

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 21, 2015**

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:00pm. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

***Present:*** Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Moody, Ms. Brandy, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen

***Absent and Excused:*** Mr. Parsons

Mrs. Lingo made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. George to excuse the absent members. All in favor *motion carried*.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Joseph Roetting, City Manager Bill Kocher, Law Director Steve Wolf, Finance Director Jill Claire, Police Chief Vincent Demasi

**MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes with a change under Mayor's Report of the April 7, 2015 meeting was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Council members on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm the Mt. Healthy Board of Education will vote to hire Dr. Reva C~~X~~osby as our next superintendent. Dr. C~~X~~osby will officially begin her position as Superintendent of Mt. Healthy City Schools on July 1, 2015. There will be a "meet and greet" Dr. C~~X~~osby following the board meeting.

There was a letter in council packets that was submitted to our office Friday anonymously and late today the letter came back with signatures. Typically we do not address anonymous letters. Mr. Kocher is going to follow up with Chief Demasi to see if we can talk to the person who did write the letter. The letter was regarding personnel issues and hiring process.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Greg York; There is a cash mob event on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm. This is an event to bring cash into the City businesses. Trying to get the word out. There is a facebook page.

Deeper Roots Coffee will be opening in Hyde Park soon

A baby Alpaca was born on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Forming a CDC non-profit; Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project

Ron Mosby is now a member of North College Hill council. TEC is looking to do a traffic study on Hamilton Avenue and would like to team up with Mt. Healthy and go beyond North College Hill.

Mt. Healthy has already been working with ODOT for several years on Hamilton Avenue between St. Clair and Madison with a turning lane. We will reach out to NCH about this. Anytime we can do a joint project is a good thing.

Scouts working on their communication badges are here this evening.

Tom Campbell, Troop 150

John Campbell, Troop 150

The scouts were wondering about a bike trail. There is not really a safe place to ride bikes in the City.

That is something we will look into. This could be something we may have in the future

## **GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Police Chief Vince Demasi is here with Greg Baker regarding Assumption Festival are working on a safety plan. This festival is one of the biggest in the City.

### **Safety Plan Elements:**

- Begin "soft" close of event at dusk or by 10:00pm
- Limit the sale of alcohol in the late night hours
- Signage on curfew requirements and expected behavior
- Fencing
- NO weapons
- No alcohol consumption outside of event area
- Event site and adjoining are monitored by camera surveillance
- Temporary lighting

### **Curfew:**

- 9:00pm for juveniles 16years of age or younger without a parent or legal guardian
- 10:00pm for 18years of age or younger not with a parent of legal guardian
- Provide an area to detain curfew violators until parent or guardian picks up
- If parent or guardian fails to pick up the curfew violator will be cited and transported to Juvenile Detention
- Staff detention area with police and/or volunteers
- Define geographic area subject to curfew requirements

## **Communication/Public Relations**

- Advertise event as fun and safe event for all
- Widely circulate information regarding curfew requirements to focus audience, specifically Mt Healthy Schools and utilize social media
- Define expected behavior
- Define consequences
- Provide information on parking locations
- Include logos from organizations assisting in the implementation of Safety Plan: Assumption Church, Overflow ministries and MHPD

## **Festival Event Monitors:**

- 15-20 individuals at dusk
- Provide monitors with standardized T-shirts informing as to their role and authority
- Pair monitors from Assumption and Overflow Ministries
- Stipend/donation
- Male and Female
- Training
  - Safety
  - Establish team leaders
  - Parameters of authority and responsibility
  - Information of curfew requirements
  - How to interact with attendees
  - Communications plan (radios and cell phones)

Let expectations be known up front will cut down on the trouble.

## **POLICE CHIEF: Vincent Demasi**

Purchased a Ford Fusion for the detective car.

There were 3 Full-Time Officers hired. They will officially begin April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Jordan Ribariu (part-time officer) PREVIOUS  
Emily Howell (part-time officer) PREVIOUS  
Alan Fath

One more Full-Time officer will be hired after Officer Joe Powell retires on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

We have received a grant for body cameras. We will be using evidence.com

We ordered 10 new tasers.

We applied and were accepted in the Northeast Hamilton County Drug Task Force (DART) this will assist our community in addressing illegal drug activity. Illegal drug activity should be referred to Detective Chris Jones who will serve as our administrative liaison.

The Police Clerk position is still not filled. There have been a couple of interviews. We will post the job and continue the search.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Reported by Bill Kocher

**Business Partnership: Bob Parsons;** Attended the MHBA meeting last Monday.

- o There is a Cash Mob event in the City on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm
- o Celebrate Mt. Healthy is continuing with planning meetings
- o There is need for support with the trash cans being emptied

**Events/Park: James Wolf;** Be sure to keep checking the event calendar on the website. It is always being updated.

The stage will be getting electric ran to it. We are looking to have this completed by the first event in June.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting**

Dine to donate at Bob Evans on Colerain is 4/29, 4/30, and 5/1. This will benefit the Mt. Healthy Alliance. You can get coupons in the Administrative Office.

Urban Tree Commission will be giving out 3 awards again this year for outstanding trees.

1. 1537 Adams Road
2. 1525 Madison Avenue
3. 1929 Adams Road

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher**

For the Assumption Festival they are asking for McMakin to be closed on Sunday. They will have their chicken dinners as a drive-thru.

This will be granted to them.

Terry Bayes from Bayes & Sons is asking the City to allow him to use part of the grass area on Compton. He would like to put fencing up in order to hide the garbage cans.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire**

March month end reports are in the packets.

## **ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 15-1747** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a property management agreement for the City owned property at 7500 Hamilton Avenue. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 15-1073** A resolution declaring it necessary for levying tax exceeding ten-mill limitation and requesting the County Auditor to certify matters in connection therewith. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Ms. Brandy.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There will be a 40 Year Mt. Healthy High School Reunion. The class of 1975. There is a facebook page with the details.

There is discussion with council regarding the curfew during the Assumption Festival. Some council members feel this could backfire on us with parents becoming upset because their kids were detained and maybe even taken to Juvenile Detention. There needs to be some exceptions for juveniles who are walking home from the festival.

There will be further discussion with the Police Chief before anything is decided.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.



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Ross Bittner, President of Council



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Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council