

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 2, 2016

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, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen, Mr. Roetting, Mrs. Dosa

Absent and Excused: None.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

City Manager Bill Kocher, Mayor James Wolf, Finance Director Jill Claire

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the January 19, 2016 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mt. Healthy Christian Home will be hosting a Bless your Heart Luncheon on Tuesday, 2/23/16 at 11:30am – 1:30pm. This is a program designed for older adults. Pre-Registration is required.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

WeThrive meeting is Wednesday 2/3 at 6:00pm.

Bob Evans fundraiser for the Mt. Healthy Alliance will be Wed-Friday. You will need to pick up a flyer to take. Bob Evans will donate 15% of your bill to the food pantry.

Summer event schedule is currently being worked on.

South Elementary has contacted the City and Werner Avenue is getting worse with traffic issues. Would like to call a meeting with council members and the school to figure out ways we can try to get this under control.

Main Theater letter from the Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project was in your packet. Karen Arnett spoke about this at the previous council meeting. Meeting with the group on February 15th. The group has some great ideas of what we can do with the Main Theater. This is an opportunity for the Renaissance Project to help make the outcome the best it can be for our city. They are willing to do all the research. There are no plans yet for this project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Bill Knight has asked council to consider adding some additional language to the Property Maintenance Code. He has had some issues where he has cited and it has been appealed and he has lost. The additional language would help when filing notices.

TEC has put together the Scope of Work for the intersection study on Hamilton and St. Clair. This is what we had discussed in previous meetings. Lake of the Woods has been approached regarding in sharing the costs of a traffic light and are interested in getting a light.

Do we want to expand this scope? We should wait until the widening of Hamilton Avenue happens to look more closely at the intersection. Let's do this study and see what they came up with.

Regarding the bus at St. Clair that stops and the driver leaves. If you are to see this get the number on the back of the bus and we will report this back to them. We now have a contact with Metro.

There is a draft copy of an ordinance regarding Assumption Festival. The meetings have just started. Our law director reviewed it and gave suggestions for council to review.

Goodies BBQ has reached out to us via email asking for a letter of support. A resident has now filed their complaints under a lawsuit on how the business is releasing noxious-oily smoke from the grilling process, which they feel is an environmental issue that's interfering with the enjoyment of the neighboring property. They have met every requirement we have asked them to do.

Our legal representative suggests doing a letter stating the facts. Council recommends not doing a letter of support, but do one just stating the facts and they are in compliance with the City. Mr. Kocher will speak with the owner.

Next meeting will be "Chiefs night in" with Chief Demasi here from 6-7pm before the meeting as an open forum. We will be getting word out there to let residents know.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 15-1771: A second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign contracts to purchase real property (Hamilton County Auditor Parcel Number 593-0007-0008-00). A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 15-1772: A first reading of an ordinance amending chapter 153.15 and adding section 106.6 to the City of Mt. Healthy Property Maintenance Code.

Ordinance 15-1773: A first reading of an ordinance for project that consists of widening US 127 between St Clair Avenue and Madison Avenue to add left turn lanes, lying within the City of Mt. Healthy.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-1084: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Springfield Township Board of Trustees to purchase rock salt. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Liquor license for Redline has not been decided yet. We are still waiting on a decision.

Ethics Commission 2015 Financial Disclosure Statement filing deadline is due Monday, May 16, 2016.

Block watch meeting is the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 here in City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee groups have been organized.

The Mt. Healthy Beautification Committee is sponsoring their plant voucher sale again this spring to raise funds for projects. They will again be partnering with Moeller Greenhouse and Garden Center. Plant sale vouchers are out. Forms are due no later than March 12th.

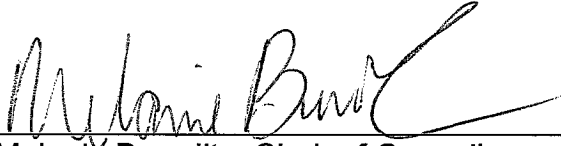
Next council meeting, 2/16 will be Chief's night in. Chief Demasi will be here to speak and answer questions from 6-7pm. We will be getting the word out to residents.

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 8:30 p.m.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council

Council Work Session
2/2/2016

Meeting opened at 8:30 p.m. to review the park stage canopy options and discuss Compton Groves property tax reductions.

Canopy structure and installation may take all the funds we have available. A rear wall may be an option (will request it in the bid). Due to funding, lights may need to be added later on (depends on bid results) and our staff may be able to install them. The projection equipment would be a later expense. Rear storage area (for projection/sound equipment) to be determined. Bid opening is 2/29/16.

PIRHL acquired the Compton Groves property. They are requesting a reduction of real estate taxes (reduces their operating expenses) to allow them to leverage more borrowing to stabilize the property and make it attractive affordable housing. Request is for 20-year abatement and 20% revenue sharing (revenue share is split 70/30 with schools same as the expense). The school annual contribution would be \$70,000 and the city annual contribution would be \$30,000.

If PIRHL does not receive the abatement, they may not put as much into the property. This reduction would be on the amenities as the core structure improvements are required by some of their funding sources. Some ideas were discussed:

- Make the tax reduction contingent upon instituting an incentive plan based on reduction in police calls and increased income tax collections? They need concrete numbers they can take to the bank.
- Add requirement that city/school tax reduction not to exceed \$30,000/\$70,000 as their property value increases?
- Add requirement for number of property management jobs?
- Add conditions to their leases regarding the number of police calls (automatic eviction if "x" number of calls are made)? Require their tenants to provide tax filing paperwork before getting keys.
- What are the stipulations of who they rent to (i.e. convicted felons)?
- Bill meeting with school superintendent, treasurer, and a school board representative to find out who controls school's portion.
- Is PIRHL making a high request and would maybe settle for less?
- What is timeline to provide them an answer? Closing is set for April 2016.
- Bill will prep draft list of PIRHL questions for council input. Approved list will be given to PIRHL in advance for them to prepare and address council on 3/1/2016.

Work session adjourned at 9:35 p.m.