something I think that will move us in a direction, in a better direction. And we'll have some bad situations, but I think it'll be positive as well. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you, Mr. President. I was wondering, could the mayor address, this was discussed a bit at the first meeting, but I know different set of people here, the enforcement, the plans we have in place, the delayed enactment, and also where we stand with that software, because we've been working on that software for a couple of years and just where things stand and the slow rollout, yeah.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: So, a couple things to note too, based on some of the earlier comments. Um, first of all, when we're talking renters, the property owner does have to sign off on the license. So, it's not going to be a situation where a renter just comes in and the property owner is not aware of it. Um, secondly, it cannot be done on multifamily properties. So, it is a single or a duplex. So that would rule out the majority of downtown, if not certainly anything right in the heart of downtown, maybe when you're getting over on fourth street, you've got some single-family houses. So, it would be allowed in there just to make sure of that. And it is correct that we only have two code enforcement officers, um, and they are both on the new side. Um, however, one of the things that we did in the shuffle of codes and development permitting and development, uh, director, uh, Ackerman is going to kill me for that. So, um, is we added a codes supervisor codes manager, and that is Jason Ramirez. He has been a codes enforcement officer for a number of years, does a fantastic job. I have full faith in him to train those folks and our hope actually, not just on chickens, but on all kind of the nuisance complaints we get around the city is that with the supervisor, we can make more headway more quickly on that. Um, absolutely understand people's concerns. Yes, there are a lot of things that are going on already. Um, but I think, you

know, this is just my opinion, I guess, um, that, you know, the folks that are going to go are probably rogue already, to be honest with you. Um, and, uh, this would allow the folks that will follow. Now, if we pass this, it would not go into effect until later in the spring to answer your question. I think it's April 1st. Um, secondly, the software is in place. So, a seller is the software that the city purchased, but, you know, again, in my next life, I'll come back as a software developer, because here's what they do. Each module you got to pay more for. Um, in the, really the cost is the build out of the module and quite frankly, the cost versus the benefit at the moment of what we expect. I mean, even if we have 200 permits, right. Uh, that's not a lot of money and it's, it's quite expensive to, to build that, um, out now our, our hope and our plan is yes, that's what we want to get to. Um, we will be back before you with some other registries and other things that we've been working on with Director Ackerman and those will all need that build out too. So, part of our future thought on this is maybe we can work some of those things in together. So, we're not just paying, I think it's \$12,000. Is that right? To build that module. And that it just doesn't, it doesn't make sense for a short of, you know, like if we have 10,000 people sign up, we'll change our mind on that. But I don't think that's going to be the case. Certainly not right at first. So those are some of the things that we try to do, um, to take into effect. It does have the upfront. Um, the reason the cost is higher upfront is we do an inspection right out of the gate. Um, and then in future years, it's more like renewing your dog license where you're sending your money. And we know that you still have the chickens. Um, and of course codes always has the ability to step out and, and check on things in. And we will certainly, if there's the questions, the other thing I'm not sure was noted, uh, tonight, but the, the group that we have been working with is working to find, because one of the questions did come up, what happens when a chicken, when we can't find the owner of a chicken, what do we do then? So, they are working to find some adopters, uh, that would be willing to take homeless chickens, I guess, uh, to their farms. Um, and so that would be a list that, you know, obviously the, the, um, the city would keep on hand so that we could connect everyone. So, thanks.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Is that you Miss Mount?

DEBORAH MOUNT: Just wanted to mention that list is in the back of our packet, the list of that was in the packet, the list of people that would be willing to adopt.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Okay. Are there any other from council?

DEBORAH MOUNT: Any other, I also just wanted to make some comments from having watched this topic for years and now having watched it for a good while this year over numerous meetings and quite a while of a lot of discussion, a lot of community input. The, this legislation is definitely a solid piece that just addresses a lot of the concerns that people have. And obviously those were concerns make a lot of sense. I had them at the beginning as well. So, I'm glad to see how solid the legislation is with the concerns and how it allows for the responsible, but it also has consequences. If you're not in my ward, I have heard from two people that are against, but otherwise overwhelmingly it has been for that. I know varies by areas of town, but my area has been wanting to see this. So, um, I appreciate what's been done. I don't know if anybody else has more comments. I have a few more thoughts, but I'll let other people go.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Robertson.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Um, I'm sorry, we're now I'll get to you next.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: So again, I, I think we definitely need more readings, another reading. Um, and again, I, I still feel that this is something that should go to the voters myself, because there is a

lot, you have different neighborhoods in the city that, you know, embrace it. And you have others that don't.

And it's like any other very controversial, uh, uh, initiative or legislation, dare I say marijuana. Um, I think that something like this is best left up to the voters and you get a more of a true, um, idea of what people really want. Um, but that's my opinion based on the feedback I've had. And I get it mayor. Um, I did talk to people that talked about the, the, the landlords and the renters explained to them that no multifamily commercial, um, and, you know, we're going to be allowed their concern again was the absentee landlords. And how do you know that that came from that landlord? And then what happens when we do something? Well, I didn't, that's not my signature. How does codes enforce that? You know? So, and there's ways, um, maybe it's a notarized letter. Um, I'm not saying it's impossible, but these are the questions and the things that I've gotten and that I've heard. So that's pretty much it for me.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Rev. El, Mr. Akuchie. I'm sorry.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thank you, Mr. President. Um, personally, as I listened to people here today and realizing how important it is to them, it makes a whole lot of difference in my mind. And for the first time, I didn't know that, uh, hens are therapeutic animals. I found out because somebody in my ward saw a hen in somebody's backyard and called me. And so, we went to codes and permits. Yes, they have the license and it was doctor's recommendation or it was therapeutic, um, chickens. I said, oh, I didn't know that. And then come to look and find out just, yes, it is therapeutic, not just for that person. It's so, who can ever believe that chicken can be therapeutic? So, and I, as I look at the legislation, it was well crafted and a lot of details into it. And I personally, I was saying, after reading this, if I want to raise chicken, I don't think I will venture it because it's so tight that it will be difficult for me. First of all, I got to pay a hundred dollars to get started when I'm not sure if the, my chicken will survive or they will die, you know? So, for somebody to want to do this, it has to be somebody who is really determined and somebody who has much, um, knowledge of what benefit is coming from the chicken. I mean, you have laid out all the benefits, a lot of them for teaching, for food and all that is true. Um, I think the codes and permit mayor has just cleared what was concerning me from sharing that now. And the fact that, yeah, there'll be some landlords, the landlords I have to sign off before. And if somebody wants to forge a signature, he's going to forge it anyway, in any form or shape, but he's going to catch up with them. But I don't think that, uh, chicken is a kind of, uh, bird that flies away easily or that's, uh, run out like a dog broke through the, uh, fence and be on the street running around. I grew up in the farm. In fact, when I was growing up a chicken, I slept in the same room with chicken. So, it's, they're pretty nice. They're kind. They're not really crazy as, uh, uh, it's been deputed, uh, gonna run away and running around. So, I believe that, uh, it's a positive thing that will come out of it. And so, I am for those who want to have it. And I don't think it's going to be something that's going to be, everybody wants to have a chicken. I don't think so. I mean, the hassle and the pain and the, the challenge of raising chicken would be easier for me to go to Kroger and grab one and already prepared. But for people who wants to really do this and enjoy it, and it adds to relationship, you know, like I was saying, growing up, other kids will come over and we'll play with our chicken. So, it brings people together too. It has a lot of, uh, good stuff about it, good, uh, results. So, I think, uh, if you ask my vote, I would say I vote for the chicken. I like chicken and I eat it.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Just a couple of things. The consideration to take it to the ballot, that's something that I've put a lot of thought into. The challenge with that is whatever you put on the ballot, whatever the citizens would put on the ballot is then unchangeable by us with this. If we see something that's going awry, we need to adjust it. We need to adjust a fee. We need to adjust anything setbacks. We can adjust it. If it goes to the ballot, we're stuck. Our hands are tied. We can't adjust it. So that's why I would rather see us do something that we can adjust as needed as time goes on. Um, it was 1988 that, so they were allowed

in Mansfield until 1988. And from when looking into the history, there was nothing ever mentioned in the press. It was, seems to be a part of a bulk package that they just approved new legislation. And that was a part of it.

It doesn't look like there was anything that happened at the time. It was 1988 when it was banned. And before that it was allowed, but we've heard from a lot of people and I appreciate everybody that's taking the time to express their views. Um, and I think the group has done well with thinking ahead, addressing those concerns. Um, but it's been discussed quite a bit. So, I would like to make a motion that we dispense with further readings and bring it forward for a vote tonight.

AURELIO DIAZ: I'll second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Sorry. It's been regularly moved and seconded that we waive further readings of Bill 25-178 and bring it forward to council tonight for a final vote. Is there any discussion on the motion, Mr. Falquette?

DAVID FALQUETTE: My only concern about voting tonight is we're short one person and, and although the numbers seem to be increasing on passage, um, just to be fair, um, and, and there's no guarantee all eight of us will be here next, uh, 16th, but, and I really appreciate not dragging this out for months and months.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Um, that's part of my thinking.

DAVID FALQUETTE: So, so that's my only concern. I'm just concerned that we're short one vote and this, this could be a slam dunk, could be a little tight. So, I don't know. We'll, we'll see.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any other discussion on the motion or really Mr. Diaz?

AURELIO DIAZ: You can say that, Mr. President. Sorry, I know it's like nine and we're all hungry and I appreciate what Councilman Falquette saying, um, cause that was something I thought about too, if this was to go in that direction. Um, I also know that since I've been here, we have had some topics where we would carry on. I know this is definitely, um, one of those, um, big topics, but I agree with Councilwoman Mount, I feel like, and I, and I think the administrations did a good job and, um, and I hope this does, if, if, however we vote, I hope it doesn't come across as, you know, shady because we have a council person who was excused from leaving because that's not the case at all. I just want to reiterate that.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion? You should have the motion before you. The motion passes four to three (*4-3, No's are Meier, Falquette, Robertson*). So, we'll be voting on Bill 25-178 this evening. Pardon? That's next. So, we, we're on Bill 25-173. So, um, Mrs. Burns, 178.

LAURA BURNS: I've been talking for so long, I forgot what I needed to do next. Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. Um, I make a motion to bring Bill 25-178 forward for final passage this evening.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. We bring Bill 25-178 forward tonight waiting for the readings. Motion, or that, yeah, the motion passes four to three.

(*No's: Meier, Falquette, Robertson*)

So, Mrs. Burns. Hmm? Okay. Okay. I'm sorry. I'm, I'm sorry. It's nine o'clock. It's been, yeah, we've been talking too long. I'm, I'm tired. Okay.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette, Bill 25-179.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-179 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 25-179.

DELAINE WEINER: An ordinance making temporary annual appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

APPROPRIATIONS – EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #25-179

ORDINANCE: #25-179

An ordinance making temporary annual appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 25-179 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Miss Robertson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 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 25-179? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DISCUSSION:

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. President. Um, earlier this evening, I, I was mistaken that this was gonna, that was already set up for another read and the way it's listed in the, um, hard copy it is on for vote tonight. So, I guess if anybody wanted to slow that down, they, I'll let them make a motion to that effect.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Is this for the budget, right?

DAVID FALQUETTE: that's not the way it's written up.

SHARI ROBERTSON: I make a motion that, uh, we put the temporary budget 25-179 to another read.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded that we move Bill 25-179, the temporary budget for a further read. Hopefully, I don't mess this one up. The motion is that we, uh, add a second read for the December 16th meeting on the, uh, temporary budget.

DAVID FALQUETTE: It'll be for, yeah, and that'll be for, this is the second reading tonight. So, the vote, the vote, the vote is 16.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: So, we'll change that.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Mr. President, while we're waiting, I just wanted to, uh, thank the Mayor and Finance Director for the answers to the questions tonight. I thought it was thorough and, uh, gave us a lot of good information.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: This was, yep, good to hear. Okay, if everybody wants to read the motions, there's a vote to change the date to vote on Bill 179. It would be December the 16th. Does that look okay? Okay, the motion passes 6-1.
(No- Falquette)

SHARI ROBERTSON: Mr. President, yes, I may, um, maybe if you guys need to leave, um, don't feel like you have to stay. I know you got kids and it's late and just want to put that out there maybe. It is, it is.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: OKAY. Moving on to Bill 25-181, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thanks Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-181 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 25-181.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept a COPS Hiring Program grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-two and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,340,792.00), and declaring an emergency.

COPS - HIRING PROGRAM GRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-181

ORDINANCE: #25-180

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept a COPS Hiring Program grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-two and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,340,792.00), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 25-181 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 25-181? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-181 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 25-181. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 25-182, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thanks Mr. President. I move that Bill 25-182 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 25-182.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept a donation of Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$300.00) from Kokosing, to be used to purchase new traffic vests for the Mansfield Police Department Cadets, and declaring an emergency.

DONATION – NEW TRAFFIC VESTS FOR MPD CADATS

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-182

ORDINANCE: #25-181

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept a donation of Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$300.00) from Kokosing, to be used to purchase new traffic vests for the Mansfield Police Department Cadets, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 25-182 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 25-182? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Just many thanks to Kokosing for the donation. That's very generous.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Yes, with that Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: I move that Bill 25-182 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 25-182. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 25-183, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-183 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 25-183.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a donation from Frederick Haring in the amount of One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,445.00), to be used to install a park bench at the Sterkel Dog Park, in memory of his late wife Linda Haring, and declaring an emergency.

DONATION – PARK BENCH AT STERKEL PARK

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-183

ORDINANCE: #25-182

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a donation from Frederick Haring in the amount of One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,445.00), to be used to install a park bench at the Sterkel Dog Park, in memory of his late wife Linda Haring, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 25-183 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 25-183? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I just wanted to acknowledge that probably most people don't know. But Mrs. Haring was dog breeder. So, she had a great passion for animals. So, this is very befitting. So, I move that Bill 25-183 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 25-183. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 25-184, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-184 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

CHERYL MEIER: Or...That's caucus.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: We never moved that up. I'm sorry.

SHARI ROBERTSON: I thought that we did. I have it marked that we did.

CHERYL MEIER: We did? Yeah, I don't think that we did.

SHARI ROBERTSON: I thought he did 184. That's what I have marked. Okay.

CHERYL MEIER: Do we need to?

DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH: That would be the request if we could.

SHARI ROBERTSON: I'll make a motion that we move Bill 25-184 up for a vote tonight.

CHERYL MEIER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Okay. It's been moved and seconded that we wave further readings of Bill 25-184 and bring it forward to council tonight for final vote. Bill passes 7-0.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: That was the motion. I'm sorry. Now, we go to Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Oh my gosh. What did I do? Did I read it? I make a motion that Bill 25-184 be placed upon the floor for discussion.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 25-184.

DELAINE WEINER: Adopting the City of Mansfield Cybersecurity Program by January 1, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

ADOPTING - CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #25-184

ORDINANCE: #25-183

Adopting the City of Mansfield Cybersecurity Program by January 1, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 25-184 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 25-184. Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 25-184 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 25-184. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 25-185, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 25-185 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 shall read Bill 25-185.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to purchase, according to Sourcewell Contract 020223-CEC, one (1) Bobcat Compact Excavator from Bobcat of Akron (76 West Ave., Tallmadge, OH 44278), and trade in the 2020 Bobcat E35, for the Sewer Repair Department, and declaring an emergency.

PURCHASE – BOBCAT COMPACT EXCAVATOR

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #25-185

ORDINANCE: #25-184

Authorizing the Public Works Director to purchase, according to Sourcewell Contract 020223-CEC, one (1) Bobcat Compact Excavator from Bobcat of Akron (76 West Ave., Tallmadge, OH 44278), and trade in the 2020 Bobcat E35, for the Sewer Repair Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 25-185 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 25-185? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 25-185 that it 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 25-185. Bill Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 25-186, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-186 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 25-186.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a Brownfield Remediation Agreement with the Richland County Land Reutilization Corporation, herein referred to as the "Land Bank", approving the expenditure of up to One Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), for the remediation of a former Shopping Center located at 1157 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Ohio, 44903, and declaring an emergency.

BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AGREEMENT

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-186

ORDINANCE: #25-185

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a Brownfield Remediation Agreement with the Richland County Land Reutilization Corporation, herein referred to as the "Land Bank", approving the expenditure of up to One Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), for the remediation of a former Shopping Center located at 1157 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Ohio, 44903, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-186 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 25-186? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you. Um, so Mayor, this is, this is, um, this is strictly if we get the grant, it, then it goes forward.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: It is written either way. Um, so, uh, it, it is written either way, but the intention, even if we were to not get it in this round would be to still go for the money. The, here's, here's why it's written that way, because for the person who is considering buying it, they want some guarantee. They're, they're not buying it for their own end use. They want some, um, guarantee that the city is committed to helping them tear it down. So that is why I covered both bases, but to be very clear, they, they understand as well that we're aiming to limit how much local dollars have to go into this. However, I will just say, because I think, um, Councilwoman Mount asked me this last night. I know at the beginning of 2024; we were talking about our demolition fund being low. It is not low anymore. Um, and so we have been doing demolitions, but they're more or less residential, which of course is much less money. So, we have more than enough to cover this in the, um, uh, what's the word I'm looking for? If, if we have to do it, I guess.

CHERYL MEIER: So, a follow-up question, um, there are still tenants.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: There are still tenants. Yep. And so, we'll, I mean, uh, what are the, um, yeah, I, I, I mean, again, I won't, we won't be the owners, but, um, I, I, I believe that their intention, we're not looking to, to kick anyone out. Um, there are issues in that building too, though it is not on the demo list. So, I think the intent would be with the new owner. Um, and of course with our economic development team to try to help those tenants get into better space for them. So, yeah, I'm glad you asked that because if they're reading this, I want them to know that.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Akuchie.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: So now I am understanding that, uh, this process will keep, uh, us not allowing the owner to drag us for two years or three years in the court so that the property just sits there become an eyesore continually. Is that right?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Correct.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other questions, discussions on 25-186? Ms. Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: I just want to thank the administration for their work. I know you've been aggressively working on trying to do something about this and various avenues have been tried. The law departments tried. Thank, I thank them for all their work. It's definitely been a project for a lot of people. So, I want to thank everybody for what you've done to try to deal with this eyesore and bring betterment to this area of town.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other questions, discussion? On 186. Hearing none, Ms. Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-186 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-186. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 25-187, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-187 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 25-187.

DELAINE WEINER: Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, wood-sided, residential structure with garage (41 Chestnut St) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMOLITION – 41 CHESTNUT STREET

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-187

ORDINANCE: #25-186

Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, wood-sided, residential structure with garage (41 Chestnut St) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-187 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 25-187? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-187 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-187. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 25-188, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-188 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 25-188.

DELAINE WEINER: Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, vinyl-sided, residential structure with miscellaneous structures (368 Harding Rd) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMOLITION – 368 HARDING RD

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-188

ORDINANCE: #25-187

Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, vinyl-sided, residential structure with miscellaneous structures (368 Harding Rd) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to

life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-187 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 25-188? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-188 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-188. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 25-189, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-189 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 25-189.

DELAINE WEINER: Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, vinyl-sided, residential structure with no outbuildings (79 Eleanor Ave) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMOLITION – 79 ELEANOR AVE

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-189

ORDINANCE: #25-188

Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, vinyl-sided, residential structure with no outbuildings (79 Eleanor Ave) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-189 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 25-189? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-189 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-189. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 25-190, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-190 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 25-190.

DELAINE WEINER: Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, brick-sided, residential structure with miscellaneous structures (571 Springmill St) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMOLITION – 571 SPRINGMILL ST

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-190

ORDINANCE: #25-189

Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, brick-sided, residential structure with miscellaneous structures (571 Springmill St) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-190 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 25-190? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-190 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-190. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 25-191, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-191 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 25-191.

DELAINE WEINER: Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated single-story, aluminum-sided, residential structure with miscellaneous structures (436 Grace St) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMOLITION – 436 GRACE STREET

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-191

ORDINANCE: #25-190

Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated single-story, aluminum-sided, residential structure with miscellaneous structures (436 Grace St) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-191 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 25-191? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-191 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-191. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 25-192.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-192 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 25-192.

DELAINE WEINER: Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, vinyl-sided, residential structure with no outbuildings (132 Hedges St) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMOLITION – 132 HEDGES STREET

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-192

ORDINANCE: #25-191

Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, vinyl-sided, residential structure with no outbuildings (132 Hedges St) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-192 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 25-192? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-192 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-192. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 25-193.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-193 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 25-193.

DELAINE WEINER: Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, wood-sided, residential structure with miscellaneous structures (501 Springmill St) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMOLITION – 501 SPRINGMILL STREET

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-193

ORDINANCE: #25-192

Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated two-story, wood-sided, residential structure with miscellaneous structures (501 Springmill St) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-193 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 25-193? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-193 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-193. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 25-194.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-194 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 25-194.

DELAINE WEINER: Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated single-story, vinyl-sided, residential structure with miscellaneous structures (1111 Boyle Rd) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMOLITION – 1111 BOYLE RD

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-194

ORDINANCE: #25-193

Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated single-story, vinyl-sided, residential structure with miscellaneous structures (1111 Boyle Rd) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-194 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 25-194? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 25-194 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-194. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 25-195.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 25-195 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 25-195.

DELAINE WEINER: Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated single-story, commercial structure (513 West Fourth Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMOLITION – 513 WEST FOURTH ST

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #25-195

ORDINANCE: #25-194

Declaring the remains of a designated deteriorated single-story, commercial structure (513 West Fourth Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective, and dangerous to life and other property; directing

the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials, and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 25-195 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 25-195? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I want to thank the permitting and development office for their work on all nine of these. It's quite a list that we have in front of us, but specifically this property. This property has been an eyesore and a pain to that neighborhood with many complaints for years, and I'm glad to see it finally getting to this point that something will be done. It's, I know, been an issue for that neighborhood for a long time, so thank, please thank your department for all their work.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Mr. President, can I just add, I want to thank the law director's office too. They absolutely were a partner in this and, you know, we did go to court a couple times over this back and forth, so we really appreciate the good working relationship between the law director's office and the administration.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Absolutely, thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other questions, comments? Hearing none, Ms. Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that bill 25-195 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for Bill 25-195. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Okay, that concludes legislation. Before we adjourn, I do want to apologize for a couple of my faux pas there and getting things a little messy for some people, but with that, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Two things. One, I did put out a meeting request for a joint caucus to discuss committee assignments for next year. Once it's finalized, of course, we'll notify the press, but let's find the time first.

And second, if we're going to talk about finance again next week, I just need an idea how much time, if we need a committee meeting, and should it be short, long, whatever. Thank you, and I'll 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 9:25pm, 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