

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

Public hearing was called to order at 7:00pm regarding the condemnation of the attached garage at 7348 Hamilton Avenue.

Mr. Knight: The City moved forward with securing the funds to have the attached garage demolished.

On 4/14/16 Mr. Nichols informed me that he wanted to keep the garage and would make the necessary repair. Met with Mr. Osgood and was told everything he needed to do in order to get it properly repaired. Would need to have a professional design and submit the plans for the repair. The entire roof structure needs repaired and a couple exterior walls.

As of 7/19/16 you can see by the photos that nothing has been done. He applied for it, but no plans were submitted with the application.

Mr. Antwon Nichols: Owner of the property 7348 Hamilton Avenue would like to see the pictures that are being passed around. Spoke to Mr. Osgood and Mr. Knight about the whole structure previous to purchasing the building. The problems existed before purchasing the property. Purchased the property about 1-1 ½ years ago. There have been extensive repairs done inside and out to the front of the property and Mr. Osgood and Mr. Knight has been in to see the progress.

Applied for a permit and expected documentation from Mr. Osgood as to what was needed to be done in order to proceed with the permit.

Have been getting bids from certified contractors to get the roof repaired and also a certified framer. It is going to take a lot more work to get this garage repaired. The plan is to take down all the walls and reframe the entire structure.

Does not want the structure to be torn down. Plans to put work into the entire building. Plans to have one of the nicest buildings in the city. Knows it is the entryway to the city. Going to have a more modern exterior when it is completed. The apartment units upstairs have been completely renovated.

As for illegal storage in the garage. Was not aware of the illegal storage of tires. Just recently went into the garage. The tire company across the street was renting the unit for their storage.

Has just been working on the front structure first. Feels work will be done by winter.

When completed the front will become a restaurant. Not sure what the back building will become.

Mr. Roetting recommended that Mr. Nichols puts together a project schedule and submit it to Mr. Knight and Mr. Osgood. The recommendation will go back to administration and building and zoning. No decision will be made tonight.

Public hearing was closed at 7:25pm

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:25 p.m. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen, Mr. Roetting

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Dosa

Mrs. George made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Lingo to excuse the absent members. All in favor *motion carried*.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, Finance Director Jill Claire

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with changes made of the June 21, 2016 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Petersen. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Law Director, Dan Temming is here this evening to discuss the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) that Compton Groves is proposing. The Community Reinvestment Act is intended to encourage depository institutions to help meet the credit needs of the communities in which they operate, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with safe and sound banking operation. The new owner of the property PIRHL would get tax abatement on the increase of value they create of the property over several years. The ORC sets the length of time. The value relates to structure improvements is 10 years. The city did have a CRA done back in the 1990's, but this could not be located. PIRHL has done this before, so it is not new to them. The school district is aware of the abatement and is on board.

Council has the option to terminate this after 12/31/2018. June 2017 will show on property taxes for the work completed in the last half of 2016.

Down the road the city may look at doing a city wide CRA. There are alternatives that can help residents.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Property manager from Compton Groves says the construction will begin August 1st. It should take approximately 2-3 years. The buildings will all be getting a face lift and will no longer be brown. It will have a more modern feel. There will be a new club house. They will be raising the rents across the board. It will become income based, but not low income housing. There are camera's going up all over the property. Security is on site 24 hours and has established a relationship with the Mt. Healthy Police

Chip McDaniel; Would like to discuss the problems on St. Clair. There are 9-14 year olds causing problems on the street. Has been throwing rocks at animals, theft. There is no parent supervision for these kids. The curfew needs to be enforced in the area. Elderly have been almost attacked by these kids because they know adults can't touch them. This street has become a complete mess.

Karen Arnett; The Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project has a new website promoting the city in a good way. www.mthealthyrenaissance.org Be sure to explore the website.

Gayle O'Connor; Would just like to say how impressed she is with the Mt. Healthy Police Officers. Appreciates the police. Been in touch with Bill Knight regarding houses on Harrison Avenue. A lot of times do not know what you need from us about these empty houses. What type of information is helpful to give to the city?

Communication is key. Need to figure out a way to have a spot for resident input. Will look into this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Judy Petersen; Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting on July 11th.

- Reviewed Celebrate – looking to get high school volunteers to help
- Discussed World's Longest Yard Sale the weekend of August 4-7. Having residents able to rent space
- Thanks for the volunteers that helped in the July 3rd beer booth
- Talked about changing time and day of meeting in order to get more people involved.

Beautification Committee: Hosted College Hill Gardeners at Mrs. Moody's home. Trying to figure out how to collaborate on things. Just exchanging ideas. The recently teamed up with Tikkun Farms and had the Alpaca's down at their park.

Finance: Bob Parsons; The finance committee met on July 12th to go over the mid-year budget. There are a few areas of concern, but all reasonable. The next meeting will be September 20th at 6:00pm. Will review 8 months actual.

Parks: Denise Lingo; The July 3rd had a good crowd. The fireworks were great. They were over right before the rain came through. Concerts in the park are going good. The crowd size varies.

Safety/Streets: Joe Roetting; The July 3rd event went good. No problems. Hamilton avenue project at Speedway should be completed in August. Will have a meeting next Wednesday, 7/27 at 6:00pm in at City Hall.

WeThrive!; Had our quarterly interact for health meeting and we have to attend the 4-hour meeting in order to keep our grant. It is a great place to network and get new ideas. The soccer signups ended up having 109 kids. 28 kids were from Mt. Healthy. Season begins August 1st. There is going to be 4 Lollipop teams. We will not be able to host the Lollipop teams.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Dine to Donate is at Perkins tomorrow night. 20% goes to the Historical Society.

They have started paving the track at the park.

Friday night concert will be Smooth, Saturday night is movie night showing The Good Dinosaur.

Friday the 29th concert will be Coal Train Robbery. Saturday the 30th will be overnight campout

There have been several new hires in the last couple of weeks.

- Mary Lou Berning was hired for the part time property room clerk in the police department
- Mimi Anderson has replaced Monica in the administration office
- Part-Time officer Onam Williams has been promoted to Full Time

Main Theatre update just to think about and can discuss later. Karen Arnett and Terry Trinan are working on getting on the historical registry. There are many steps involved to get this done. Have made it over the 1st hurdle. One of the benefits that come with getting on the registry will be tax credits, which a lot of funding can come with this.

Kathleen Norris of Urban Fast Forward s a woman owned consulting and real estate firm specializing in urban real estate and development and retail district revitalization. Urban Fast Forward works with local governments, community revitalization corporations, developers, landlords and tenants on the creation and recreation of center cities and urban neighborhoods. From the TAP meeting she is proposing to hire her firm to do an assessment on the entire business district The cost could be \$30,000-\$35,000. The return on the investment would be a huge help. People know her and contact her looking for buildings like Blu Blu here in Mt. Healthy. Would be an exciting opportunity.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

None. Absent

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

June month end reports and reconciliation are in your packet.

There is legislation tonight that will get a first reading regarding the 2015 Audit and the contract.

Reminder to council or committees that have meetings to be sure to fill out the books.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 16-1787: A first reading of ordinance authorizing an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners relative to the improvement to Compton Road.

Ordinance 16-1788: A first reading of ordinance reappointing members of the Springfield Township Joint Economic Development Zone I Board of Directors and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 16-1789: An ordinance banning the use of tobacco and vaping products of all kinds from all indoor and outdoor facilities and properties of the City of Mt. Healthy.

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Ordinance 16-1790: A first reading of ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 16-1791: An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign the letter of arrangement between the City of Mt. Healthy, Hamilton County Ohio and the Auditor of State. **TABLED**

Ordinance 16-1792: A first reading of ordinance implementing sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, establishing and describing the boundaries of a Community Reinvestment Area #2 in the City of Mt. Healthy and utilizing existing housing officer, community reinvestment housing council and tax incentive review council outline in Ordinance No. 98-1237 and declaring an emergency

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-1092: A first reading of resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mil limitation and declaring an emergency.

OLD BUSINESS:

RITA letters went out to non-filers of income tax. There were 1,808 mailed out. We can expect to be taking calls regarding these letters.

Levy Flyers will need to get passed out. Mr. Roetting will send out emails to figure out the date and times to get these passed out.

NEW BUSINESS:

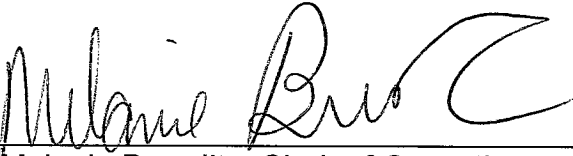
Mrs. Lingo would like to "Thank" the street department for taking care of the tree at Heritage Park.

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 9:15p.m.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council