

# MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

## JULY 19, 2022

The council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President of Council, Ross Bittner. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Roetting, Mrs. Dosa, Mr. George, Mr. Mueller, Mr. Young

### **ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Scott Bauer, Finance Director Melanie Branditz

### **MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the June 21, 2022 meeting minutes, as corrected, was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Mueller. A unanimous aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted. A motion to adopt the June 28, 2022 special meeting minutes, as corrected, was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. George. A unanimous aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Two pieces of correspondence in packets, nothing to add.

### **GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**

***John (Goedde) and Jennifer (Vatter), JMA***

John will prepare the list of street projects developed with Bill to make sure we are on same page with priorities. Some projects get additional funding and are expanded; usually, the ones that get funded are those in worst condition. City's priorities are Madison-Werner and Joseph (Hill to Compton + two sections of McMakin); thinking about 30% match for both. JMA will make objective recommendation in next couple of weeks, mentioned Hickman. Jennifer noted that legislation naming the projects must be passed in advance of loan application; City Council has three meetings before application due. Compton update: 80% done with plans, will bid out end of August. Project will start this year, finish in spring/summer 2023; storm drain added to project.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

***Doug Bayes***

Spoke at June council meeting to vacate alley that runs E-W next to his house; Gregg Cutter confirmed no utilities. Surveyor ready to put legal description together, resident wants to make sure Council on board before going to that expense. Received confirmation from City Council to move forward on project.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***Business Partnership/Alliance: Paul Young.***

No report.

**Beautification: Denise Lingo**

No report.

**Finance: Bob Parsons**

No report.

**Parks: Denise Lingo**

No report. Good crowd at fireworks.

**Safety/Streets: Joe Roetting**

**Safety:** Chief Demasi's report - increase in police calls for Clovernook Apartments, all calls for service were liquor establishments.

**Streets:** Projects going forward: #2 Joseph from Compton to Hill, #1 Werner (Compton to Kemper) and Madison (Werner to Harrison). If any money left, Werner to Hamilton. Hoping for 30% match. Requested loan balance on all street projects to be provided at August 16 Council meeting.

**School: Cordel George**

No report at this time.

**Library: Kisha Dosa**

- Hired new Customer Advisor, have another Customer Advisor position open
- Continuing daily meals (age 18 and under) from 3:00-3:30 p.m., will continue when school opens
- Summer Discovery program for children and teens has a few weeks left, can still sign up; program ends August 1.
- Designated Story Time still drawing alot of families, programs for children and teens.

**Urban Tree: Denise Lingo**

Meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., location to be determined. This meeting will decide the streets on which trees will be planted.

**WeThrive: Dan Mueller**

Attended meeting today, Carla, from ArtWorks at meeting. Looking for community engagement in the form of murals, public benches, lighted sculptures, etc. Scouting locations, looking at Fibonacci. Looking for local talent, working with youth. Want idea by end of year for 2023. Possibly bring in Eagle Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts. Still in formative stage, can expand on this overview at next Council meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf**

Happening soon: **(1)** ODH grant to make plan for active transportation in Mt. Healthy (walking, biking, etc.). Funding through Hamilton County. Total of \$40k available, we are getting \$20k. Will work like Safe Routes to School project. Will report to Council as it unfolds. **(2)** Interact for Health Overdose Response Box for Community program. Hamilton County seeing uptick in overdose cases. Program provides containers with 2 doses of Narcan, gloves, mask and alcohol pads to businesses, libraries, etc. The goal is to keep individual(s) alive until first responders arrive. Request for funding being applied for through WeThrive. **(3)** College Hill CDC has been advising us on their redevelopment; met with group of residents on July 7<sup>th</sup>, connected them with College Hill CDC for advisement. Scott to meet with Seth Walsh (head of CDC). Potential

property redevelopment; will share as things develop. (4) WeThrive transferring \$500 to City for RC Track.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer**

Thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as City Manager. **Pool valve** repaired with only one day closing, versus potential one week closing. **New ambulance** should arrive in 60 days (end of September) per Chief Lawson. **7866 Seward** is under contract to be sold by end of month; great rehab job. First time buyer. **Schools meeting** on July 7<sup>th</sup> to review incident. Meeting with school superintendent on Monday to discuss the steps the school wants us to follow; the police were not aware of the change in school policy requiring they (school) be allowed to view the physical warrant. Will discuss where police are to park, how should they check in, et al. Expects we will be on campus and at football games. City Manager and school superintendent will meet monthly. Mayor added that Herb Dorsey is head of security for school; he meets with police every week, great relationship, very professional.

### **ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/FINANCE DIRECTOR: Melanie Branditz**

Thanked Council for opportunity to serve as Assistant City Manager/Finance Director. June month end reports in the packets; please contact her with any questions. Received second payment of Covid funds on July 12th; now done.

### **Second Reading of Ordinances or Resolutions**

None

### **ORDINANCES: First Reading**

**22-1989** (Amend Chapter 153.31) Discussion on exception for trees; State of Ohio allows neighbor to trim back branches of a tree not on their property to the property line as long as it causes no endangerment to the tree. Correct typo in last line on first page (should read "or" not "on").

**22-1990** (Assessing Costs of the Removal of High Grass and Weeds and Declaring an Emergency) Discussion on how fees are structured. Recommendation to revisit fees, particularly for businesses. Motion by Mr. Parsons to suspend two reading rule, seconded by Mr. Roetting. By a vote of 7-0, two reading rule suspended. Motion to adopt Ordinance 22-1990 made by Mrs. Dosa, seconded by Mr. Mueller. Passed unanimously, 7-0.

### **RESOLUTIONS: First Reading**

**22-1187** (Declaring it Necessary for Levying Tax Exceeding Ten-Mill Limitation, and Requesting the County Auditor to Certify Matters in Connection Therewith and Declaring an Emergency) Discussion on whether \$1.54 mills enough/too much; would be @ \$120-\$125,000. This is not the resolution that sends the levy to the Board of Elections. Once we get the amount we can change if necessary; would need to be recertified, a 10-day process. City Manager in favor of declaring this tonight. This is the general fund, not the street fund; we still have the street levy. As far as timing, have to do this then have special meeting to pass the next resolution to get to Board of Elections before August 10<sup>th</sup> to put on ballot. Mr. Roetting made motion to suspend two reading rule, Mr. George seconded. By a vote of 7-0, two reading rule suspended. No further discussion or questions. Mr. Parsons made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-1187, Mrs. Lingo seconded. By a vote of 7-0, Resolution 22-1187 adopted. City Manager will get it submitted. Special meeting will be scheduled under New Business.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Parsons recommended that when we receive the certification from the Auditor for the amount based on 1.54 mills, we have to have a meeting to pass a resolution to put the levy on the ballot in November; has to be passed and delivered to Board of Elections by August 10<sup>th</sup>. Suggested calling a special meeting on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>; at 7:00 p.m. to try to pass it in one session; will be only item on the agenda. Motion to call special meeting as noted above made by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Young. By aye vote of 7-0, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mueller was approached by neighbor who was concerned about police delivering meeting packets. Following discussion, it was decided that since Council also receives the packets electronically (email), the hard copies would be placed on their respective desks in Council Chambers on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. All Council members have front door keys except Mr. Mueller; he will be given a key well in advance of August 16 meeting.

Since there is so much trouble at the Clovernook Apartments and we have had several phone calls with PIRHL regarding this, Mr. Parsons requests City Manager to put together a report for Council starting back with when PIRHL made their initial offer to us to buy the apartments, put alot of money into them and get a property tax abatement. Report should include all the things they were going to do and have done since then. He is ready for City's law director to start a proceeding to maybe rescind those abatements for property tax. We are spending alot of money with police going down there, need PIRHL to pay their fair share. Requests report by September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting; City Manager in agreement.

Mr. Young said it would be nice to have department heads attend Council meetings (police and fire chiefs, Gregg). With new ambulance arriving and upcoming changes in personnel, would be nice to have them at Council meetings. City Manager indicated that Chief Lawson has talked about it, open to the idea. Mrs. Dosa suggested they continue to do reports for Council packets and attend quarterly. City Manager will talk with them about it, three month rotation.

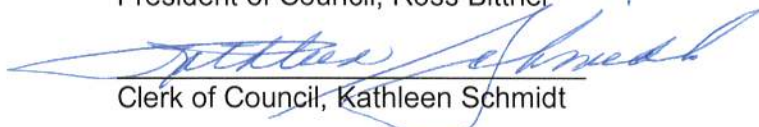
Mrs. Dosa recommended that the City do something to present the new ambulance when it arrives, show it to the public. City Manager will check with Chief Lawson.

Mr. Parsons reminded City Manager of public notification of August 2<sup>nd</sup> special meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Mueller. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

  
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President of Council, Ross Bittner

  
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Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt