

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

The council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President of Council, Ross Bittner. The invocation and remembrance of recently deceased co-worker, Ray Rissel, was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Roetting, Mr. George, Mr. Mueller, Mr. Young

Absent and Excused: Mr. Parsons, Mrs. Dosa

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

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the August 16, 2022 meeting minutes, as written, was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Young. A unanimous aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Gregg Cutter, Public Works Director, City of Mt. Healthy

Topics discussed:

- Update on Hamilton Avenue: Reviewed finished items. Grind and overlay first and second week of October, completion end of November.
- Blacktop estimates
- Property maintenance grass cutting (Bill Knight).
- Fuel usage last eight years.
- Park activity to date (soccer, RC track, concerts).
- Grass cutting repeat offenders; was informed house at Madison & Elizabeth abandoned)

Chris Jones, Program Manager, Ohio PACE

Program administrator for PACE financing. Summary of improvements at Hilltop Plaza. Explained the process, as well as roles and obligations of various parties. Is a true "pass through" special assessment request by the property owner. Who performs the audit to ensure the project is eligible and done correctly? Ohio PACE does the audit upfront. Each project must be either energy-saving or renewable energy, such as solar panels. On the back side, Ohio PACE does the audit along with the PACE lender. Contractor must sign off on completion certificate. Part of the Energy SID (E-SID), after approval of this project, two members of the City on the Energy SID board, which will also approve this project.

Cannot pass on first reading; need 6 of 7 Council members, only 5 present; will have to wait until next City Council meeting (September 20th).

Ken Schuermann, Hilltop Plaza

Partial owner of Hilltop Plaza. Has been an owner for over 10 years. Has enjoyed the relationship we have had with the City of Mt. Healthy. Bottom line is we have been "Chasing leaks" for years and have spent a lot of money on repairs. It is now to the point of being unrepairable and cost is significant and cannot afford out of pocket. Tenants are being patient and understanding. This is the last step. Bids are done. Material has been ordered. The PACE program will help us get a new roof and keep the tenants happy.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Dan Oliver, Owner, Stadium Sports Bar & Grill, 8021 Hamilton Avenue

- Get ahead of some things, issues with patrons, unwelcome run-ins with police department. Talked with Chief Demasi about having extra detail there, shortage, contracted out private security for the outside area. During daytime it is mainly a restaurant, evening is more bar-associated, atmosphere more belligerent patrons. Want to be a focal point, a business that thrives here for years to come. Given away 250 book bags for Mt. Healthy students, has had. Wants to be a positive reinforcement, do not want any of the recent transgressions to be a negative reflection on what their real purpose is. Purpose was to be an avenue for people to get decent food in the area, not a lot of options. Grew up around here, aware of the history of Mt. Healthy. Anytime you want to reach out to me, give him or bar manager a call. Want to do what is necessary to make sure they have a safe environment.

Jim Lowenburg, 1418 St. Clair Avenue

- Any update on community development block grant? Three-year cycle, no funding for first year this is second year. Funding allocated for facade improvements. How will that be implemented? Third year funds allocated for working with consultant on economic development plan/design for alleyways and businesses. Following up on Gregg's comment, doing those things now may be putting the cart before the horse if funds will be available a year from now. Proposal for facade improvement, should know more in a month or so. Mayor working on this now. Regarding street/alleyway, we are working with two separate groups. One of them, ArtWorks, came in to We Thrive to do murals. Have assigned us a community development director to come up with a plan, which is more than just murals but also meeting points, walkaways, and seating spaces in the business

district. Once we have that plan, we can wrap it into streets. Some ideas they have are similar to what other areas are doing.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

- Hold report until next meeting
- Summer concerts continue, support farmer's market.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer

- Lake of the Woods murder-suicide. Viewed body cam, appears officers did everything they could to get into the room, barricaded, no way to get into the room. Officers performed admirably.
- Stadium Bar - shootings, arrest for drunkenness/disorderly conduct. Chief in contact with owners trying to work toward solution.
- Reminder of Finance Committee meeting on September 20th.

Second Reading of Resolutions or Ordinances

None

First Reading of Resolutions or Ordinances

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 22-1190: First reading of a Resolution approving the Petition for Special Assessments for Special Energy Improvement Project and a Plan for Public Improvements; Declaring the Necessity of Acquiring, Constructing, Improving, Installing, and Equipping Certain Public Improvements in Cooperation with the Green Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. Doing Business as the Western Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc.

Resolution 22-1191: First reading of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Mt. Healthy to Prepare and submit an application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and / or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required [These are the street projects with JMA, Jon Goedde. Matches discussed, 30%. Numbers will be solid for second reading. Where does Madison fit into this? One leg of Madison, between Harrison and Hamilton (by Cincinnati Bell building); will have to add it to project.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 22-1991: First reading of an Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of High Grass and Weeds and Declaring an Emergency

Ordinance 22-1992: First reading of an Ordinance Vacating an Alley Located Between 7405 Perry Street and 7409 Perry Street

Ordinance 22-1993: First reading of an Ordinance Assessing Costs for the Replacement Private Lead Service Lines and Declaring an Emergency

Ordinance 22-1994: First reading of an Ordinance to Proceed with the Acquisition, Construction, and Improvement of Certain Public Improvements in the City of Mount Healthy, Ohio, in Cooperation with the Western Communities Energy Special Improvement District, and Declaring an Emergency

Ordinance 22-1995: First reading of an Ordinance Levying Special Assessments for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, and Improving Certain Public Improvements in the City of Mount Healthy, Ohio in Cooperation with the Western Communities Energy Special Improvement District, and Declaring an Emergency

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- In conjunction with Street Commission, Mr. Roetting met with Aaron Horsley from the Urban Tree Commission in July. Mr. Horsley, who lives on Maple, is concerned with traffic and speed of traffic, safety on Stevens and on Harrison. Provided us with a report (handout) of some things he was looking at; traffic control. Wouldn't proceed without TCI, but more concern about speeding and safety matters in the city where we have long stretches of straightaway. Their discussion included stop signs with flashing lights, speed bumps, other roadwork and things to think about. Council would want studies done before deciding anything, including Police and Fire Departments. Thanks Mr. Horsley for taking the time to put this together.

Dan ^uMoeller and Mayor Wolf involved with WeThrive; received similar ArtWorks grant for transportation infrastructure, similar to Safe Routes to School.. Requires community meetings, community involvement. They will hire someone to come in and develop a plan. When it gets to the stage where we need to have community meetings, will involve Mr. Roetting, the Street Department, and Mr. Horsley; this is the same type of plan. They will then come in with follow-up funding for implementation. There is a whole bunch of people talking about this same thing right now, which is good. Perhaps WeThrive and Street Commission can work in conjunction with this. Includes alleyways and parking lots as well. If we work on this as a team, may take some burden off the police.

- Mr. Mueller inquired about water pouring out near old Rex Ralph; is that on us? Does GCWW know? Is coming from the apartments, responsibility of building owner.
- Mr. Young shared details of Ray's Celebration of Life - this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon at White Oak Christian Church (Blue Rock & Cheviot).

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 7:45 p.m.



President of Council, Ross Bittner



Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt