

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 2016**

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:00 p.m. 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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with correction made of the April 5, 2016 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership: Judy Petersen: Attended the MHBA meeting

- Celebrate Mt. Healthy – they are looking for more performers
- Arlington will be creating a “Field of Memories” to serve as a special area of tribute and to show appreciation for the men and women who have defended our nation. This will begin on Memorial Day.
- Mt. Healthy Beautification Committee is looking into getting golf carts to keep up on the watering of plants during the summer.
- Mt. Healthy Christian Village will be celebrating 50 years. Celebration will be Saturday, May 21st. Refreshments, live entertainment, tours of the community. This is a free event.
- Looking at doing a map of businesses for our Centennial Celebration

WeThrive: Jenni Moody:

- Health Fair on Saturday went very well. There was a good group of people there the whole time.
- Walking paths are now marked and you can pick up your cards for tracking your miles. The first drop off business is Brotherton’s.
- There is a quarterly training meeting this Thursday that requires 5 people to represent our City. This is a requirement to be part of WeThrive
- Next meeting will be May 4th.

Beautification Committee: Jenni Moody:

- Meeting this Thursday at 6:30pm in council chambers. They will be discussing potted plant placement around the City.

Schools/Library: Kisha Dosa:

- Attended the parent meeting at the South School. It was good to hear the parent’s perspective of things we could do to help them.
- Still working with the school on the Werner Avenue issue. It’s going to take some time to come up with a solution that will benefit the school and the city.
- Attended the Board of Education meeting. They acknowledged certain teachers that have donated organs. There was a teacher that donated an organ and allowed her students to watch the progress as it took place as a learning tool.
- Schools are looking for programs to keep the kids off the street and keep them safe. One of the programs is called DOLSS (Dedicated Optimistic Leaders Standing Strong). This is like a junior Girl Scout group. This is the first year for this program.
- Teaming up with Springfield Township to bring in 2 Resource Officers for the next school year at Junior High School. They are also bringing in a private company to do security and to have them be seen as a positive role model.
- There were several resignations handed in. They will be looking for teachers for the next school year.
- Library looking for programs for kids that just get dropped off there to hang out until parents pick them up.

Parks: Denise Lingo:

- Still needing sponsors for park events.

Safety/Streets: Joe Roetting:

- There was a meeting on April 6th. We looked over the parking ordinance. There are a lot of different parking signs at different locations. They will be looking at all the areas in the city. The ordinances are old and have not been updated in a long time.
- Chief Demasi's report was in our packets. Crime has dropped in March compared to last year.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

WeThrive health fair was great. One thing to point out is the "What do I stand for" group. They have really grown and changed their mission and become a network from just home schoolers to anyone in the community with children. Now offering classes. They will be offering a Spanish class this summer once a week. There will be a gardening class for kids. It's a really great thing that is happening right now. Good summer activity.

Met with NCH soccer board. Happy to announce that North College Hill will be teaming up with Mt. Healthy to have an official soccer club. They will be changing the name to North Hills United soccer club. This will be North College Hill, College Hill, and Mt. Healthy. They will practice and have games at the park. This is what we have been working towards for a long time. It will be great to have youth soccer back in our community.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Update on Perry/Compton Road project. Finalizing on the engineering. Cincinnati Waterworks is going to replace the 8inch main on Compton from Hamilton to the corporation line with a 12inch main on the project. This will all be paid for by the Cincinnati Water Works except for the fire hydrants. There will continue to be updates as we move along.

We are going to replace some of the street signs to go above the stop signs. This will eliminate having two poles and eliminate some cost.

The traffic study on St. Clair was received back. Would like to do a work session on this at the next meeting.

Street sweeping has been an issue. We had the contractor start and they had their truck break down several times. We had issues with the signs. Need to put times on the "No Parking" signs.

Park bid open on Wednesday April 20th.

Sample ordinance to review for the Vacant Foreclosed Residential Property Registration. We will be if Mr. Temming can be at the next work session and Bill Knight to discuss this a little more.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

March month end reports and bank reconciliation are in the packets.

2015 GAAP work is in process.

2015 Audit will begin soon. The State has a rule that after 10 years of being audited by a third party they will bring it in house. We have been out for 10 years, so the State will be doing our audit this year. The hope is to be able to go back to Elliot Decosimo after this year with the state.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 16-1778: An ordinance assessing the costs of the removal of trash and debris and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

PIRHL will be closing on Compton Groves on Monday. Our law director has met with their legal team and is working on the tax abatement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dine to donate at Perkins this week.

Coyotes were spotted in Arlington Cemetery recently. Be on lookout for them.

*A motion was called for an Executive session regarding employment dismissal, discipline for investigation of charges or complaints against city employees by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.
Council moved into an Executive Session at 7:40pm*

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was closed immediately following the Executive session.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council