

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 18, 2015

At 7:00 p.m. new police officer, Timothy Baird, was sworn in by Mayor Roetting.

A public hearing was held regarding proposed vacant property ordinance. Dwight Moody, representing the Mt. Healthy Business Association, requested a meeting with Bill Kocher and city leadership to address concerns regarding definitions, process/administration, inspection, monitoring, and fee structure. Mr. Kocher will bring feedback from that meeting back to council's work session. James Shapiro, a member of Real Estate Investors Association, expressed concerns that time frames were too constrained and hard to administer. It typically takes 30-120 days to turn over a rental property. Mr. Shapiro would like to see existing laws enforced to address problem properties and volunteered to help and attend meeting with leadership. Chris Girmann will soon be celebrating over 100 years in business. Mr. Girmann is concerned about nuisance properties. Landlords should be selective to place the right tenant and pick up their own trash. Address the repeat offenders that don't maintain their property. Robert Hall echoed above statements, that the legislation needs to address nuisance properties. Susan Frank emphasized the difference between nuisance and vacant/foreclosed properties and clarification is needed for the different issues. Karen Arnett would like to narrow down the issues. The City of Cincinnati only addresses condemned properties and half get waiver of fees when a plan is demonstrated. The City of Cincinnati has a separate document for foreclosed properties. Cindy Rahn was directed to contact Bill Knight with her specific property complaints. Richard H. would like to see existing property maintenance laws enforced consistently. Dottie Hall would like Mt. Healthy to attract new businesses and residents, not detract them with too many laws. What results are we looking for? With no more speakers,

President of Council Ross Bittner adjourned the public hearing and called the council meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Lingo, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Parsons, and Ms. Petersen

Absent and Excused: Ms. Brandy, Mrs. George, and Mr. Wolf

Mrs. Moody made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Petersen to excuse the absent members. All in favor *motion carried*.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Joseph Roetting, City Manager Bill Kocher, Law Director Steve Wolf, and Finance Director Jill Claire

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the July 21, 2015 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Trinity Lutheran's Feed Your Neighbor is celebrating their 6th Anniversary on September 3 at 5:30 p.m. We are all invited to this event.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Karen Arnett; Here to talk about lawn care company damaging headstones in Perry St. Cemetery. Assumption Cemetery monitors their lawn care company and Ms. Arnett asks the city to do so as well to protect our heritage.

Jim Rahn; Here to talk about the recent street levy and roads in serious need of repair. Bill Kocher will address this in his report.

Terrence Walker; Here to talk about getting his liquor license approved that he applied for over a year ago. Steve Wolf clarified the state controls the quantity of license, not the city.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership: Bob Parsons;

- Did not attend the MHBA meeting this month, but recognized collaboration on the proposed vacant property legislation and Celebrate Mt. Healthy.

Community Non-Profit Liaison: Jeanne George;

- Urban Tree Commission/Historical Society – Sandra Young reported on the Tree Commission Academy Conclave in Wilmington, Ohio and Ms. Young will be attending the Tree Commission Academy in November.

Events/Park Recreation: Jamie Wolf;

- Mr. Bittner encouraged everyone to enjoy the band this Friday.

Finance: Jenny Moody;

- Committee met tonight at 5:30 reviewing tonight's legislation and year to date finances.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

Attended Fibonacci Brewing Co. grand opening – it's a nice place and they have a food truck on Saturdays.

Free concerts in the park are going great; need to work on promoting more and increase attendance.

Thanks for passage of the Street Levy renewal.

Reminder that in September we will be back to our regular meeting schedule of 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Night Out with Police event was a success and well attended. The historic REO Speed wagon fire truck is back in operation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Street projects were reviewed. Perry (north of Compton) is three quarters funded and very optimistic it will get approved. Compton project – need to decide whether to apply with 20% or 30% match. Council opted for 30% match to increase change of getting funding approved. Mr. Kocher will have legislation prepared for next meeting. Perry (south of Compton) is next major project in line. Street sealing will also be completed on sections of Joseph St., Elizabeth St., Martin St., and Seward Ave.

Pool is now closed as guards are back to school.

With September returning to regular council meeting schedule, would like to get back to work sessions and first one will address part time Mayors Court Clerk, Rental Registration, and gazebo rental.

Did not receive two bike path grants, but will try again.

We are engaging with other groups on the awarded \$20,000 mini grant for business district strategic planning.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

July month end reports are in the packets.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 15-1755 An ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. First reading.

Ordinance 15-1753 An ordinance to transfer funds from the general fund to other funds covering budgeted expenditures. First reading.

Ordinance 15-1754 An ordinance amending the 2015 appropriations, and declaring an emergency. First reading.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Parsons asked with the passage of the Street Levy Renewal, does the backup legislation need to be removed? Yes, Mr. Kocher will have legislation at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

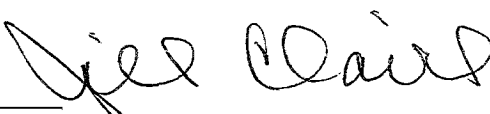

Mr. Bittner reminded everyone about the upcoming Celebrate Mt. Healthy on September 12 and to frequent the summer events in the park.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Petersen. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Jill Claire on behalf of Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council