

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by President Sylvia L. Lawson at 7:00 P.M. The invocation was given by Mr. Jamie Wolf and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Cook, Mr. Lombardo, Mrs. Lingo, Mr. DeBruler, Mr. Roetting, Mr. Wolf, and Mrs. Moody.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Auditor Jill Claire, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Mayor Leroy Meier, Treasurer Deborah Schaefer, and Law Director Steve Wolf.

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the November 6 Council meeting as printed was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Champions before and after school program will host a family night December 14 to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Greater Cincinnati.

Light Up Mt. Healthy will take place on Saturday, December 8 at 6 P.M. A few businesses will be open that evening. Luminaria kits will be available for purchase at City Hall, the library, the Covered Bridge Antique Mall, and elsewhere. Contact Janet Curley if you want to help with assembling kits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Cook reported that the Finance Committee met this evening with the Safety Service Director, Treasurer, and Auditor to go over proposed expenses for 2008 and work on budget planning. They will meet again to go over revenues and plan to have the budget to Council for a first reading in December or early January.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Meier thanked the people who worked on World Planning Day. There was a great array of talent involved.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kocher added that the presentations developed during World Planning Day will be available on the city's web site. The Light Up Mt. Healthy folks helped Ray Rissel prepare the waste billing mailing and included a flyer about the event in the envelopes. The whole process took less than two hours and the city appreciates their help. Waste bills will be due at the same time as usual.

The administration and Finance Committee aim to have the budget in front of Council at the first meeting in December. Council can take three readings, which would require additional legislation, or pass the budget at the second meeting in December. We have received health

insurance quotes for a January 1 renewal date; Mr. Kocher will have more information in December.

A committee, including the Business Association and others, has formed to work on planning the September event. It will be named "Celebrate Mt. Healthy" and will include the car show, Patriots Day parade, police and fire dance, etc. It is scheduled for the second weekend in September, in part due to the availability of a fireworks company who will put on a display at no charge.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Wolf has not been able to obtain a definitive answer about the records management seminar. The city will send a letter listing all elected and appointed officials as designating a single representative. Next year's procedure may be different.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The October month end report is in the packets. The 2005-06 audit is complete but we do not have the final report yet. Ms. Claire will share copies with Council when it is available. The 2006 GAAP report is on the city's web site.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Schaefer reported that she balances with the bank and the auditor for the month of October, and that the bank report is in the packets.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance **07-1514** An Ordinance Adopting the Unified Fire Code of Ohio. This ordinance received its third reading. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. A roll call vote carried the motion, 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS: None

CITIZEN INPUT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first Council meeting of 2008 will be at noon on January 1 instead of at 7 P.M.

There was some discussion of the properties on Hamilton north of Pauls' Pub. Mr. Kocher reiterated that orders will be issued for the south property and that the inspector has requested a meeting with Mr. Pettit. Mr. Kocher did not know whether this has been done; he will follow up. Mayor Meier added that Mr. Pettit had a master plan for those properties but it was turned down. He has a new architect and is trying to get a new plan approved. Mr. Rahn understands that this takes time, but it has been a long time and he would like the properties to be better maintained in the meanwhile.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don Crank, incoming Council president, introduced himself and congratulated both the incoming and outgoing Council members. He thanked the city for their upkeep of the veterans' monument

and asked Council members to begin thinking about the committees they are interested in working on.

The Safety Committee rescheduled its meeting for December 4 at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Steve Wolf said that someone from the Historical Society found the Duncanson painting that hangs in the Smithsonian on their website, and shared copies. The landscapes at the entry to the Taft museum are also Mr. Duncanson's work.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Sylvia L. Lawson, President of Council

Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council