

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 17 2017**

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00pm

Public hearing to determine whether the property located at 7825 Harrison Avenue should be declared as unfit for occupancy and demolished as provided for under Ordinance 153.17, Section 108.1.3 and Ordinance 153.19 of the City of Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinances.

- The property has been determined condemned by our Building Official
- Letting council know we are moving forward with the demo
- Took all necessary steps to notify family members
- Both residents of the home are deceased
- There was a \$150,000 Medicaid lien on the house that our Law Director worked with them and was able to get the lien removed.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:15pm

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George

Mr. Roetting 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, City Manager Bill Kocher, Finance Director Scott Bauer, Building Official Bill Knight

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the October 3 2017 meeting was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Cam Hardy of the Better Bus Coalition is here this evening. Better Bus Coalition is a grassroots organization supporting investment in Hamilton County's bus system. They mobilize riders, engage public and private entities, and activate the community to push for a revamped bus system that provides true mobility and economic viability for our region.

They are going from neighborhood to neighborhood to create a bus plan route for the future and to get the community engaged.

Route 17 that comes through Mt. Healthy is the 2nd most ranked route. It takes 40-60 minutes to get downtown. It would take 1 ½ hours to get from Mt. Healthy to Wyoming.

Cross County highway could speed routes up.

The funding system is only funded by the City of Cincinnati. Studies show this system is no longer sustainable.

We want people to support and encourage the Metro System. If we don't the Metro System will no longer be around.

Come back when you have your plan.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jim Lowenburg, comments dealing with zoning. Encourage city to use Urban Fast Forward and ask them to review before having the document voted on to get their opinion.

Didn't see the change about having the public notices on the City's website

Make sure the grammar is correct. Have somebody review so it does not have to be doing this all the time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance - Judy Petersen:

Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting.

Went over numerous business items that have been being discussed each meeting.

- Celebrate Mt. Healthy – mention there were made for future celebrations
- Bicentennial Golf Outing coming up
- New Year's Eve Gala
- Friday mornings different businesses will get together to discuss business items over breakfast at Brotherton's at 8:30am
- Living History on October 7th
- Arlington had a great turnout for their kid's fest
- Mary Layman from Tikkun Farms and Cindy from Glass Creations offered to hold meetings at their locations
- Pit to Plate will be closing. They will continue to cater.
- TomCo has moved out
- UDF has permits to start their new building
- Trinity Lutheran Church is holding a blood drive on 10/27

Mt. Healthy Alliance served 459 families in September

Parks – Denise Lingo:

Reminder of the Halloween movie nights on Friday October 20th and 27th at 5p at Community Center

Halloween Fest is October 28th at the Community Center from 2p-4p

School/Library - Kisha Dosa

Mt. Healthy Library's new position of a homework help aid that started on October 2nd and have heard that it is going very well. The kids have been receptive to ask for help. It is a great addition to the library. This position is ~~a high school student and she helps~~ ^{held by a} ~~with~~ ^{Who} ~~with~~ ^{the} kid's homework from 3p-6p.

Ohio means jobs workshops Series: Each Day will be a different topic

October 31st - How to Create an Ohio Means Jobs "backpack" and how to use it in your job search

November 7th – Resume Boot Camp

November 14th – Interviewing Tips and practice

Registration is required.

The library will host Tales for Tails on Monday, October 30th at 3-4pm. Children can practice reading aloud to therapy dog, Daisy. Ages 5-11

The Mt. Healthy City Schools have received the results from the Ohio Department of Education. The report card did indicate things that needed improvement right away and to work toward those goals. There were a lot of strengths in our City Schools. The report is on the Ohio Department of Education website: <https://education.ohio.gov/>

Urban Tree Commission-Denise Lingo:

The Perry Street tree planting had a 15-person volunteer team to plant, stake, and mulched 50 trees. West side was planted with Zelkova trees and the East side was planted with Red Bud. 2-3 years they will have a pruning workshop led by Wendy VanBuren. Residents are not to prune the trees. With the grant for Taking Root the cash out of the project for the City was \$1,913 and labor value was \$1,810. Residents response was good.

“Thanks” to Gregg Cutter and Public Works for all their help. They did a great job.


WeThrive! - Jenny Moody:

PIRHL with Compton Apartments sent over a Memorandum of Understanding to have with their partnership with WeThrive. They came to a meeting. Part of what they want to do is make that community thrive again and partner to have things there to help the residents in the community. Resources and their community building available for some of the community groups. Sent it to Mayor Wolf.

Employee for Interact for Health will be meeting with members of the City at Tikkun Farms to finalize ~~to~~ work towards an agreement to take the Interact for Health Grant and have Tikkun Farms manage it. The City will still have a partnership and decision making into it. It's a good thing to be able to turn it over to a nonprofit.

“Thanks” to Angel Morris ^{who} has volunteered to help at the High School to make sure kids get across the street safely and in the right area. Working with the police to make sure cars are also obeying the traffic signals

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Update on the Living History – they gave out 200 tickets for tours. Estimated around 250 people attended. They received a \$1000 grant from the Smith Foundation. There was \$300 in sponsorship for local historical societies. There may be a video produced to be available of the event. Big “Thanks” to Marsha Huntley for putting this on all. It was a really great event. 

Sunday, October 22nd from 6-6:45p Mt. Healthy Haunted Hall will have a lights on viewing for kids. It's \$5 per child. It's all lit up and the monsters ~~had~~ out candy to the kids. It's not scary for the kids. ^{Will hand}

Soccer league ends Saturday. The baseball fields are getting reserved but not used, so most of season they sit empty. Corpus Christi and Colerain Athletic Association realized our fields have no rental fee, so they have booked 4 nights of fields for each just in case they need overflow. Mr. Cutter recommends seeding the north ball field for more green space. Soccer is the primary use for the fields right now.

Met with an attorney at Frost Brown Todd – He and his wife run a summer camp reading program. Would like to start one in Mt. Healthy School District next summer, which could really benefit from a literacy program. Looking for somewhere to host this. Will be meeting with him again. Might be looking to do this closer to North Elementary.

Committees

has been formed

Steering for stakeholders group for Urban Fast Forward. There are several different groups that will be put together. There will be 6 people on these steering committees. This will be the beginning process.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Met with GCWW regarding their lead removal service. It is to remove the lead service lines that come off the water main in the street. Waterworks pays for that. They want to require residents to pay for their service line that runs from the street to the house.

They are really going to work with residents to get on this program. This would be a 10-year project. They are offering to subsidize \$1500 of the project. Also, offering through the City to pay for it and assess it to the property taxes over a period of time. There will be more to come. This is the beginning of the project.

Met again with Springfield Township, North College Hill and Colerain to discuss Fire service mutual aid. There is not a solution right now. Trying to work towards one. Part time workers are getting harder to find. Now scheduling a shift 6a-6p.

Clovernook Apartments has scheduled for City employees to do a walk thru on October 26th at 2p and again at 7p.

Medical Marijuana is still a big topic and receiving a lot of calls about our rules. Our Law Director is going to start considering the laws of this. We will need to decide if we want to ban them in our city. Not sure with the square miles of the entire city would not be able to have a shop anywhere.

Records commission had a meeting. There is going to be a recommendation to have no personal email addresses to be used. Use only your city email address for city communication. We have had multiple records request and it gets tough for searching purposes if employees use personal email addresses.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Scott Bauer

September month end reports and bank reconciliation were distributed in your packets.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 17-1112 A first reading of resolution declaring that the City of Mt. Healthy will support and promote the use of recyclable beverage containers at community events and the usage of appropriately marked recycle cans in the City Park

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 17-1828 A first reading of an ordinance adopting a Zoning Map amendment for "OB" Office Business District and assorted zoning code amendments, additions, modifications and deletions.

Ordinance 17-1829 A first reading of an ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency.

OLD BUSINESS:

Safe Routes to School grant is still in process. Looking at this to happen in about a year. Anything with the state funding takes a long time. Need to have a conversation with school board and council to get on the same page before making any changes. There needs to be a learning conversation with the kids walking to school.

Werner will be closing at the school soon. The school has requested a permit. Treating just like a fence permit. Taken the approach to make changes as we go along. Seeing what works and what doesn't.

Work session at next meeting will be to go over the "Tabled" natural landscape ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Moody was asked by a resident ^{about} ~~and they have~~ their neighbors ^{water from} ~~downspouts are~~ running into their back yard and settling there. They have talked to Bill Knight and there is not much that can be done. It has to be piped with the natural flow of water.

Bicentennial Golf Outing was a great turnout and had a good time. Had 12 foursomes. "Thanks" to all that helped put it together.

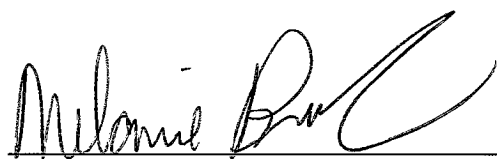
A motion was made to affirm the condemnation from the building official regarding 7825 Harrison Avenue by Mr. Roetting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council