

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 3, 2015**

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Pro Tempore James Wolf at 7:00pm. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

***Absent and Excused:*** Mrs. Moody, 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:**

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

**MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Ms. Brandy. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter from Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was mailed out to council members. The commissioners unanimously approved a resolution authorizing mediation with the City of Cincinnati over the future operations of MSD. The commissioners are hopeful that Cincinnati leadership will join us in this formal mediation process to facilitate a more collaborative and productive dialogue on the future of the sewer district.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Nick Stenger**, is here this evening to address 1481 Hill Avenue. He found out this property may be torn down. He is interested in purchasing this property. There is a tax lien on the property for \$4500. Right now the property did not sell at 2 sheriff sales. When this happens the state can take the property, but Port Authority came in and has control of the property. 3 things could happen; 1. Tear down 2. Deed to the adjacent properties 3. Deed to the City. Nick does not want to see this house torn down. Nick would like to purchase it for the tax lien of \$4500 and fix it up.

**Gary Wilhelm**, is here tonight to find out about Block Watch. He would like to get involved with the group. Block Watch meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Check with the police department for locations of meeting each month. They have been having the meetings at different locations.

## **GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**

None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

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

Mt. Healthy Alliance will be doing the dollar match with the Stone Creek Meijer on Colerain. Pick up a Simply Give Campaign Card when you go through the checkout lane and let the cashier know how much you wish to donate. Meijer will then match your donation. Single Match days are Nov. 1-12, Nov. 15 – Jan 2. Double match days will be November 13 and November 14.

Bob Evans will have a fundraiser for Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry November 4-6. Bob Evans will donate 15% of your bill to the food pantry.

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

Mr. Knight received a letter from the attorney that represents the owner of 1514 Compton Road. Mr. Knight sent out a letter dated October 13, 2015 stating that the City of Mt. Healthy is in the process of obtaining bids to move forward with the demolition of property located at 1514 Compton Road. After reviewing the matter and the procedural posture of the Board of Appeals, it appears moving forward with our threats would be in error.

Council decided to have Mr. Knight send out a certified letter allowing the appeal. We will set up an inspection and make sure all the permits were received that were needed to make the necessary repairs to the building.

Tattoo shops in the City of Mt. Healthy are not addressed in the zoning code. Right now there is one shop in the business district and a new one getting ready to open. We have a buyer ready to purchase property on Hamilton Avenue to do tattoos on an appointment only basis. The property is in the core business district. We need to work on clarity in the zoning code for tattoo shops.

The City was awarded a \$15,448 grant from the NatureWorks grant program. Monica worked on this grant. We will use the funds to pave the walking trail around the ball fields in the park. "Thanks to Monica for working on this grant."

We had a first meeting regarding the next phase of the park. This will be the covering of the stage. There is still a lot of work to be done in order to stay within budget to complete this project. We are working with Brandstetter and Carrol again. The process is just beginning.

## **ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 15-1759:** A second reading of ordinance to create Chapter 39A of the codified ordinance of the City of Mt. Healthy regarding municipal income tax. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-0.

**Ordinance 15-1761:** A first reading of ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute all actions necessary to support the continuation of a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26, Ohio revised code, directing the city manager to extend the supply agreement with Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. to continue a natural gas aggregation program beyond March 31, 2016 when the current supply agreement ends and declaring an emergency.

**Ordinance 15-1762:** A first reading of ordinance amending ordinance 15-1751 (passed June 16, 2015), previously authorizing the establishment of an escrow fund with an escrow fund agent for the deposit of proceeds resulting from the sale of certain property located on Compton Road (commonly referred to as the remainder of the Duval property), and now providing for the deposit of sale proceeds of the remainder of the Duval property into an account to be used for capital expenditures and other authorized purposes and declaring an emergency.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 15-1082** The first reading of resolution declaring the City of Mt. Healthy to be a fiscal sponsor for WeThrive! Mt. Healthy in the event they receive a grant from interact for health and authorizing the city manager to sign contracts necessary to obtain and release funds.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Mt. Healthy Owls made playoffs.

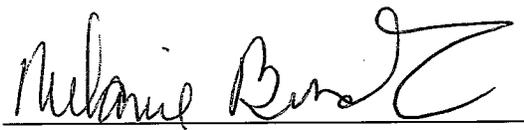
Mrs. George was invited as an NKU alumnus to the City of Blue Ash Police Department to join an open forum meeting with Blue Ash police officers and African American college students. This is an invitation only event. It is to promote positive change in communities. Mrs. George will report back about the meeting.

South Elementary school council will be here next council meeting to propose what can be done with the traffic on Werner Avenue.

**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 8:00 p.m.

  
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Ross Bittner, President of Council

  
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Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council