

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Dosa

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes and work session as printed of the February 7, 2017 meeting was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the February 22, 2017 meeting was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Janet Walker; would like to propose a tethering dog ordinance here in the City of Mt. Healthy. City of Cincinnati just passed a tethering ordinance in October. It would be wise to look at the same thing to happen here in Mt. Healthy. The ordinance would have to go before a committee to look at what our city should have and then bring back to council. Would like to see warnings given to these dog owners.

- There is a situation we are aware of on Forest Avenue. The SPCA has been called, but there is not a specific violation that they can use to do anything.
- There is another issue along the driveway going into South Elementary from Adams. The apartment has a dog tied up to a car and there is no shelter and stays out all the time.
- The city uses SPCA for patrolling. They are the only resource we have right now.
- The city's police do respond to complaints when they are available.
- If this law was passed it's on Mt. Healthy to take care of these dogs if they are in violation and need to be taken away
- Cincinnati's law went into effect in October, so it is still new. We would like to see how that progresses before we jump in and pass it.
- We need to be made aware of all the situations that are seen because we may not see them, so let the city know
- Step One can be a warning at least and it doesn't have to be take away the dog. The city must start somewhere

MAYOR'S REPORT: *James Wolf*

Mr. Kocher and I met with Port Authority to get more guidance moving forward with economic development aspect and we are going to meet with Hamilton County Development Corporation. Things are progressing and we have a better idea how to move forward. Looks like we will have a path to present to council soon. This is for uptown.

There is another Main Theatre meeting next Tuesday 3/14. Ms. Arnett has reached out to Elements to work on a mural to put out front. It won't be on the actual building because we don't want to risk national registry. It will be done on a board. We want it to look like there is activity going on. This should also be coming to council soon.

WeThrive! Meeting tomorrow night March 8th from 6:00p to 7:30p in council chambers. Mimi has been working hard on upcoming events.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

IGS, they do the Aggregation program for us. They made the mistake and sent out incorrect letters to residents. Some residents may have received two different letters about the City's electric aggregation program with IGS Energy. Anyone who received an opt-out letter should know they are already in the program and do not need to do anything to remain in the program. If you are uncertain which letter you received or would like to confirm your status as a participant call IGS Energy customer service.

The City will be doing the curfew ordinance again this year for the Assumption Festival. It has worked out well the last few years. It will be coming as an ordinance at the next council meeting.

Planning Commission met tonight. There were two items on the agenda

1. Request for a conditional use variance to have a tavern/night club at the old First Financial bank. It is an allowed business, but it can be approved or denied on a conditional basis. It was denied tonight for a couple of reasons:
 - a. The person looking to invest in the business is leasing the space and plans to put very little money into it at this point. This was a concern
 - b. Their liquor permit is still in pending status
2. There is a tattoo apparel business at 7408 Hamilton Avenue. They currently do not do tattoos in there right now. It is a clothing shop. The owner is one of the top retailers around in the nation. He applied for a permit through the County to do tattoos there because he is also a tattoo artist. He would do appointment only. This was approved with a condition that it is an appointment only from 9a to 10p. Second to stay up to date with all county requirements and licenses.

Gregg Cutter put together a list of street priorities and what has been done to each street over the years. This was on council's desk. This does show we are doing something. This list will be on the website.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 17-1104: A second reading of resolution approving the update of the solid waste management plan of the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 17-1815: A first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Clerk to execute all forms necessary to apply for grant funding for Safe Routes to School infrastructure projects.

Ordinance 17-1816: A first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Clerk to execute all forms necessary to apply for grant funding for Safe Routes to School for the purchase of a radar feedback sign.

OLD BUSINESS:

March 12th is the deadline to order flowers from the Beautification Committee. The form is online on the City's website. There are also copies in the Administration office.

- **The Mt. Healthy Community Beautification Committee (MHCBC) is sponsoring a plant voucher sale again this spring to raise funds** for its many beautification projects in the Mt. Healthy parks and to facilitate the planting of flowers in pots in the heart of the business district. We are asking the community to assist us in our mission by purchasing vouchers from us for at least some of the plants they will need for their gardens this spring. (**** If you don't garden, then we happily accept any monetary donations toward our projects also.*)

NEW BUSINESS:

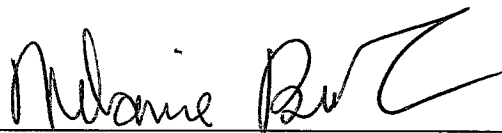
None.

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 7:40 p.m.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

March 7, 2017

The council work session was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:45 p.m. immediately following the regular council meeting. The purpose of the work session is to review zoning inquiries.

Bill Kocher is seeking tonight discussion about our current general direction to ensure we are in alignment before digging into more details and preparing proposals for formal public hearings. Redline handouts of proposed language was reviewed and discussed.

Tiny Houses square foot requirements and appeal process were reviewed.

Other communities advised to take an aggressive role with new legislation to adequately address requests for the large cell towers and smaller cell/utility towers. Encourage co-existing tower locations. Companies want the right of ways because they are free. Municipalities should be able to set some regulations around the right of ways.

Home office/E1 regulations and map reviewed.

New Item – Rich suggested that we remove the public hearing newspaper notice requirement for zoning variances and conditional use applications. How to accomplish amendment is to be determined.

Fees to be revisited compared to other communities.

BZA enforcement is an ongoing issue.

It was discussed if tattoo parlors density should be included.

It was suggested to implement a moratorium on business development uptown to prevent major changes (historic building demolition) until a formal economic plan can be developed.

Proposals will be formalized to go through the proper vetting process so this will take time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.