

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 2nd, 2026

Safety Committee @ 6:40pm
Economic Development Committee @ 6:45pm

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026 at 8:09pm in the
Council Chambers of the City Municipal Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Deborah Mount led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered were present at roll call: Miranda, Meier, Davis-Weese, Daley, Diaz, Mount, Robertson, Falquette, and Scott.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: OK, I have two signed up for public comment. First is Leonard Menard. If you'd please come up to the microphone, state your name and address. And as always, you have three minutes.

LEONARD MINARD: Leonard Menard, 409 Old Stone Court, Mansfield, Ohio. Hello, everybody. Forgive me, I'm not good at public speaking. But I've been gone for a while. I was here at the last meeting. Reminded you of that. And when I came home, I was disappointed in the things I've seen. Like anyone that is born and raised here, you always keep tabs on where you come from. You know, my whole family's here, mother still. So, I would hear stories about things that's happening in my city. And I noticed that, especially the crime with the youth, skyrocketed, in my opinion. Maybe not in yours, but we all know the statistics. Especially with single mothers, you know, the homes. We know the numbers. We hear about these things, right? I can brag to my friends and family members and people that I work with across the country about how great my childhood was in Mansfield, Ohio. Because of all the programs that I had growing up, they're all gone now. It was almost heartbreaking when I came back to see the things that I grew up with that kept me out of prison are gone. And I sit here, and I'm listening to you guys speak, and everybody's so happy and gloating about all these new projects. I said, well, what about the urban area? The island is even gone at North Lake. You know, I learned how to fish there. The pools are all shut down. Is there any money for us? And I say us, being I come from this place, these places. And I haven't heard anything yet. So, I was always told it's evil when you leave people behind, that, you know, they don't know any better. And evil only succeeds when good men do nothing. And that's all I have to say today. Thank you all.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. OK. Kimberly Hershner.

KIMBERLY HERSHNER: I apologize for my voice.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Name and address, please. Then you have three minutes.

KIMBERLY HERSHNER: My name is Kimberly Hershner. I am a county resident. I live at 1500 Woodville Road, Mansfield, Ohio. I'm not a city resident. We apologize for our tardiness. I didn't know that I could use the elevators because they were stated for employees. So, I apologize. We walked around the building. As a 4-H, Richland County 4-H alumni, I set an example of democratic process for my children. I didn't want that to, my inability to know what to use the doors to hinder me from still speaking, sharing what was on my mind this evening. So, I'm coming here in opposition for the planning proposed Buc-ees on State Route 3971. My family does not farm this ground or live directly on this route. But I do stand in solidarity, supporting my friends, fellow Richland County farmers, landowners, and conservationists, and crop producers in Richland County. I live five miles from this site of development on a family farm that I've lived at since I was six years old. And my girls have lived there their entire lives. It is part of our roots. And the family farms that this will affect, it's part of their roots as well. And they're our friends. They're our neighbors. They go to school with my children. So that's why I'm here, because it's important to stand up for what's right in our eyes and to do that in a democratic way. I'm opposed of the Buc-ees development with heavy traffic, underground fuel storage, decreased safety for our families, children, teenage drivers driving that way to get to Ontario, people from Lucas and that area, we go on 39. And we take Stewart Road to get to 30. That's how we get there. To get to the fairgrounds, that's how we go. If we need something at Target, if we need something at Dick's, if we need to go to the mall area, we go that way every time. So, if we're going to send our young adults that way, they're going to be going through that traffic every time. A lot of us shop at Walmart on Hanley Road. A lot of other people shop at Kroger on Ashland Road to get to Kroger. You go through State Route 39 to Stewart Road to Kroger. Made that pass. As a student, high school student, I went to Madison High School. I lived in Madison District. I went that way home, because I needed to rush home. So, I took the back way, which wasn't safe. But that was the back way, so I could get my chores done, so I could go work on a farm in Loudonville, Perrysville area. Because that was where I could make the most impact, knowing what I did. So, I'm a registered nurse, but I've spent many years working on dairy farms all over Wayne County, Ashton County, and Richland County. And there is ground there on Sites Road that's going to be up for a zoning change, and I stand in opposition of the zoning change, because I know the farmers that farm this ground personally. These are our fellow neighbors; these are our friends. I know their names, but I'm not going to state them here tonight, but there are people that are directly affected going the other way, out of Mansfield, through Lucas, affected by this proposed environmental change that could happen. Not only will it impact the culture of our community. If you look around, it would just affect the people. The people that are going to stand up for this, that are going to say the things that they say, are not the people on Facebook saying, sure, bring the sandwiches, sure, bring the novelty, sure, bring these things. I'm sure those are nice. We all like to travel, we all like to see new things. But this is our community, and it's our area. So, thank you for your time, and we are available to meet with the city council members, the mayor, county commissioners, see our farms, hear our stories, hear our hearts. Because it's hard for me to tell you my story and my heart in three minutes. But I appreciate your time, and know that we are available, and we ask that you understand that we have an American dream as well, and we don't want our American dream, living in Richland County, to be taken away from us by something like this. So, we stand for our families, and we stand for farming and agriculture in Richland County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee Reports

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Okay. Any other committee reports? Mayor, directors, anything?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Nothing further, thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Andres.

DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Converse.

DIRECTOR KELLY CONVERSE: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Porch.

DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Deputy Director Madden.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAVID MADDEN: Nothing further.

LATE BILLS

(No Late Bills)

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Okay. Then we shall proceed with legislation. We have no late bills. So, Ms. Daley, for suspension of the rules.

SUSPEND RULES

ANTOINETTE DALEY: I would like to move with respect to all bills that come before council this evening that the rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended and that each Bill be read one time by title only. Seconded by Miss Robertson. A voice vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

LEGISLATION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: We will start off with our first piece of legislation for council, being #26-093, and I'll call on Ms. Daly Davis-Weese.

CRYSTAL DAVIS-WEESE: I'm so eager to get here. So, thank you, Mr. President. Yes, 26-093. This is to authorize the public works. Oh, I apologize. I move that bill 26-093 be placed on the floor and read for further discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 26-093.

DELAINE WEINER: To authorize the Public Works Director to execute a Property Donation with West Creek Conservancy to accept the donation of real property known as Richland County Permanent Parcel No.'s 037-28-500-14-000 and 037-28-500-07-000.

PROPERTY DONATION – WEST CREEK CONSERVANCY

BY: MRS. DAVIS-WEESE

BILL #26-093

ORDINANCE: #26-101

To authorize the Public Works Director to execute a Property Donation with West Creek Conservancy to accept the donation of real property known as Richland County Permanent Parcel No.'s 037-28-500-14-000 and 037-28-500-07-000.

Upon motion by Mrs. Davis-Weese that Bill 26-093 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: OK, that is the first read for that bill, but I believe Mrs. Davis-Weese would like to make a motion.

CRYSTAL DAVIS-WEESE: Yes. At this time, I would like to make a motion to dispense with further readings and move that bill 26-093 be moved to the floor for vote this evening.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded that we waive further readings of bill 26-093 and bring it forward to council tonight for a final vote. Motion passes 8 to 0. So, a motion passes. So, Mrs. Davis-Weese, back to you.

CRYSTAL DAVIS-WEESE: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, I move that bill 26-093 be moved to the floor.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 26-093. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: OK, moving on to bill 26-99. Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-099 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 26-099.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into contract with Burgess Ambulance Sales, Inc., of 527 Wooster Rd., Loudonville, Ohio 44842, not to exceed the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and 00/100 (\$140,391.00) to perform a remount of the current Rescue Squad (R5) Vehicle, a Ford E450 for the Mansfield Fire Department.

CONTRACT - REMOUNT OF CURRENT RESCUE SQUAD

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #26-099

ORDINANCE: #26-102

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to enter into contract with Burgess Ambulance Sales, Inc., of 527 Wooster Rd., Loudonville, Ohio 44842, not to exceed the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-One Dollars and 00/100 (\$140,391.00) to perform a remount of the current Rescue Squad (R5) Vehicle, a Ford E450 for the Mansfield Fire Department.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 26-099 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 further discussion on bill 26-99? OK, hearing none. Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-099 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 26-099. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 26-102, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that bill 26-102 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 26-102.

DELAINE WEINER: Honoring Lieutenant James Odson upon his retirement from the City of Mansfield Fire Department.

RETIREMENT – LIEUTENANT JAMES ODSON

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #26-102

ORDINANCE: #26-103

Honoring Lieutenant James Odson upon his retirement from the City of Mansfield Fire Department.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 26-102 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? I believe we've had quite a bit, but is there any further discussion on bill 26-102? Hearing none. Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-102 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 26-102. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 26-103, Mrs. Davis-Weese.

CRYSTAL DAVIS-WEESE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that bill 26-103 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT It's been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 26-103.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a grant of One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,999.00) from Richland County Job and Family Services to be used for the "Summer Fun in the Parks" Program and declaring an emergency.

GRANT – "SUMMER FUN IN THE PARKS" PROGRAM

BY: MRS. DAVIS-WEESE

BILL #26-103

ORDINANCE: #26-104

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a grant of One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,999.00) from Richland County Job and Family Services to be used for the "Summer Fun in the Parks" Program and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Davis-Weese that Bill 26-103 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 26-103? Hearing none. Mrs. Davis-Weese.

DISCUSSION:

CRYSTAL DAVIS-WEESE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that bill 26-103 be moved and placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 26-103. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 26-104, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that bill 26-104 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 26-104.

DELAINE WEINER: An Ordinance authorizing the City of Mansfield, Ohio (the "City") to enter into a development agreement with CEP Renewables OH, LLC, its successors and assigns, providing for a project to develop a Solar Generation Facility located on the closed landfill property, near the airport, located within the City, as stated in the Development Agreement.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – SOLAR GENERATION FACILITY

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #26-104

ORDINANCE: #26-105

An Ordinance authorizing the City of Mansfield, Ohio (the "City") to enter into a development agreement with CEP Renewables OH, LLC, its successors and assigns, providing for a project to develop a Solar Generation Facility located on the closed landfill property, near the airport, located within the City, as stated in the Development Agreement.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 26-104 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 26-104? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that bill 26-104 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 26-104. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 26-105, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-105 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 26-105.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a grant of Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Three and 09/100 Dollars (\$5,473.09) from the National Police Dog Foundation to be used for the emergency dental surgery for K-9 Maxx, and declaring an emergency.

ACCEPT & APPROPRIATE GRANT – NATIONAL POLICE DOG FOUNDATION (K-9 MAXX)

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #26-105

ORDINANCE: #26-106

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a grant of Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Three and 09/100 Dollars (\$5,473.09) from the National Police Dog Foundation to be used for the emergency dental surgery for K-9 Maxx, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 26-105 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 26-105? Hearing none. Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-105 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 26-105. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 26-106, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-106 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 26-106.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a grant of Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 74/100 Dollars (\$80,999.74) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used for overtime costs related to violent crime reduction throughout the City, and declaring an emergency.

ACCEPT & APPROPRIATE GRANT – OCJS (VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION)

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #26-106

ORDINANCE: #26-107

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a grant of Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 74/100 Dollars (\$80,999.74) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used for overtime costs related to violent crime reduction throughout the City, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 26-106 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 26-106? Hearing none. Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-106 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 26-106. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 26-107, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-107 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 26-107.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Family Violence Reduction Grant of Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Two and 76/100 Dollars (\$54,232.76) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used for a Family Violence Liaison Officer, and declaring an emergency.

ACCEPT & APPROPRIATE GRANT – OCJS (FAMILY VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICER)

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #26-107

ORDINANCE: #26-108

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a Family Violence Reduction Grant of Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Two and 76/100 Dollars (\$54,232.76) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used for a Family Violence Liaison Officer, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 26-107 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: Any discussion on bill 26-107? Hearing none. Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-107 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 26-107. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 26-108, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-108 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 26-108.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a METRICH Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement Grant of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used for METRICH Operations, and declaring an emergency.

METRICH RECOVERY OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #26-108

ORDINANCE: #26-109

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a METRICH Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement Grant of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used for METRICH Operations, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 26-108 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 26-108? Hearing none. Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-108 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 26-108. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 26-109, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I move that bill 26-109 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 26-109.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a METRICH Drug Law Enforcement Fund (DLEF) Grant of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Fifty-Two and 48/100 Dollars (\$137,052.48) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used for METRICH Operations, and declaring an emergency.

METRICH DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND (DLEF) GRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #26-109

ORDINANCE: #26-110

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a METRICH Drug Law Enforcement Fund (DLEF) Grant of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Fifty-Two and 48/100 Dollars (\$137,052.48) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to be used for METRICH Operations, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 26-109 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 26-109? Hearing none. Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, sir. I would just like to make note that the police department has brought in \$327,758.07 this evening in grants. So, thank you very much. And with that, I'd like to move that bill 26-109 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 26-109. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 26-110, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that bill 26-110 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. Clerk shall read bill 26-110.

DELAINE WEINER: Transferring appropriations in the amount of Forty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$40,000.00) within the Water Fund (#502), for the purpose of capital improvements to buildings and grounds, and declaring an emergency.

TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE WATER FUND (#502)

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #26-110

ORDINANCE: #26-111

Transferring appropriations in the amount of Forty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$40,000.00) within the Water Fund (#502), for the purpose of capital improvements to buildings and grounds, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 26-110 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 26-110? Hearing none. Mr. Falquette.

DISCUSSION:

DAVID FALQUETTE: Mr. President, thank you. I move that Bill 25-205 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 26-110. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: And bill 26-111, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that bill 26-111 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 26-111.

DELAINE WEINER: An Ordinance authorizing the City of Mansfield, Ohio (the “City”) to enter a development agreement with BUC-EE’S MANSFIELD, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, its successors, assigns, and affiliates, providing for a project to develop a Buc-ee’s Travel Center located on approximately 37.5 acres of real property located within the City, as shown on Exhibit A of the Development Agreement, and declaring an emergency.

ELECTING THE PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE OF CITY COUNCIL

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #26-111

ORDINANCE: #26-112

An Ordinance authorizing the City of Mansfield, Ohio (the “City”) to enter a development agreement with BUC-EE’S MANSFIELD, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, its successors, assigns, and affiliates, providing for a project to develop a Buc-ee’s Travel Center located on approximately 37.5 acres of real property located within the City, as shown on Exhibit A of the Development Agreement, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 26-111 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 26-111? Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Yeah, whenever we have a really big hot topic, I like to, you know, we're all going to vote and we're not obligated to say anything beforehand, but I kind of want to because this has been a huge headline and, you know, much like big things that come to us, like dispensaries and safety and housing, I want to say that I know that a lot of my council members up here, we have done our best to talk

to everyone, you know, whether it's email, in person, it's virtually impossible to meet everybody, which is why we appreciate public comment. Of course, social media is also a helpful tool sometimes. But I think one other way that I approached it was talking to some neighbors over on South Main Street and hearing their experiences when Walmart on Hanley Road was built. I wasn't, I don't think any of us were elected officials then. It was very interesting hearing some of the people who opposed it and support it at that time. And a lot of the concerns that we've been hearing throughout the months does kind of mirror what they said as well. But like other things of development, like we've seen with the carousel of significant housing and this as well, I think that, you know, as an elected official, we hear about housing. One thing, top three concern in my ward is employment and safety and tourism. So I do support Buc-ee's, but I also want those to know who don't oppose it that this is not a slap in your face at all. We've been listening. It's really hard for us because I imagine if someone came and transformed my community, my person, my neighborhood, and I don't have, I won't pretend that I have any experience with agriculture because I don't have any. My knowledge is not that big. I've been trying to learn a lot about it, and that's through learning through your experiences. But ultimately, how I've always voted and how I vote tonight will be what the majority of our community wants. I think it will be good for us. I think change is scary for us. I'm not going to pretend to say that it's not. But I did want to just be transparent with you and say I will be voting for it tonight. I do know it's been a huge, in-depth collaboration, partnership with Buc-ee's and our county and our city. But I do not want to continue to let y'all know that we value what you're saying. We value sharing your input with us, and thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to reiterate also a little bit what was said before about the, in this particular one, the tax structure and how Buc-ee's has worked with the townships, the county, the city, so that it was equitable as best we could for everybody. And that we're not giving away the store. We're not asking the schools not to take money for 15 or 20 years, which is a historical thing to do for many, many years past. And for big projects. So, this was a good way to do it. I'm glad we've got sharp people that know how to do these things. And we'll see how this goes. But I do know it's going to present challenges for the farm community. And we'll do our best, I'm sure, to try and mitigate. But we'll move forward.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Robertson.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I can never say as eloquently as what Councilman Diaz said. I think it struck a chord with all of us in how you put that, so thank you. I can tell you that I went to Madison. I have good friends that live in that area. And right away, I got a call right away about the concerns of it. From someone that loves Buc-ee's. We travel together, stop at the travel centers all the time. It is, and again, Mr. Diaz could not have said it better. It's a tough decision. But it is a decision. Change is scary. I will say that the concerns that I heard that I took to the mayor, she did take to Buc-ee's. And there was some collaboration back and forth on that, which I'm very happy about. And I'm happy to see an American built company come in here. And honestly, I'm glad that we have this opportunity, as much as it's gonna impact some others. And I know that's tough. And again, I think that Mr. Diaz said it best. So, we did hear you. We appreciate you coming and talking. It takes a lot of courage to come up here and sit when you have no experience doing that.

And I commend you for that, because you should. It's your community, and you should voice what you feel. So, we're very appreciative of that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other council? Any other council members wish to comment? Ms. Mount.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Just specific to this particular piece, because this particular piece is just about the service charge, so to speak. How to deal with the payment of the infrastructure. I haven't had any citizen opposition to that idea, the concept. So, I wanted to commend the administration on thinking through something that was going to maintain the funding sources for the township, the schools, obviously the county gets the sales tax, which is probably gonna be the hugest chunk of it. And then the city for the income tax from the people working there. But thank you to the administration and the people that worked on an agreement that was reasonable and equitable. And I'm glad to say that the citizens that I've heard from have been positive for it. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other council members? Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Just real quick, to the lady here in the front. Thank you very much for coming and thank you for bringing your daughters.

KIMBERLY HERSHNER: My husband's farming, so I had no choice.

CHERYL MEIER: But it's good. We do really appreciate it and I commend you for coming and bringing them. Like you said, it's how our democracy works and we do appreciate that. But I think it's really a good experience for them to see this. So, thank you for coming and speaking up.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other council members before I call on the mayor? Mayor?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Okay. I just wanna build on what a couple people said. I do wanna thank, this really has been a project that has been collaborative from the start. You heard from Barrett earlier, but we are also joined tonight by Jessica Grubin, the president and CEO of the chamber, and Tom Vanderhorst, who, financing and incentives? I'm not sure is his, what's your? Trying to figure it out. Yeah. He's the brains behind this, honestly. He's seen these NCAs work in other communities and I think we were doing a great job at economic development, but bringing more nuanced tools like this to the table really has leveled up. So, thanks to the chamber for their work on this. Commissioner Vero is here and the commissioners have been great partners on this as well, making sure that we're listening and able to answer questions. Our township trustees, of course, were the first ones to kind of be in the ring and voting on this and we appreciate your support. And thanks to Buc-ee's, really, to Angela, to Scott. Whenever I've called throughout the last 12, 13, 14 months, you've answered, you've made changes, and you've really listened to the community. And having recently been through a development agreement that didn't go so smoothly, I really appreciate that. And that's what gives me a lot of belief that this project, in the end, will be a win-win and that we will work through a lot of the concerns that do remain for the residents. And I just really appreciate and wanna take a moment because you just don't always have opportunities like this where everyone works together so well. And I wanted to take a minute to highlight that.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: With that, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Bill 26111 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of Bill 26-111. Bill passes eight to zero.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there anything further to come before Council this evening? Hearing none, I'll ask for a motion to adjourn.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Move to close.

SHARI ROBERTSON: Second

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. We adjourn. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: We are adjourned. At **8:31pm**, 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