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4 So. Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moran called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on GoToMeeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Ausburger (*see below for late arrival*), Berthelot, Bruder, Fratoni, Freudmann, Kochenburger, Moran, Schurin, Shaiken

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Motion **passed** with all in favor.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2020 special meeting as presented. Motion **passed** with all in favor except Fratoni and Freudmann who abstained.

[Mr. Ausburger arrived]

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Lauren LaBlanc, Middle Turnpike, expressed concern over the lack of a reverse 911 call regarding a recent armed and dangerous man in Willington. Peter Millman, Dog Lane, Sustainability Committee member, spoke in support of the municipal assistance program for the solar project and asked the Council to vote in support.

5. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER/COVID 19 UPDATE

Interim Town Manager John Carrington presented his written report.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Moran reported that she is also concerned about the lack of communication to residents about the armed and dangerous man.

Mr. Bruder spoke in favor of the book buses.

Mr. Freudmann reported that he attended the Council's recent joint meeting with Region 19, does not support the school resource officer program, and wants the next agreement to include the cost of administration and insurance.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to move item 8A to precede old business and add silver sneakers discussion as new item 8D. Motion **passed** unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. FY 2020/2021 Budget Discussion (Item #8B, 5.11.20 Agenda)

Motion on the floor previously tabled during the May 26, 2020 special meeting of the Town Council now reads:

WHEREAS, Governor Lamont has declared Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies on March 10, 2020, and issued a series of Executive Orders , including Executive Order 7I; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7I, Section 13 eliminates any in-person voting requirements for the purposes of adopting a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget and requires the Town Council to adopt a Fiscal Year 2020-2021 municipal budget;

NOW THEREFORE, be it:

RESOLVED: That the General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$43,997,740 is hereby adopted as the proposed operating budget for the Town of Mansfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$3,499,770 is hereby adopted as the proposed capital improvements to be undertaken during fiscal year 2020/21 or later years.

RESOLVED: That the Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$2,717,730 is hereby adopted as the proposed budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

RESOLVED: That a virtual “Public Hearing” shall be held on June 2, 2020 at 7:00pm, for residents and qualified citizens to comment on said proposed Operating Budget, Capital Fund Budget and the Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund budgets for the Town of Mansfield.

Mr. Freudmann **moved** and Mr. Fratoni seconded to reduce spending in the community development portion of the capital improvement program by reducing the proposed spending on the line item ‘positioning and marketing plan’ from \$50,000 to \$0, said reduction to be returned to the general fund. Motion **failed** with all against except Ausburger, Fratoni, Freudmann, and Schurin who voted in favor.

Mr. Freudmann **moved** and Mr. Fratoni seconded to reduce spending in the community services portion of the capital improvement program by reducing proposed spending on the line item 'human services van' from \$64,000 to \$0. \$39,000 shall be returned to the general fund. Motion **failed** with all against except Ausburger, Fratoni, and Freudmann who voted in favor.

Mr. Freudmann **moved** and Mr. Fratoni seconded that in program #12100, municipal management, to remove the proposed hiring of a communications specialist, resulting in a reduction of \$45,300 to the program, said reduction to be returned to the general fund. Motion **failed** with all against except Ausburger, Fratoni, and Freudmann who voted in favor.

Mr. Freudmann **moved** and Mr. Fratoni seconded to reduce spending in the community services portion of the capital improvement program by reducing proposed spending on the line item 'playscapes and playground surfacing' from \$50,000 to \$0 with said reduction to be returned to the general fund. Motion **failed** with all against except Ausburger, Fratoni, and Freudmann who voted in favor.

Ms. Berthelot **moved** and Mr. Freudmann seconded that the distribution to Veterans Services and to the Windham Area No Freeze Shelter be reconfigured so that each get \$7,550. Motion **passed** with all in favor except Mr. Shaiken who abstained.

Main motion to adopt the budget as amended **passed** with all in favor except Ausburger, Fratoni, and Freudmann who voted against.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Solar Municipal Assistance Program

Mr. Carrington briefly reviewed the Solar Municipal Assistance Program. Representatives from Connecticut Green Bank gave a detailed presentation regarding the Program, reviewed model savings and finance assumptions, and answered Councilor questions regarding direct ownership of the solar panels versus a power purchase agreement.

Ms. Berthelot **moved** and Mr. Shaiken seconded, effective May 26, 2020, to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Letter of Intent that sets forth the Green Bank's and the Town of Mansfield's desires and intentions with respect to solar photovoltaic systems to negotiate in good faith during an exclusive period of 360 days, commencing with execution of this Letter, to reach a then binding agreement consisting of one or more specific agreements to be mutually agreed. Motion **passed** unanimously.

B. Proclamation Recognizing June as LGBTQ Pride Month

Mr. Bruder **moved** and Mr. Schurin seconded to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation recognizing June as LGBTQ Pride Month. Motion **passed** unanimously.

C. Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Ms. Berthelot seconded, effective May 26, 2020, to assign Councilors Bruder and Schurin to coordinate with the Human Rights Campaign on their Municipal Equality Index rating for Mansfield. Motion **passed** unanimously.

D. Silver Sneakers Survey

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Ms. Berthelot seconded to table item 8D discussion of Silver Sneakers to the June 8th meeting. Motion **passed** with all in favor except Mr. Bruder who voted against.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Bruder reported that the Committee on Committees met on May 13, 2020 for a special meeting to interview William Kaufold.

By recommendation of the Committee on Committees, Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Dr. William Kaufold to the Eastern Highlands Health District for a term ending June 1, 2023. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Mr. Kochenburger reported that the Finance Committee will hold a special meeting on June 9, 2020 and will discuss Town's liability insurance policy.

10. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Storrs Center Parking Operation Financial Report (April 2020)

B. E. Herrick (5.15.20)

C. V. Klassen (5.15.20)

D. E. Palmer (5.15.20)

E. M. Shea (5.15.20)

F. T. Moran, email re: Operations Update (5.18.20)

G. D. Freudmann, Budget Trends, Chronicle letter of 4.30.20 (5.18.20)

H. J. Carrington, letter re: Appointment to Mansfield Conservation Commission (5.19.20)

I. M. Thompson Mansfield Firefighters Association letter (5.19.20)

12. FUTURE AGENDAS

- Reverse 911 Protocol

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Berthelot **moved** and Mr. Ausburger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor

Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk