

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 2021

The council meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Pro Tempore, Denise Lingo. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Bill Kocher

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with corrections noted for the October 19, 2021, meeting was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Philip Denning Executive Vice President for The Port –

The Port services our community by cultivating partnerships that unlock the hidden value of real estate and realize the long-term prosperity for everyone in Hamilton County. The Port has three primary business lines, Industrial Revitalization, neighborhood revitalization, public finance. The Hamilton County Landbank's mission is to return vacant properties to productive use through the tools statutorily provided to the Landbank and by leveraging the resources of the Landbank's executive arm, The Port.

Started to research into single family home purchases in 2013 until present. Now, institutional investors are fundamentally changing landscape of single-family housing throughout Hamilton County. Out-of-town investor-owners acquire single family homes and turning into rentals. Testimonials from local governments throughout Hamilton County have reported institutional investors' minimal standards for property maintenance. Vinebrook bought 1,600 properties in Hamilton County in 2019. Mt. Healthy has sixty-two properties that have been bought for rental purpose, which is about 4% of Mt. Healthy property stock.

In quarter 2 of 2021, 1 in 6 homes were purchased by large investors. The entities focus primarily in low to moderate income areas where homeownership is vital for stability and equity.

The Port's research will continue.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Met with Healthcare Connection. WeThrive has learned that City of Delhi has a part-time social worker. They help the folks in the community that frequently call the police and fire departments. They help residents find assistance. Met with Healthcare Connection to see what may already exist before we even think of hiring staff. This was a positive meeting. They are already working on this in the community. They have hired two case managers to our community. They are going to add community health workers, which includes behavioral health. They are interested in doing a coordination of care plan and we could refer people to them. Just starting the conversation. Maybe we can work through them instead of hiring staff. Will also be meeting with UC Health; they have a crisis mobile unit. Our departments can use the mobile unit if we have somebody having a mental health breakdown. There are resources out there that can help our police and fire departments.

Mt. Healthy School District will be holding a vaccination clinic for booster shots at the Jr/Sr High School on Friday November 12th. 8a-3p the clinic is for school staff and members of the surrounding community. You will need to sign up for this.

Betty Bollas has filled out an Artworks application to get murals in town. This is the first step in the process. One idea is to have an underground railroad mural on the building at the NW corner of Hamilton Avenue.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Budget work is still ongoing. We will get it to the finance committee by the end of this week.

There may need to be one additional step regarding the Hickman property being divided between neighbors. We may have to move it to the CIC. This will be discussed with our law director tomorrow. For those on CIC there may need to be a quick meeting before the next council meeting.

Gregg Cutter summarized the Adams/Elizabeth/Hickman project:

- Adams
 - All new curb has been completed
 - Bad sidewalk blocks replaced
 - Base course of blacktop is down
 - Manholes are even with road for winter plowing
 - Manholes will be raised to match finish asphalt in the spring
 - Right of way has grass growing
 - Finish blacktop – Spring 2022
- Hickman
 - All new curb has been completed
 - All new sidewalks
 - Right of way seeded and strawed
 - Large sycamore tree taken down by cul-de-sac
 - Dura block wall installed at NE corner
 - Base coat asphalt is down
 - Finish blacktop – Spring 2022
- Elizabeth
 - Curb being poured Nov. 2nd & 3rd
 - All new headwalls and clearing of debris in creek area
 - Some full depth repairs done after curb poured
 - Base coat of blacktop on Monday Nov 8th
 - Sidewalk and aprons to follow
 - Bring valve boxes all to grade
 - Final grading/seed/straw
 - Finish blacktop – Spring 2022

Note-It was decided by city engineers and the street department that it would be best to do the finish coat of asphalt on all three streets in the spring of 2022. Letting the roads (especially Hickman and Elizabeth) settle through the winter and if any full depth repairs are needed in the spring the contractor will take care of them at that time.

We are still waiting with The Port to get the Redline property on Hamilton Avenue. The property has gone back into receivership and can be purchased directly from there. There is some work that needs done to be able to do this. There is potentially a way we may be able to purchase using the general fund. Working with our law director on this.

Council agrees we should purchase this property. It has been an eyesore property for a long time.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 21-1968: A first reading of an ordinance accepting plat of public storm sewer easement for sewer purposes located near the addresses ranging within 7941-8005 on Elizabeth Street.

Ordinance 21-1969: A first reading of an ordinance preventing businesses within the city from allowing access to the public between the hours of 2:30am and 5:30am. A motion to waive the two-reading rule was made by Ms. Moody and seconded by Mr. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 21-1969 was adopted.

Ordinance 21-1970: 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. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 21-1970 was adopted.

Ordinance 21-1971: A first reading of an ordinance assessing costs of the removal of litter, rubbish and garbage 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. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 21-1971 was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

City is taking down signs at the Northwest Auto Service. Nothing else going on there right now. The parking lot has opened up.

There is still concern about the Perry & Compton intersection. Ms. Moody was in another city that had raised cross walks. This could be an option to look into for that intersection.

Tree commission reports. Council would like to keep the reporting under committee reports. Make it as a request basis for Karen to come in when needed.

Regarding the park ball fields. Council is on board to have public works take them out.

Mr. Parsons would like to request another phone conversation to follow up with PIRHL.

NEW BUSINESS:

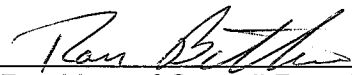
Ms. Moody would like to bring up last Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church that seventy-five people showed up for the Hamilton County 513 Relief Bus. It was a great turnout, and they will be coming back to the community.

Trinity Lutheran Church does vaccines and booster shots from 11a-5p every Friday. They have all three shots. It is open to anybody. You do not need to sign up.

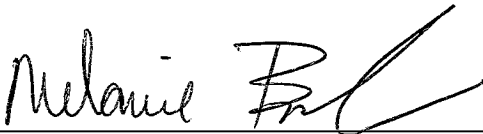
Finance Committee: Mr. Kocher will be sending the budget out by end of this week. Mr. Parsons will not be at the next council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. George and seconded by Ms. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council