

CITY OF MANCHESTER  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMAN  
SPECIAL CALL BOARD MEETING Minutes  
Manchester City Hall Board Room  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
5 P.M.

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Pursuant to a call by Mayor Howard, there will be a Special Called Board of Mayor and Alderman Board Meeting on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 5 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Howard. Attorney Johnson read the call sheet and the Agenda. Present for the meeting were Mayor Howard, Attorney Johnson, Alderman French Alderman Bellamy, Vice Mayor Messick, Alderman Anderson, Alderman Parsley, Alderman Hobbs, Executive Administrative Assistant Keele, Public Works Kristina Moore, Fire Chief Chambers, I.S. Director Smotherman, Police Chief Sipe, Parks & Rec. Director Fox, and citizens.

Attorney Johnson read the call sheet: Pursuant to a call by Mayor Marilyn Howard, there will be a Special Called Board of Mayor and Alderman Board Meeting on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 5 p.m. for the following:

**Call to Order:** Mayor Howard called for the roll, Finance Director Burrows called the roll.

**Citizen Comments:** Renee Holt owner of Mercantile opposed the funding of the MCCCC. Ben Layne owner of Freddie's Restaurant opposed the funding of the MCCCC. Alderman French addressed the comments.

**Ordinance:**

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance of the City of Manchester, Tennessee, adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; sponsored by Alderman Hobbs. Vice Mayor Messick made a motion to approve and seconded by Alderman French. Alderman Anderson discussed TCA 12-10-115 (B) 3 and stated she would not vote for any budget that approves appropriations for the conference center. Mayor Howard commented that the Conference Center is a contribution. Alderman Anderson stated she would make a motion to amend the budget to remove the appropriation to the conference center from the budget and it is in violation of the law. Alderman Parsley seconded the motion. Alderman French discussed an audit violation as result of the BOMA not providing a funding mechanism. Alderman Anderson stated for Alderman French to participate in the discussion is a conflict of interest since he has a direct financial interest in the operations of the Conference Center. Mayor Howard discussed events that will be impacted if funding is stopped. Alderman Bellamy called for a vote. Attorney Johnson stated Manchester Code requires any voting member of the board to declare a personal interest they have a right to vote or not and if they vote they must declare at the meeting what that conflict is. State law divides it into direct and indirect personal interest. Alderman French stated he would make that declaration as he has every time and that other board members should. The motion to amend the ordinance failed 2-4 with Alderman Anderson and Alderman Parsley voting nay. Mayor Howard called for the roll of original motion to approve the ordinance. Alderman French stated he makes his declaration of an indirect conflict because his wife works for the PBA and receives a contribution from this budget and his spouse is not a direct employee of the City of Manchester. The motion to approve the ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> reading passed 4-2 with Alderman Anderson and Alderman Parsley voting nay.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Howard asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman French made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Vice Mayor Messick. Mayor Howard called for the roll and the motion passed 6-0 at 5:35 pm.

  
**Exec. Administrative Assistant Keele**

  
**Mayor Marilyn Howard**