

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 20, 2017**

*A public hearing was opened at 7:00pm. This is to review the annual 2018 appropriations. This is not the formal budget. The formal budget is done at year end. No questions, public hearing closed at 7:05pm*

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:05p.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 Scott Bauer

**MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes with changes on page 1 of the May 16, 2017 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

A motion to adopt the minutes with changes on adjournment of the May 22, 2017 meeting was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Ms. Petersen. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

## **GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Kathleen Norris and John Young are here from Urban Fast Forward. Urban Fast Forward is a consulting and real estate firm specializing in urban real estate and development and retail district revitalization. Best known for the retail district in Over-the-Rhine, which was done 10 years ago. Currently working in Blue Ash, which brought 4 restaurants to Summit Park. Have worked in Northside, Camp Washington, Sedamsville, College Hill, Walnut Hills and Downtown. Their specialty is real estate issues pertinent to revitalization and recreating business districts by working with landlords and tenants, bringing in new businesses and doing all the pieces of real estate that drive communities forward. It's not a traditional planning process. They don't consider themselves a report to the City it is a change to the community. Every community has a distinct personality and unique assets and those are what they seek to discover. The focus would be to see the things through as they change. They are happy to be invited into the community to discuss what they do. Would like all surrounding communities around Cincinnati and Midwest to rule the world. Building a world for the Millennials because this is our future. Change is hard and not usually as quick as we would like. They can't tell us what we should in the business until she knows who the landlords are and the condition of the buildings. The goal is to get the community to a point where it is moving forward.

Mayor; this is the next step on seeing what needs to be done specifically in our downtown area. This is why we have brought Urban Fast Forward in to help with this. To bring Urban Fast Forward aboard we will not have to pass any legislation because this is something that can be done administratively. Would like to have everybody on board with this. This is the plan to bring them into the city. We would like to move forward quickly to bring Urban Fast Forward in. If anybody has any suggestions feel free to contact the Mayor or City Manager at City Hall.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Jim Lowenburg** gives a “Thanks” to Urban Fast Forward for speaking this evening.

**Paul Wolf**, having trouble with a rental property at 7349 Hickman. They play loud music/noise all night long. Has talked to the police several times. The dogs run without collars or leashes in the alley. There are 2-10 people living there at different times.

Several other neighbors are here and have witnessed this and can confirm everything Mr. Wolf has said

Mayor will pass this on to our property maintenance director and to the police department.

**Mary Foster along with Claire Oancea** is here this evening to discuss the conditional use request for tavern/nightclub in the Core Business District at 7521 Hamilton Avenue. They were at last council meeting to give clarification about what was happening at that location. They have submitted a modification application which is what Mr. Kocher requested them to do.

Claire is leasing the entire building, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors will be available for office space and the 1<sup>st</sup> floor will be the establishment. They thought a decision would be made tonight regarding the conditional use permit.

There has been a miscommunication because tonight’s legislation will be just to deny the conditional use application based on the Planning Commission’s decision. This is just to finalize the first application because it has already been voted on by the Planning Commission. These are the steps that need to be taken. The modified application will begin the process over and will need to begin with the Planning Commission.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Business Partnership/Alliance: Judy Petersen;**

Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting.

- They will be looking for new officers for the end of the year
- Will be awarding a \$500 scholarship and WeThrive matched that with \$500. The winner has not been announced yet.
- Celebrate Mt. Healthy – if anybody is interested in having a booth contact Kim Cremeans
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> need volunteers for beer booth
- Historical Society will have a booth at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event and the museum will be open that day
- Pop up shop and entertainment at Main Theatre
- Tikkun Farms summer camp

### **Beautification: Jennifer Moody:**

Found folks to help water the flowers around town through Fibonacci's Night Out.

### **Finance: Bob Parsons:**

There will be a committee meeting before the next council meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 to look at the 6-month actual versus budget.

### **Parks: Denise Lingo:**

There are spots that still need filled to host 7 of the summer events. Get with Ray Rissel or let Denise know an event you can host. If there are any groups that would be interested they can sell refreshments there and get money for their groups. All events are listed on the website. Jess Lamb had about 80 people in attendance.

### **Safety/Streets: Joe Roetting:**

Compton and Perry should both be completed by August 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **School/Library: Kisha Dosa:**

The library will be doing a remodel which should be completed around October. The manager of the library, Kelly will be leaving to go to another branch. The library has been providing free lunches during the week for school children.

Schools: Mt. Healthy graduate Joel Heath now a Houston Texan will be hosting a free camp to youth footballers who are in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. This will be at Mt. Healthy High School.

### **Urban Tree Commission:**

Bicentennial Committee has donated \$500 for planting of trees

**WeThrive! Jenny Moody:**

Walking Club is progressing. Continue getting cards to be eligible for a monthly drawing

Interact for Health Grant has partnered with Tikkun Farms and the Alliance for the summer camp that has started and is going extremely well. It is for children in our community. It will go on for 4 weeks with 21 kids per week. Appreciation to Sylvia Lawson and the Methodist women for doing lunches each day for the kids and Trinity will do the last 2 weeks of lunches.

**MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf**

Going through the Interact for Health grant process we have been advised that the City should not be the fiscal agent for the grant. The City is not non-profit and that is a requirement for most of these grants. Looking to partner with Tikkun Farms and shift some work over to them, which will take some of the responsibility off of the City staff. We will continue to be the WeThrive City and still have the same events. The Interact grant will just be run through Tikkun Farms. We will be proposing this change to Interact for Health. This will be a more sustainable way to do this.

Soccer registration will end June 30<sup>th</sup>. All but 1 team will be playing in Mt. Healthy Park. Practice will also be at the park. Still needing players for soccer. Ages 3-14 boys and girls.

Assumption would like to "Thank" our police and everybody for their efforts. It was a great success this year.

Fire Department has organized with the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and voted yes on forming a union. They just gave the City Manager their contract and the negotiating process will begin.

Lake of the Woods will be sealing the parking lot. We will allow the South End of Maple to be open for the duration of project, June 26<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>

The Renaissance Group and Karen Arnett did a terrific job with the pop up shop at Main Theatre. There was great music and artwork, had items for sale. Was nice to see activity there.

The school reunions will be this weekend. Mt. Healthy High School will be 1-4pm, Assumption 5-8pm and a concert in the park follows from 8-11pm. The pop up shop at Main Theatre will be open with music from 1-3pm and will be having tours. Shuttle buses will be available between the locations.

Fire Department will be having a car wash Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 11am.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher**

None. Absent.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR: Scott Bauer**

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 17-1109:** A resolution denying the conditional use request for Tavern/Nightclub in the Core Business District (CBD) at 7521 Hamilton Avenue. 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 resolution was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Ms. Petersen. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 17-1819** 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. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**Ordinance 17-1820** An ordinance assessing costs of the vacant foreclosed property registration fees and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**Ordinance 17-1821:** A first reading of ordinance amending Chapter 115.02 of the Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinances regarding license requirement for itinerant merchants by adding section (E).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. George spoke to a family member recently about Speedway. He is now the District Manager over the Mt. Healthy store and was already aware of the issues going on. Thinks we will see a change there. She will pass along to Mayor and City Manager his contact information.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made to approve the 2018 Appropriations ~~was made~~ by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion.

*A motion was called for an Executive session regarding litigation by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.  
Council moved into an Executive Session at 8:50pm*

*Council returned at 9:05pm*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

  
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President of Council Ross Bittner

  
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Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council