

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2017

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Mrs. Lingo made and Mr. Roetting seconded a motion to excuse Mrs. George. Motion carried.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes from the February 7 meeting are not yet available and will be presented at the next meeting for adoption.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Ray Rissel introduced Sonny Wilkins, VP Municipal Relations for Simple Recycling. Mr. Wilkins explained that Simple Recycling is a for profit company that shares textile recycling proceeds with participating municipalities based on the volume of material recycled. Simple Recycling does not compete with other non-profit textile recycling programs; they are competing with the landfill and encouraging recycling as a whole. The majority of material collected is reused or recycled – only a small percentage ends up at the landfill. Residents are encouraged to continue to support local non-profit recycling programs. However, if they are unable to take their donations to a local program, this is a convenient curbside pickup option at no expense to the city. Mr. Kocher thanked them for coming tonight to answer questions; a resolution will be drawn up for council approval at the next meeting.

Jim Lowenburg mentioned for the viewing audience a reminder that there is a Planning Commission Meeting on March 7. Mr. Kocher indicated he will cover it in his report.

Chip McDaniel inquired about status of the fire lane on St. Clair. Mr. Kocher stated that the vendor doing the traffic study, TEC, will be observing one more funeral before completing their report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Judy Petersen:

Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting.

- Reviewed Celebrate Mt. Healthy and the 2017 Bicentennial
- March 7 Planning Commission meeting reminder
- Arlington Memorial Gardens hosting another flag program for Memorial Day
- Election of officers will be at their next meeting

Alliance reported 5,827 households and over 15,000 people were served by their community pantry in 2016.

Beautification: Jenny Moody:

Plant sale order forms are available tonight (in the administrative office as well) and are due by March 12. Proceeds support the beautification planters uptown.

School/Library: Kisha Dosa:

State recently conducted a district assessment review of Mt. Healthy City Schools. Reports were collected and staff and students were interviewed. Recommendations will be forthcoming in 2-3 months. Depending on the recommendations, they will have 1-4 years to get those things implemented to show progress prior to reassessment or intervention. The state commented on several strengths of the district.

Library is hosting true story films about African Americans on Thursdays and Saturdays in observance of Black History Month. Adult Book Club meets last Monday of the month.

Urban Tree Commission: Denise Lingo:

ODNR Regional Urban Forester worked with commission members on young tree structural pruning. They also strategized preparing for Fall 2017 tree planting and soil amendment. Commission seeks input on a public place to plant a bicentennial memorial tree. Some homeowners were reminded that the Commission takes responsibility for proper pruning trees in rights-of-way.

WeThrive: Jenny Moody:

Assessment report link is posted on city website and NextDoor website. A double-dutch team is being added. A meeting will be held Thursday to plan the walking initiative. Safe Routes to School group meets tomorrow to prioritize issues before March 3 report deadline.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Economic Development Consultant research is in progress. Meeting with Port Authority on March 7, then will meet with HCDC. Mt. Healthy Renaissance group is hosting a book swap at the Methodist Church from 2-5 on March 4. A volunteer created a Mt. Healthy Events FaceBook page; a great page to follow to keep up with what's going on in the community. In observance of Black History Month, Mayor Wolf reminded everyone Mt. Healthy is burial site of Jesse Locker, the first African American Ambassador to Liberia.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

In your packet is a Hamilton County Solid Waste Management Plan Update that goes with our first reading tonight approving that plan. You also have a quote from American Pavements, LLC outlining crack seal to proposed streets. This is not the final street list; that is still to be finalized and work completed in 2017. Park/LaBoiteaux project delayed as GCWW is now going to replace water lines. ODOT notified us they will be cleaning bridges/overpasses this year. Planning Commission is meeting March 7 to review two conditional use permits for a tavern at the old bank on Compton/Hamilton and a tattoo shop south of the main theatre.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: *Jill Claire*

January month end reports and bank reconciliation were distributed tonight as they did not make it into the packets.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 17-1812: A second reading of ordinance banning the use of tobacco products of all kinds at various areas in the Mt. Healthy City Park and during all park events. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 17-1813: A second reading of ordinance for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the purpose of refunding a prior series of bond anticipation notes which were used to finance the acquisition of real property in the city. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 17-1104: A first reading of resolution approving the update of the solid waste management plan of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ross Bittner recognized past President of Council, Sylvia Lawson, in the audience tonight and thanked her for her years of service.

Jenny Moody announced the passing of Don Wolf who served on the school board over 30 years and asked for prayers for the family. Thirteen high school students were paired with residents of Mt. Healthy Christian Home for a new arts program and it was a great success. Program will be expanded next time but maxed at 20 pairings. This Friday Trinity Lutheran is hosting a blood drive from 1-7 p.m.

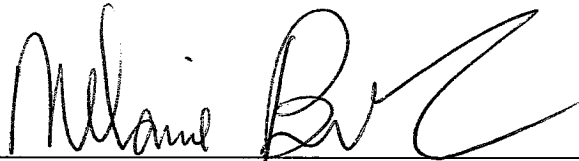
At 8:04 p.m. a motion to go to executive session to discuss personnel issues was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. Council reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An eye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Jill Claire for Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council