

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 16, 2021

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

This meeting was live streamed on ICRC.

Public Hearing 7:00-7:10

Discuss the recommendation of the Planning Commission to council regarding a request from Mr. Jacques Lovette for conditional use approval for the proposed tattoo shop and body piercing at 1367 Compton Road where an approved hair braiding business already exists in the "E-1" retail business district.

There was no public input.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Parsons, Mr. Roetting, Mrs. Dosa, Mr. George, Ms. Scheets

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

A motion to excuse the absent members was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Members excused.

Mrs. Lingo arrived at 7:25pm

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, Law Director Scott Sollmann

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with corrections noted for the February 2, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance – Jennifer Moody – Presented by Mayor
Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting through Zoom

Discussions:

- New Pavilions and picnic tables and garbage can placements
- Fibonacci looking for more vendors for this year's Farmer's Market
- Concerns of the crosswalks where the traffic signals will be taken down
- Zoning rewrite
- Parking in the business district
- Red Line status

These concerns were brought up to Mr. Kocher and he will be getting with Kim Cremeans to discuss further.

Finance – Bob Parsons

Fire Department has requested the purchase of a new power cot for the 2nd ambulance. This is a non-budgeted expense in 2021. The Fire Department has some donation funds that can be used to pay the first year of a 0%, 3year loan. The City will budget for the 2nd and 3rd years to pay out of the Fire Departments budget.

A motion to approve the request from the Fire Department to purchase a new power cot was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. George. An aye vote carried the motion

There will be legislation for council to approve the contract. That will be at the next council meeting.

Library – Kisha Dosa

The library plans to open on February 22nd. Hours will 10a-6p, M-Sa with limited capacity. Customers will only be able to stay up to 2 hours in the branch. They will be implementing COVID cautions and safety measures to keep all customers safe. The library will continue distributing meal boxes to kids under 18.

WeThrive – Cindy Scheets

Attended a Zoom meeting. WeThrive has 5 goals that were discussed.

1. Make improvements to bike facilities (bike racks, bike lanes)
2. Do more collaborating with Mt. Healthy Schools
3. Work with Fibonacci to increase attendance at the Farmer's Market
4. Encourage walking in the City
5. Work with Healthcare Connection to combat chronic diseases

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Planning Commission's recommendation resolution is on the agenda to pass tonight. Would like to ask council to consider waiving the two-reading rule in order to get this passed because of pending litigation. It was discussed at the last meeting.

Community Room is very popular, and we are having a lot of calls to reserve. Administration will be renting it out, but the renters will need to follow the Governor's COVID guidelines. Hopefully to have it up for the summer.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Absent.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 21-1158: A first reading of resolution to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the conditional use request for the operation of a tattoo and body piercing shop in the "E-1" retail business district at 1367 Compton Road. A motion to waive the two-reading rule was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. Resolution 21-1158 was adopted.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 21-1938: A second reading of an ordinance reappointing members to the Springfield Township Joint Economic Development Zone I Board of Directors and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 4-1 with 1 Abstain. Ordinance 21-1938 was adopted.

Ordinance 21-1940: A second reading of an ordinance authorizing The City Manager to execute an agreement between The City of Mt. Healthy and Rumpke for collection, transportation and delivery for disposal or processing or solid waste and recyclable materials generated in and collected from residential units, residential unit equivalents, municipal facilities and during special events. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-1. Ordinance 21-1940 was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

February 2, 2021 former President of Council, Don Crank passed away. He was a long time Mt. Healthy resident. He always had the City's interest in his heart. He will be missed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were flyers for Annual Elected Officials Training. The City will pay for any council member to attend the training. They are by ~~zoom~~.

Webinar.

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 8:00 pm.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council



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To: Mr. Kocher
From: Chief Lawson
Date: February 16, 2021
Re: Hiring update

Mr. Kocher,

I want to give you an update about the hiring process for the full-time firefighter/medic. The top three have passed their polygraph and are scheduled to meet with the psychologist on March 2 and 3. I am also trying to schedule them for their physical exam. Once I get their results, we will start them asap.

The other candidates are scheduled to have their interviews tomorrow and March 10. We are trying our best to hire the best candidate as we can, and the vetting is taking longer than we want.

I hope to have the three hired by the end of March. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Steve Lawson, Chief, OFE



Date: February 5, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Colonel Vincent L. Demasi, Police Chief

Subject: Mt. Healthy Police Department Council Report

<u>Month to Month</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>January:</u>					
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	2
Robbery	0	0	1	0	2
Aggravated Assault	13	10	12	16	6
Burglary	12	3	3	2	1
Larceny-Theft	11	14	8	11	19
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	3	0	1	1
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	30	24	30	31
Incidents/CFS	992	1024	825	869	734
Auto Accidents	24	22	24	25	19
Traffic Enforcement	75	108	93	96	134
Domestic Disputes	28	14	25	24	15

Crime Trends for January 2021

On January 24, 2021, Mt. Healthy Police were called to investigate two separate Aggravated Robberies which occurred within a short distance of each other. The first Robbery occurred at 1010 PM at 1817 Lakenoll Drive. The second Robbery occurred 14 minutes later at 7714 Compton Lake Dr.

During the first incident, a couple carrying groceries to their home were approached by two suspects who robbed them at gun point. The victims stated they had observed the individuals sitting in a four-door sedan when they arrived home. The suspects are both described as black males, young. The suspects both displayed firearms, one of which was equipped with a laser sighting system. One suspect reportedly shined a bright light in the eyes of his victims. The female's purse, cell phone and keys were taken. The male had the cash in his wallet taken. The suspects were seen entering a white sedan and left west towards Hamilton Avenue.

Minutes later the second incident occurred involving two subjects who approached their victim and robbed him of keys and a wallet at gun point. Both suspects were reported armed, one gun was described as having a laser sighting system. The suspects then fled in a vehicle parked nearby.

On January 17, 2021, officers responded to a home on Adams Road regarding a call for two dogs attacking another dog. Our investigation determined two dogs escaped from their owner's premises and were in the process of attacking another dog confined in its yard down the street. The attacking dogs were killed by a neighbor responding to cries for help from the owner of the dog being attacked.

On January 23, 2021, Cincinnati Police and Mt. Healthy Officers executed a search warrant in the 1800 block of Compton Road arresting Justin Louis Wilson for Drug Trafficking. The officers recovered firearms, drugs, and cash in the residence.

During January we have received a number of complaints regarding door-to-door solicitations occurring in the City of Mount Healthy. Individuals wishing to conduct door-to-door solicitations must register with the City of Mount Healthy before doing so. Currently, due to COVID19 issues, no door-to-door permits have been approved. We have advised community members to call Hamilton County Communications at 513-825-2280 and request an officer respond if someone comes to their home and attempts to solicit them.

Autos Stolen When Left Running and Unattended

As we have stated on numerous occasions, it's never a good idea to leave your car running and unattended while parked on the street. We have had two vehicles taken under such circumstances. Please remember this is a violation of Ohio law and has been known to create a very dangerous situation for our community and officers.

Firearm Thefts

Officers have responded to a number of firearm thefts. The majority were taken from parked vehicles. If you own a firearm, we ask that you perform a physical inspection of it today. Take a photograph of it and record the make, model, and serial number. We have seen a rash of firearms related thefts; many taken from unlocked vehicles, and the owner is unable to provide a make, model, or serial number of the stolen weapon. We have also recovered firearms that the owner; usually a homeowner, is unaware were taken.

As a reminder to our community, never leave a firearm in a vehicle and keep your firearm in a secured location, preferably a safe. Mt. Healthy Police will assist Mt. Healthy citizens with the disposal of unwanted firearms or other firearm safety questions you may have by calling 513-728-3182. If you are a gun owner, you have a very serious responsibility and if you cannot live up to that responsibility you should dispose of the firearm.

Improper Assemblies and illegal Liquor Permit Operations

While we all are becoming very tired of the restrictions caused by COVID 19 it is very important for the health and safety of our community to follow the Governor's Directives. We have seen an increase in after-hour assemblies inside liquor permit premises and other locations. The Ohio Department of Liquor Control has issued citations to Take a Shot Bar and we have requested a citation for Reminisce Sports Café for violations of the Governor's

Directives. These violations could lead to the revocation of their liquor licenses, and more importantly, fuel the spread of COVID-19.

Additional Officers on Patrol

Our Federal Community Oriented Police Grant (COP) has allowed us to hire additional officers. We have created a new operational unit within the Police Department to perform school patrols and domestic violence follow-up. We are currently in the process of finalizing our last full-time hire. More details will be released in the next few weeks