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REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
June 26, 2006

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2006 meeting as corrected.
Motion so passed with Mr. Haddad abstaining.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in honor and respect of our troops around the world.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

V. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move Item 5a to the next item on the agenda. Motion so passed.

5a. Presentation Regarding UConn Master Plan

Mr. Callahan, Special Assistant to President Austin, and George Krause, who is serving as the Director of Design, Construction and Planning at the University of Connecticut, updated the Council on the University's Master Plan. Mr. Krause gave an overview of the development of the Plan and enumerated future construction projects.

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to move Item 5 to the next item on the agenda. Motion so passed.

5. Presentation Regarding Mansfield Information Technology Services

Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager, introduced Jo- Anne Roberts, the Information Technology Department Manager for the Town, and Michael Healy, a consultant for the Town. Mr. Hart asked the Council members to share their suggestions, thoughts and comments on how best to use technology to communicate with the public.

Jeff Smith, Finance Director, presented a history of the development of computer technology in Mansfield. He chronicled the past growth and future plans. Mr. Healy described the next phase of the process, the Quick Start Program, which asks what do you want to see? In this phase that question will drive the technology.

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill

Mr. Berliner, Town Manager, noted that he will be attending a meeting regarding the UConn landfill tomorrow and will report back

2. Fenton River

In response to a question regarding bi-monthly reports on the progress of the Fenton River project, the Town Manager stated that he would check to see if the Town would be receiving a copy. He also reported, in response to a question at the last meeting, that the streamgaging systems are in fact permanent.

3. Revision to Mansfield Community Center Program Registration and Fee Policy

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective June 26, 2006, to revise the Mansfield Community Center program registration and discounts for Community Center programs. Pursuant to this change in policy, all non-member Mansfield residents shall pay regular program rates, but receive secondary priority for program registration, and non-member, non-residents shall pay non-resident program rates and receive third-level registration times.

Discussion regarding the proposed changes ensued. Concern was expressed that the decision on where to hold a class will determine its level of accessibility and members questioned whether or not a program's requirements should be intrinsic to the Center before it falls under these guidelines. Ms. Koehn expressed regret that a life skill such as swimming is not open to all Mansfield children on an equal basis. Council members questioned the reasons people are not rejoining and suggested additional ways to approach the problem. Everyone, however, was in agreement that there is a problem that needs to be addressed. Curt Vincente, Director of Recreation, expressed hope that this move in addition to the newly hired membership coordinator will help increase membership.

The motion passed with Ms. Blair, Mr. Clouette, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Paterson, Mr. Paulhus and Mr. Schaefer in favor and Mr. Haddad, Ms. Koehn and Ms. Redding against.

4. Campus/Community Relations

Sergeant Cox and the Matt Hart updated the Council on the results of the enforcement of a number of recently enacted ordinances. The litter ordinance is an effective tool being used by police. The owners of the properties are being contacted and they are given 24 to 36 hours to clean up the area. The ordinance prohibiting the possession of alcohol by minors is so successful that a very similar measure was enacted into state law. According to Sergeant Cox the open container ordinance is working well. He feels the mountain bike patrols

used this summer will also be beneficial in enforcing this ordinance. There is also a plan to have all first responders in Town to be trained as car seat installers.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

5. Presentation Regarding Mansfield Information Technology Services

Previously addressed

5a. Presentation Regarding UConn Master Plan

Previously addressed

6. WINCOG Pre Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Koehn moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, floods, hurricanes, sever winter storms and other natural disasters can cause repetitive loss of human life and property in the Town of Mansfield:
and

WHEREAS, mitigation reduces or eliminates long-term risk to human life and property resulting from hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan outlines strategies and action items that reduce the impact of natural disasters in the Town of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, the Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan satisfies the mitigation planning requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; now, therefore, be it

RESLOVED, that the Town of Mansfield hereby adopts the Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Motion so passed.

7. Application to EPA Clean School Bus USA Program

Ms. Koehn moved and Ms. Blair seconded the following resolution:

RESOLVED, effective June 26, 2006, to authorize Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager, to submit an application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus USA Program, in the amount of \$300,000.

Motion so passed.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Caroline Redding reported on the actions of the Committee on Committees. The Committee has met with Jo-Ann Roberts, IT Department Manager, to discuss the

planned website for volunteer recruitment. The Committee is also planning a Volunteer Recognition Day. The Committee made the following appointment recommendations to the Council:

Memorial Day Committee	Christopher Paulhus Matt Hart Edwin Passmore Tammie Meyers
Mansfield Advocates for Children	Anne Bladen Andre Bloom Joan Buck Susan Daley Mary Jane Newman
Agricultural Committee	Charles Galgowski Robert Peters Carolyn Stearns William Palmer
Parks Advisory Committee	Susan Harrington
Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities	Michael Collins

Ms. Redding moved to accept the recommendations. The motion passed.

Mr. Haddad reported that the Personnel Committee has met to begin the Town Manager review. The modified questionnaires will be mailed to Council members tomorrow. Mr. Haddad asked members to return them at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Paterson recounted that last week she participated in a visit from members of the National Food Policy Council and the National Council of State Legislators. The group visited Mansfield Schools to look at the lunch program including the composting project.

The Mayor also announced that 9 Mansfield Career Firefighters were honored at an event hosted by the Secretary of the State. These members were recognized for their 20 plus years of service.

Ms. Koehn reported on her efforts at Third Thursday to sign up residents for the Clean Energy Program. She signed up two new members and talked to a number of organizations including UCPEI who expressed interest in advertising the program.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Martin Berliner updated the Council on the grid program and the solar farm program that the Town is investigating. He will keep the Council apprised.

PZC closed the hearing on the 1A Building and will begin discussion at their July 5th meeting.

Charter Revision will meet on June 27, 2006.

The Town Manger is participating the selection process for the new Director of WINCOG.

- XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

- XII. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

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8. Mansfield Agriculture Committee, "Mansfield Agricultural Products and Services
 9. Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., "2005-06 Annual Report"
 10. Connecticut Department of Transportation re: Speed Enforcement Grant
 11. R. Miller re: Extension of North Hillside Road in Mansfield
 12. M. Ostrander re: Cat Population Control Ordinance

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move into Executive Session. Motion so passed.

Present: Blair, Clouette, Hawkins, Haddad, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer

Personnel Issues

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move out of Executive Session. Motion so passed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schafer moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion so passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk