

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2021

The council meeting was called to order by Pro Tempore, Denise Lingo with the Pledge of Allegiance.

This meeting was live streamed on ICRC and open to public for attendance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Lingo, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Roetting, Mr. George, Ms. Scheets

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Dosa

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

Mrs. Dosa arrived at 7:06pm

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with corrections noted for the March 16, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Scheets. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

Allen Cole, Forest Avenue resident. Thanks for all the good work done. Would like to discuss the traffic light project along Compton Road. Had a very good conversation with City Manager and read the study report. See lots of good merits for the removal at Seward and Werner intersections, but the Perry Street intersection will be the problem. Be sure to look at how hard it will be coming off Perry with no stop light there. It could become hazardous. That light creates city awareness for those that are just driving through.

Fritz Zorens, Elizabeth resident. Would like an update on Elizabeth construction. Was wondering if a "Stop" sign could be put up at the exit of Tikkun Farm. Has almost been hit several times from folks not stopping when they exit the farm drive.

Karen Arnett, Dan Campbell, Janice Adams residents of Hickman are here on behalf of the 7405 Hickman vacant lot. They have interest in the vacant lot. The City is working with The Port Authority on this lot. The first step is for the City to acquire the property, which is on the legislation agenda tonight for council's approval. The Ohio Revised Code allows the City to divide a lot that we own in half to the two adjacent homeowners. The owners will contact City Manager to discuss the details of the transfer.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Mt. Healthy Family Practice right now have extra COVID-19 vaccine doses. Call and get on the schedule for your vaccine. Spread the word.

The Department of Health just got orders from Dewine to start High School clinics for students. This will be coming soon.

Mt. Healthy Family Practice is looking at a grant to bring health care services to the Mt. Healthy High School. Students can be diagnosed by a doctor and get a prescription at school. Mayor will be writing a letter of support for this grant.

WeThrive is eligible for funding to hire someone as our neighborhood navigator. We are 1 of 2 communities that are eligible for this funding. Somebody could work 5-10 hours per month. Whoever gets the job would get a \$500 sign on bonus and would be paid per task completed. An application is due April 15th. Going to be posted on our website and social media. Simple application.

There are 2 opportunities for jobs in the city for residents. The City is promoting for Lifeguards for the 2021 pool season. Tikkun Farms would like to share their program. They have received funding for a 9-week job training program. You get paid and the program is focused on urban farming indoor and outdoor, environmental job skills. There will be 5 certifications at the end of program. With job finding support. 25 hours a week at \$10 per hour. Go to Tikkun Farms website for the form to fill out.

Movies will be shown in the park this summer. The schedule is being put together and will be available soon.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

Adams, Hickman, Elizabeth street project – There was a shared email from our City Engineer in council packets.

Elizabeth is a narrow street approximately 22 feet wide. They plan is to have it 25 feet wide curb to curb with sidewalks on both sides and new storm sewers. At the end of North Elizabeth becomes a private drive of 5 residents. The culvert location is under the private drive, about 100 ft north of the public street. The recommended solution would be to connect the proposed storm system to the culvert. The culvert is not in good condition and will likely need to be replaced with headwalls on each end and riprap on the downstream outlet to control erosion. It would make sense to make the new culvert a public storm sewer as well since a public sewer would be connected to it, allowing maintenance through the outlet. All sewers outside of the dedicated right-of-way will require easements to construct and maintain. The private drive would be restored similar to other driveways distributed on the project. Hickman will be the same with sidewalks on both sides.

There will be additional legislation to come for this project.

The project is set for bid in May.

Walgreen's property update. The library had shown interest in the now empty Walgreen's building. Walgreens is not the property owner. There has now been interest shown from Dollar Tree. The real estate owner leases to Dollar Trees, Dollar General. It is zoned for this type of store.

You may have noticed some activity at the Main Theatre. There is a local artist, TJ Smith, she is an urban abstract artist. She is wanting to put some of her paintings up in the window. It is not going to be a retail store type – just if interested call her.

Fire Department has hired the first 3 full time employees. There will be another 3 hired in the weeks to come. There was an original 7 to hire, but one person has dropped out of the process. We will look to hire again at the end of the summer.

With the last Stimulus package looks like the City will get a large of money. We are discussing capital purchases with the department heads. Police Department is running out of space in the basement. Fire Department needs a new ambulance. Would like to discuss this at a work session in May.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 21-1160: A second reading of resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Mt. Healthy to sign contracts and agreements to sell city owned real property to the Mt. Healthy Community Improvement Corporation. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. Resolution 21-1160 was adopted.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 21-1943: A second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign contracts to purchase real property (Hamilton County Auditor Parcel Number 593-0007-0021-00). A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. Ordinance 21-1943 was adopted.

Ordinance 21-1944: A second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign contracts to purchase real property (Hamilton County Auditor Parcel Number 593-0007-0096-00). A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. Ordinance 21-1944 was adopted.

Ordinance 21-1945: A first reading of an ordinance amending section 76.04 of The Mt. Healthy Ohio Code of Ordinances.

Ordinance 21-1946: A first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 77 (traffic and parking) of The Mt. Healthy Ohio Code of Ordinances.

Ordinance 21-1947: A first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Mt. Healthy part-time firefighters, AFSCME, Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

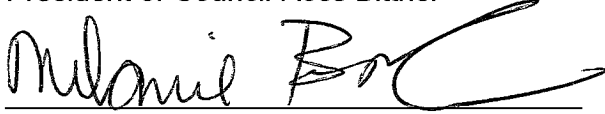
Ms. Scheets will not be at the April 20th council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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President of Council Ross Bittner

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Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council

MT. HEALTHY WORK SESSION

APRIL 6, 2021

Tonight's Topic:

Business District Parking Issues

Businesses participated in discussion:

- Covered Bridge Antique Mall, Hamilton Avenue
- Native Moon Apothecary, Compton Road
- Hilltop Glass, Hamilton Avenue
- Letter Perfect, Hamilton Avenue
- Little Dutch, Hamilton Avenue

Biggest parking issue in the business district are apartment tenants, business owners parking in spots all day.

There used to be a 2-hour parking limit along Hamilton Avenue.

There needs to be education.

Flyer to businesses – educate the building owner and tenants.

Better signage and painting of parking spots

Starting Point:

1 Hour Parking between certain hours

Hamilton Avenue (between Stevens & McMakin)

Compton (between Perry and Harrison)

Letter will be sent out to businesses making them aware of the change.

Legislation will go before council.

Need to look into the Little Dutch alley and Library alley parking.

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