

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2016**

A public hearing was opened at 7:05pm. This is to review the annual 2017 appropriations. This is not the formal budget. The formal budget is done at year end. This does need to get submitted to the County before our next council meeting. This will be able to get two readings done.

No questions, public hearing closed at 7:10pm

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:10 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 of the May 17, 2016 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Regina Gehm, from CMHA is here to give an update on the new Cary Crossing on Compton Road. Grand opening will be late summer/early fall. End of July everything will be turned over to operations. There are 36 units with one community building; 9 housing buildings with 4 units in each, two buildings are 2 bedroom units, the rest are 1 bedroom. There will be applications coming out soon. The applications will be online only. Will only be open for two days. These days will be announced in the Cincinnati Enquirer, Herald, and on radio stations.

Touchstone is the property management company. Touchstone is a division of CMHA, so they fully own and manage the entity. The same division manages Reserve at South Martin will be also managing Cary Crossing. Graceworks will be advising the social service coordinator.

Second phase will be to get retail on the property.

Larry Pyle

Here this evening to discuss property development at Miles and Hamilton Avenue. This is the former Lane Homestead property. Passing around a site plan for the property. It has been for sale for about 10 years. The building has stood for nearly 200 years until the recent fire.

Met with Springfield Township for the historical development of this property. There is a lot of history of the property and area at the Historical Society. The goal is to see the buildings preserved there at the corner. Just here to spread the information. Who might be out there that would be looking to purchase and preserve the property.

Monica Lubiani representing WeThrive! would like to let council know the city has been awarded a \$15,000 grant. We have purchased soccer goals. Our youth athletic association has teamed up with North Hills United. We will become the host site for games. A lot of youth activities going on in the city. There is drill team. Just started youth basketball. There will also be jump rope coming soon. We still have the walking club going on. It has been a great opportunity to get these funds from Interact for Health.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Steve Harness: On behalf of 3rd graders at South Elementary would like to thank Mr. Kocher and Mrs. Moody for their participation in junior achievement.

Graduation was held May 28th. A really great group of graduates.

This Sunday in the Russ Hinkle auditorium the 38th Alumni Band concert. It's free. Starts at 3:00pm.

Kim Cremeans, on behalf of the Business Association and Mt. Healthy

Renaissance Project: The world's longest yard sale will be held August 4th through August 7th. Trying to get vendors along Hamilton Avenue. The focus will be for Saturday, August 6th. There will be assigned spots and will sign an agreement that the space will be cleaned up afterwards. Would like residents to have yard sales during this weekend. Maps will be available. As people come through the city they will be able to see where things are happening. Email Kim or call for more information and to get set up.

Council has agreed to waive the yard sale fees during this weekend. There is a \$5 fee for a second yard sale that will be waived.

Darren Jones, personal trainer and owner of Platinum Fitness: Mr. Jones is a Mt. Healthy alumni, graduated in 1983. Been in business for over 13 years. A fitness instructor and owner of Platinum Fitness. Looking to move the business from Roselawn and are interested in the Girman Building to purchase or rent the space. Try to help build the community together. Would like to bring fitness to the community. Have a good standing with the Better Business Bureau. Would like to work with the youth athletics in the city.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Judy Petersen; Attended Mt. Healthy Business Association on June 13th.

Discussed Celebrate Mt. Healthy, which will be September 10th. In need of volunteers to work booths, need baskets donated for the raffle.

The garbage can problems at Speedway and business district. Discussed maybe doing Adopt a Block to keep cleaned up.

Need volunteers to work the beer booth at the July 3rd event

Looking for sponsors to host the various park events

Beautification Committee:

Will be selling soda at the July 3rd event.

There will be a meeting with Beautification Committee and North College Hill Garden Club to see what type of collaboration we can do. Look to see what we can do to expand and get ideas from another garden group.

Finance: Bob Parsons; There will be a finance committee meeting July 12th at 6:00pm to discuss mid-year budget vs. actual numbers.

Parks: Denise Lingo: First concert was last Friday and there were about 65 people there. Madcap Puppets was on Saturday and had a big crowd too.

Safety/Streets: Joe Roetting: There will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 29th at 7:00pm here in council chambers. Assumption Festival was June 10-12 and went great. Only a few curfew violations.

We will present finding of the “no parking” times sign study around the city. There is clean up that needs to happen. Will be discussed with Mr. Kocher and Mr. Cutter.

School/Library: Kisha Dosa: The Mt. Healthy library continues to have lots of free programs this summer for kids and adults. Be sure to check out the list on their website.

We Thrive!: Would like to recognize Dureka Bonds, she has been with us from the start. She comes to every meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Soccer registration end July 1st. Registration fee is \$70 with uniforms included and \$40 for lollipop. Ages 3-13. Looking for team sponsors and charge is \$200, which is a non-profit so it can be a tax deduction. Practices are in North College Hill and games will be held in the park.

Tikkun Farm the old Summe Dairy farm is having a lot of things taking off right now. Set up as a non-profit and has gone out and done a lot of fund raisers. She has started summer camps and after school programs for students and veterans. They would actually grow food on the farm and would turn around and create meals from the food in crock pots. At the end of camp the students would be able to take the crockpot home along with ingredients to cook a family meal. This is called a Food & Fiber camp. They will also learn to make things out of fiber from the Alpaca's. She has teamed up with Zone 231. The first camp starts next week. Go to Tikkunfarm.com to get more information. Looking for donations of a crock pot or \$25 through the website which she will buy crock pots.

Main Theatre project met last week with a structural engineer. She went through the theatre and the Girmann building. She thought the buildings were structurally in good shape. She will do a cost assessment for us. She has volunteered her time to do this.

July 18th Karen Arnett is organizing with the Cincinnati Preservation Association. They will be meeting with us to give us ideas on what we can do with the space as far as historic preservation goes. University of Cincinnati College of Architecture will hold a studio class strictly for the Main Theatre. A class with 5 or 6 students and the main grade will be coming to the Main Theatre and come up with ideas. This will be held in the fall semester.

We will be looking at the location where the Jewell Records was to make into an outdoor seating. There are a lot of restaurants around that area with not much seating.

The thought was to put picnic tables in the grassy area. Make it an inviting space. Susan Frank has volunteered her time to help design the space.

Will be going to a Quality of Service conference in Richmond, Indiana. This is how to make our town vibrant and inviting. We have a lot in common with them with the old buildings. See what kind of ideas that can be found.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Gregg Cutter in the Street Department monitors the field usage in the park with the camera's. We have been figuring up nights it's used. 68% of the time it is being used by either baseball, football, soccer. This is an improvement from the past.

Public hearing will be held before the July council meeting regarding the Red Line bar location. The building in the back has been used for illegal storage unit. Mr. Knight has condemned the building. This is going through the necessary process and have notified the owner to repair or it will be demolished. We have secured the funds for the demolition. The owner is aware of this and could come up with a plan to show what will be done and we could slow down the process.

Sealing of streets with cracks will begin July 18th.

- Clovernook Avenue from Compton Road to Adams Road
- Bernard Avenue from Clovernook to Compton Road
- Forest Avenue from 7354 Forest to Compton Road
- Kinney Avenue from Harrison to Hickman Street

Compton Road improvement project is out to bid. If council accepts the bid tonight. There is a pre-construction meeting in the morning. The successful bidder was Fred A. Nemann & Co. they also did Maple Street. Cincinnati Water Works is also coming in to put down 861 feet of new water line on Compton from Hamilton to the Township line. This will be the first part of construction. Project won't be complete until next year.

7272 Hamilton Avenue, the owner has submitted a variance application for use change. It is different from the last time, which was a zone change request. The variance application goes to the BZA. Mr. Osgood is in the process of setting a meeting with the BZA. They will approve or deny and the final decision will come through council.

There was a letter from PIRHL on your desk. This is a requirement that will need to be passed in July. PIRHL is going to submit a request in an ordinance to do a CRA on Compton Groves. If there will be council members absent we will have to have a second meeting within a few days of the July 19th meeting.

Executive session is needed before end of meeting.

A letter regarding 1398 Adams Road. There has been a citation given to this property. There have been neighbors concerned about the maintenance of this property. The tenants are renters of Vinebrook Properties. Asked them to inform their tenants of the property about the maintenance.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

May month end reports and reconciliation are in your packet.

The 2015 GAAP report has been completed.

The 2015 audit is now in progress. This is being done by the State this year.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 16-1781: A second reading of ordinance to repeal City of Mt. Healthy, Ohio Ordinance No. 14-1701. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0

Ordinance 16-1782: A second reading of ordinance creating a new chapter 156 in the City of Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinance titled: Vacant Foreclosed Property Registration. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0

Ordinance 16-1784: An ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Petersen. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0

Ordinance 16-1785: An ordinance to advertise for bids and to approve the lowest and best bidder for the Compton Road improvement project, JMA #3806 and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Ms. Petersen. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0

Ordinance 16-1786: An ordinance to advertise for bids and to approve the lowest and best bidder for the Perry Street improvement project, JMA #3791 and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-1091: A resolution advising Hamilton County Auditor of unneeded assessment and requesting withdrawal. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Metro Bus Stop at Hamilton Avenue and St. Clair. No word yet from Metro on this stop being eliminated.

RITA letters have not gone out yet, but we did meet the deadline to have the subpoena program in place.

7616 Werner Avenue – the house is in foreclosure. There is about 3feet of standing water in the driveway and has been there for several months. Kids have started playing in the water. It is getting nasty and has become a safety concern.

7617 Werner Avenue has been having a daily yard sale. Kids are taking stuff and throwing it in the water over at 7616 Werner. The stuff stays in the front yard.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Parsons to approve the 2017 Appropriations and was seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion.

Mt. Healthy has produced some outstanding football players over the last few years. There have been some NFL draft picks. About 5 years ago a kid's football league formed, Mt. Healthy Little Owls and is now under new leadership. They are in a new league and consists of local and will be playing NCH, Winton Woods, Finneytown and all other teams have cheerleaders and we don't. Just like to put it out there for maybe WeThrive!.

Historical Society will have their annual yard sale during the World's Longest Yard Sale on Saturday, August 6th.

The upcoming renewal levy will need to get door hangers like we have done in the past. Mr. Roetting will work with Mr. Kocher on this.

The folks at Ronald Reagan exit ramp; we are working with North College Hill on their living situation. They have rights and we can't just arrest them. We would legally have to evict them

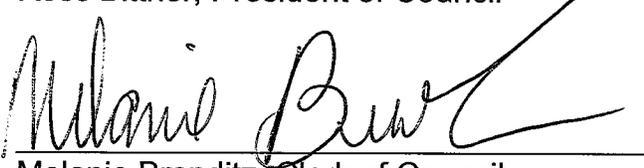
*A motion was called for an Executive session in accordance with ORC section 121.22(G) (3) (4) conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.
Council moved into an Executive Session at 9:00pm
Council returned at 9:45pm*

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45p.m.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council