

# MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

## August 18, 2020

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

This meeting was live streamed on ICRC.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

- ***Absent and Excused: Mrs. Moody.***

A motion to excuse the absent member was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. George. An aye vote carried the motion.

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Bill Kocher, Finance Director Scott Bauer

### **MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes with changes noted for the July 21, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting through Zoom

- Only a few members in attendance
- Briefly discussed garbage can- putting one at the bus stops  
Let Public Works know if there is a specific spot and we can put a can there
- Mt. Healthy Alliance in July served 264 families.  
Mt. Healthy Alliance is kicking off their Fall fundraising with:  
Meijer Simply Give Food Pantry Food Pantry Fundraising campaign  
Runs August 23-October 24, 2020  
Double Match Days September 11 & 12, 2020  
Participating Meijer Store benefitting MHA:  
Stone Creek Meijer, 3711 Stone Creek BLVD, 45231  
\$5 donation before 9/11/2020 become a \$15 donation after Meijer double match

**Finance – Bob Parsons**

There was a meeting this evening. Went over financial statements through July. We are down and will continue to be down on income tax collection for the year. There were some revenues we did not expect and other sources trend higher, so in total should not be that bad.

Department heads have done a good job keeping expenses down and controlling costs. Police salaries are high due to the need to hire and train additional part time officers, but overtime is down considerably. Overall, we are looking good and have enough carry over from beginning of year. We will continue to monitor.

**School – Cordel George**

Schools have decided for the first quarter it will be entirely remote learning. Fall sports will go on with limited season and restrictions. Schools began officially on September 8<sup>th</sup> online.

**Library – Kisha Dosa**

Library opened for curbside service on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hopefully they will be reopening soon.

**Wethrive–**

Mayor doing report. Just performed the change tool, done every two years meeting with residents, community members and we go through a questionnaire ranking if our city has a policy to address it or whether it is being addressed. It is basically a plan for our goals for the next two years. That was done on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Mayor will share results when available.

**MAYOR’S REPORT: James Wolf**

Recently was invited to a resident’s home for a backyard gathering of neighbors. It was a nice way to gather and discuss and answer questions. If other residents would like to gather this way let Mayor know.

Mt. Healthy Haunted Hall has cancelled their 2020 event. This has been a huge event for many years.

There have been several complaints of business owners parking long term in front of other businesses along Hamilton Avenue. This takes away from customer parking. Could there be something done – maybe 15-minute parking limit? Looking at ways to address this.

It is a challenge to monitor parking along Hamilton Avenue. This has always been an ongoing problem. Do not know what would be effective. The conversation has started.

Streets Committee will meet on this issue.

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

Streets priority list on council desks. This will be our working spreadsheet. Need to determine our next round of funding priorities. Do we move our second priority from last year to our top priority?

Street committee will meet and discuss priority and let Mr. Kocher know on September 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting

Family Dollar is coming into the Hilltop Plaza location. No zone changes needed. The process has started. The way the store will sit on that lot the side of the building will be facing Hamilton Avenue. The side of the building looks like a metal side. The design has been updated to have it not look like a blank metal building. There are updated pictures in council packets.

Fire Levy has passed now what happens. Now there is a need to look at our hiring process. There are classified and unclassified positions. There are options to consider when you begin to hire.

Mr. Kocher recommends hiring these new employees as classified and have the civil service give the test and hire these folks with the civil service rules. Within a year there will most likely be a union in place. Our current part time employees would receive points for service when taking the civil service test.

Council agrees with hiring using the civil service testing

We are in our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of funding with CDBG for our Fire Department of \$35,000 per year for staffing. We will be looking at what we want to make our next round of funding to be directed towards. This process will come later in the fall.

Mt. Healthy School continues to work with the development of the Early Learning Center at the old Rex Ralph location. This is around a \$9million project. This would be about a \$53,000 permit fee to the City. We did modify this cost on the other school projects. This can be adjusted with them too. More detail will come.

Continue to work with the Port Authority on acquiring properties. Recently acquired a property on Rugg Street and Seward. The home on Seward was a hoarding issue and the home is a mess. Would like to partner with Port on this Seward property to have it cleaned up. An owner-occupied home would be better than an empty lot.

At the next council meeting would like to bring our new Law Director in for a work session. Start to talk about getting back to having public meetings.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

None.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 20-1914:** A second reading of an ordinance assessing costs for the replacement of private lead service lines and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. Ordinance was adopted.

**Ordinance 20-1915:** A first reading of 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 Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. Ordinance was adopted.

**Ordinance 20-1916:** A first reading of 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 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. Ordinance was adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Big Thanks to residents for getting out to vote on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting the Mt. Healthy Fire Department. We greatly appreciate it!

**NEW BUSINESS:**


Street and Safety Committee meeting would like to call a meeting for Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00pm

Council Summer session is over. First and Third Tuesdays of each month beginning in September at 7pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. George. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

  
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President of Council Ross Bittner

  
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Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council