

**MANSFIELD**

## Council approves aid for plant expansions

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MANSFIELD — The City Council Monday approved a little more than \$400,000 in sales-tax-funded incentives to assist plant expansions at two of the city's largest companies.

The council also voted to start the process of setting up tax abatements for Mouser Electronics and Solvay Engineered Polymers, which combined could save the companies an additional \$400,000. The tax abatements would require several more City Council votes to implement.

"These are two of our anchors in the community," said City Manager Clayton

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Chandler. "We're appreciative to have both of your expansions on the same agenda."

Mouser, the city's largest private employer, would get \$237,000 in sales tax-funded incentives. Company officials plan to double their staff to 660 as part of a \$10 million expansion. Mouser would receive a 50 percent property tax cut over the next 10 years if the council later approves the tax abatement.

Solvay, which makes plastic components for auto manufacturers, would get \$168,000 in sales-tax funded incentives. Solvay plans to invest \$4 million and add 21 jobs. It would receive a five-year, 50 percent abatement if the council approves the measure.

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