

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2017**

The council meeting was called to order by Pro-Tempore Denise Lingo at 7:05pm. President of Council Ross Bittner arrived at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: None.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the January 3, 2017 meeting was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Swearing in of 3 new officers. Chief Demasi and Sergeant Nolte were here this evening to introduce 1 full-time officer and 2 new part-time officers.

Sworn in by Mayor Wolf were:

- Full-Time Officer Corrie Lives, previously a part time Mt. Healthy officer
- Part-Time Officer Ryland Reed
- Part-Time Officer Nathan Staggs

Welcome to the City of Mt. Healthy.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jim Lowenburg and Dan Glynn are here as members of the Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project. The Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project 2016 Report is now available. Getting momentum going and helping to bring different groups together from outside of the City. It has been helpful to have the Mayor at our meetings.

The goal finish date for the "Doors of Mt. Healthy" project is April 1st.

There will be another meet up at Fibonacci this Sunday January 22nd from 4-6pm.

Small business coaching is going on through March for small businesses who are interested can contact City Hall or through the Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Judy Petersen;

Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting.

- Reviewed different things for Celebrate and the Bicentennial coming up
- Made a motion to oppose the zoning change of 7272 Hamilton Avenue
- Suggested the city look into the zoning for putting an office area

Safety/Streets: Joe Roetting:

Perry is scheduled to be completed June 2017, Compton June 2017, Park, North & South Lynndale are fully funded for 2017, but we still must coordinate with North College Hill. We are not under contract yet.

Total improvements for 2017 between construction, engineering and water line is \$4.4million. The city's cost is \$809,000. Our street levy is doing a great job and the city is doing a great job in using our dollars with skip funding and other grant money.

Chief Demasi is doing a great job on keeping the residents aware of what is going on in the city by use of social media.

School/Library: Kisha Dosa:

There are some good events coming up at the library.

1. Breaking Barriers: Job Seeking Tips for Individuals with Arrest Records
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

This series of sessions focuses on providing information on how to overcome barriers associated with job seeking with a criminal record. Presented in collaboration with Ohio Means Jobs and Hamilton County Job and Family services.

- Week 1: Child Support
- Week 2: BMV License Reinstatement
- Week 3: Expunging or Sealing a Criminal Record
- Week 4: Hamilton County Office of Re-Entry
- Week 5: Talbert House Employment Services
- Week 6: Personal Branding and Job Interviewing
- Week 7: Business Etiquette and Job Retention

2. Our Cincinnati: A Digital Celebration of Neighborhoods
Saturday, February 11, 2017 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Event Details

Bring in your paper-based memorabilia--photos, letters, maps, advertisements, and more. Digital Services staff will scan your materials into a digital archive, and give you free scans. A rare book and paper conservator will answer questions on the best ways to care for your items. Have a lot of history, or oversized items like blueprints and posters? Email contactdigitalservices@cincinnati.library.org in advance to discuss options.

Urban Tree Commission Karen Arnett:

Karen was not able to attend tonight. Mrs. Lingo has copies of the Urban Tree Commission 2016 Report.

Members put in an estimated 60 hours of volunteer time on behalf of the Tree Commission in 2016. We received 15 hours of volunteer time from other organizations. That's \$1655 worth of volunteer labor given to the city (figured at a rate of \$22.06 per hour, Ohio's 2015 value for volunteer labor).

WeThrive! Jenny Moody:

The onsite audit was completed for the Safe Routes to School grant. There will be a public hearing at the next council meeting, which is a requirement for the program.

February 9th from 6-8pm there will be a community discussion. Everyone is invited. Mt. Healthy is considered a "Star" WeThrive! communities in Hamilton County.

Would like to acknowledge Mimi Anderson who came on board and had to learn quickly and has worked very hard. She has done a great job.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

The next WeThrive! meeting is tomorrow night. The more networking we do the better it gets. For example, Tikkun Farms tried to get funding from us to start an after-school program and we didn't have, but through these conversations we connected them through AmeriCorps to get a farmer. The soccer program came about through talking to people that had connections.

Tikkun Farms did an after-school Kids Crockpot program. All the kids got crock pots and they taught them how to cook fresh food. They had guest chefs, police officer and different people come in to help cook. The kids were sent home with the crockpots and all the utensils that would be needed along with the ingredients. Now they have lost their farmer and are looking for somebody who would be willing to continue this program and help around the farm.

Planning Commission, there may be a need to look back at our zoning code. When we stopped allowing daycares in the core business district they may have started going into the residential areas. May need to consider this. Type B daycare anybody can run out of their home, which is up to 6 kids at a time. Type A daycare would allow up to 12 kids at a time. This can be in 3 shifts 24 hours a day.

Main Theatre committee is getting estimates to have new front windows installed to make the outside look a little nicer. Keep things moving forward. Maybe get it operational as is right now with getting the water and electric running. Maybe a Pop up Shop during the Bicentennial.

Historical Society is having their Dine to Donate at Perkins tomorrow. They have this on the third Wednesday of each month. The Historical Society receives 20% of your total bill. Be sure to get a coupon.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Update on the Canopy situation. The provider is going to fly here from Texas to assess it. This is going to happen on February 2nd. We are going to have all parties together to figure out a solution.

Beautification committee is looking for volunteers to get the planters ready in the spring.

At the planning commission meeting tonight there was a request for a daycare A on Stevens Avenue. The request was denied. They wanted to go to 12 kids 24 hours a day. It may be something that needs to be added on to our discussions and review this.

Clovernook designation resolution was passed at the planning commission meeting. This will now come to council. This should have been done back in 1973, but getting it done now.

7272 Hamilton Avenue request for zone change was denied. It went before the BZA, which granted them a use variance that is tied to Walker Funeral Home only, so if the name were to change or they leave it would be void with anybody new.

Our 2017 projects that need to be up for discussions will be

- Review the City’s E-1 district
- Medical marijuana dispensaries in the City
- Wireless or small-cell equipment
- Tiny houses

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

December month end reports and bank reconciliation are in the packets. These are also the year end reports

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 17-1101: A resolution advising Hamilton County Auditor of unneeded assessment and requesting withdrawal 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 resolution was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Resolution 17-1102: A first reading of resolution requesting the County Auditor to make payments of taxes pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 17-1810: 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 Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Moody attended the Sharing Tree meeting to wrap up the year. There is still a little money in the account for next year. Reviewed any changes that may need to be made. Stew Griffin who is 90 years old has worked with the sharing tree for many years and is now going to retire from doing this. The city will do something for him.

NEW BUSINESS:

With the Bicentennial Parade need to decide on a time to have the parade. We have a rich history here in Mt. Healthy. We would like to be thinking about unique things that have made the parades special over the years.


Since the tax levy has passed we can terminate our \$9.99 bank account.

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 8:20 p.m.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council