

**MT. HEALTHY PUBLIC HEARING  
on Community Development Block Grants  
OCTOBER 18, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.**

The Public Hearing was called to order by President Sylvia Lawson at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Kocher said that this hearing is the first of two hearings that are part of the city's application process for Community Development Block Grants. The second hearing will be on October 26 at 5 P.M. He said that this hearing is to obtain public input on the types of grants to apply for; once they are identified, we will need to prioritize them.

The two applications currently planned are:

1. For Audible Traffic Signals (ATS). These cost approximately \$3000 per street crossing (one way), and we would like to install them at ten points in the city. The city will work with Kathleen Lord and other advocates of these signals to determine where they can most usefully be located. They will need to be placed in locations with existing traffic signals; otherwise, they are much more expensive.
2. Phase 2 of the park renovation, already discussed at previous Council meetings.

Mr. Lombardo asked whether \$3000 is the installed cost? It is. Mt. Healthy doesn't have anyone with the necessary expertise to install ATS. North College Hill will be obtaining bids on some ATS next week and we will base the cost in our application on that information. Mr. Kocher added that the grant will not cover engineering fees, but we don't expect any engineering fees to be necessary for this project.

Ms. Lord noted that the ATS in NCH are talking lights, which are great but more expensive than the audible signals she would like to see in Mt. Healthy. She appreciates Mt. Healthy considering this project.

Mr. Cook asked why we are not applying for funds for ten projects instead of just two. Mr. Kocher replied that we usually receive around \$120,000 to \$150,000 per year, regardless of the number of projects, so it is a choice between more, smaller projects or fewer larger ones.

Mr. Kocher said that he will go ahead and get the applications together for these two projects, and that his preference is to prioritize the park renovation since it is already started and he would like to maintain the momentum of that project. Both projects could possibly be funded in the same year.

Ms. Lord asked how long this process will take. Mr. Kocher said that we are usually notified of the funding and the year in which it will occur sometime in December. However, we usually receive the applications in August and this year it was in October, so the schedule may be different. The funding cycle begins in March.

The public hearing was closed at 7:13 P.M.

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2005**

The City Council Meeting was called to order by President Sylvia Lawson at 7:14 P.M. Mr. Cook gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Cook, Mr. Lombardo, Mrs. Lingo, Mr. DeBruler, Miss Reusch, Mr. Roetting, and Mr. Custer.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Auditor Jill Claire, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Mayor George Rouse, Treasurer Deb Schaefer, and Law Director Steve Wolf.

**MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the October 4 Council meeting as printed was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. DeBruler. An aye vote carried the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. DeBruler read a letter from a Mt. Healthy resident whose Dalmatian was attacked by a neighbor's dog. The police responded immediately and she thinks they may have cited the dog's owner. The Dalmatian required \$150 in medical treatment as a result of this attack. Both the dog owner and her father said that this dog hates other dogs and attacks them. The father of the owner of the attacking dog commented that he is afraid when his daughter walks that dog that she will not be able to control it. Mr. DeBruler asked whether there is anything we can do about this. He said that Sections 90.01 and 90.28 of the Mt. Healthy ordinances address vicious dogs. Mr. Wolf said that a judge can determine in court that a dog is vicious, or the SPCA can make that determination. The victim can file a civil case against the dog owner; it does not have to be a criminal case. Also, if the police have had more than one report of a problem with a particular dog, that gives them more basis for addressing the problem. Mr. Wolf commented that issues like this are a lot easier to resolve among neighbors before the police get involved.

Mr. Custer mentioned that the city should check with Hamilton County to see whether they have any procedures in place for addressing vicious dogs. Colerain Township has a committee trained to address these issues, and Hamilton County may have something similar.

Mr. Roetting said that there have been a number of problems with dogs in the city lately; do we need to pursue them more stiffly and let people know that we won't put up with it? Mr. Roetting listed a number of recent dog issues.

Mr. Kocher said that many of those issues are speculation and that we should be sure there really is a problem before taking action to address it. Mr. Kocher will follow up with Chief Schaefer and let Mr. DeBruler know of the procedures that are available for the owner of the Dalmatian to follow.

**CITIZENS/GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kocher reminded everyone that Halloween trick or treating hours are set for 6-8 P.M on October 31. Work continues on the budget. Budgets are due from department heads on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and the draft city budget should be ready in November or early December.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

The September month end report is in the packets. The 2004 gap report is still in the works—the state auditor has requested an extension on it. The outside auditor can't complete the 2003-2004 outside audit until the gap report is complete. Tonight there is a resolution on the annual certification of tax rates from the county, then in November we will have a first reading on a temporary appropriations ordinance to allow the city to operate while the 2006 budget is being passed. Finally, there will be the 2005 housekeeping ordinance, which will be an emergency ordinance since it needs to wait until the last minute to make sure it addresses everything. Mr. Kocher added that there won't be any surprises in the housekeeping ordinance, but that it's not useful to have three readings on it with different amounts each time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Schaefer stated that she balanced with the Auditor and the bank for the month of September with minor adjustments. The Tax Department has reached the \$1 million mark in collections, which is up 6% from last year, and they continue to work on non-filers.

**ORDINANCES** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION NO. **05-946** A Resolution Accepting The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor And Declaring An Emergency.. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Miss Reusch. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Roetting said that everyone probably received Mr. Kocher's email about fliers, and he asked everyone to check over flier distribution assignments after the meeting. He also asked about timing of the ¼% rollback if this passes and changes to the tax forms. Mr. Kocher said that Ms. Law says she can do whatever is needed, and Mr. Kocher will have the ordinance or resolution ready for the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> in hopes that the levy will pass. Mr. Wolf added that the ordinance now says "credit up to the amount of the tax" so it will need to be changed in any case.

Mr. Roetting asked whether this will affect 2005 taxes. No, the first thing to be affected will be the quarterly payments for 2006.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miss Reusch and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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Sylvia Lawson, President of Council

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Margaret Roulter, Clerk of Council