

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 2022

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Lingo

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

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as written for the October 18, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Mr. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Chief Vincent Demasi

- Accreditation process CALEA (Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies) almost completed. This is the national standard. Onsite managers will be here for physical inspection December 5 and 6. Inspection may include speaking with members of council, City Manager and Mayor.
- Reviewed the City Council Overview Report, broke down the statistics and what they mean in terms of trends, public safety, etc. Very concerned about staffing. Unable to hire a part-time police officer, not one application in a year; part-time role is dead, but our business model requires three part-time officers. Full-time not coming through, can't find anyone; not just us, City of Cincinnati also having problems, even with pay increase and hiring bonus.
- Mayor's Court Clerk Katie Feld has been working diligently on unpaid fines. Developed a QR code that can be used for payment. Katie has done a tremendous job, all self-initiated activity on her part.
- Plans to retire at end of year/beginning of January. Will assist in any way possible.

Aaron Horsely

- Wetlands has potential to be a sanctuary, must remove honeysuckle. Distributed handouts illustrating park overgrowth. Looking for city support more so than money. Discussion on how to secure equipment, volunteers, removal of honeysuckle stumps,

where to dump the waste. Mayor Wolf mentioned group of residents interested in doing similar project at Heritage Park, never moved forward. This group may be a good resource. Mrs. Dosa mentioned groups should work collaboratively. Mr. Horsely has 8-10 people that he was talked with who are interested, would need a minimum of 10-15. Mr. Roetting, Mr. Mueller, and Mr. George all volunteered to help with park as schedules allow. Council asked Mr. Horsely to put something together and bring it back to council

PUBLIC INPUT

Shaunelle Casey, 2313 Aquarius Drive, Mercy Health RETAIN Research Coordinator

Spoke to council about new U.S. Department of Labor program through Mercy Health. Partners with physician to help people injured outside workplace keep working by providing devices necessary for them to keep doing their jobs (special chair, standing desk, etc.) No cost involved, goal is for employer to retain the injured employee. All treatment plans are honored; focus on orthopaedic injuries and cardiac issues; have taken on some mental health and neurologic cases. Going into neighborhoods, spoke with a few Mt. Healthy business owners but not much traction. Recommended they look at senior living facilities in Mt. Healthy, was asked to come back to City Council at some point with update. Part of a \$18.8 million grant.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Last farmer's market will be Sunday, November 6th Noon-3:00pm at Fibonacci. Will have more to report at next council meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer

- Police Chief retiring. Has started process for finding replacement. Trying to duplicate what was done when Chief Demasi was hired - panel and neutral assessment! sticking point is finding a center, not as easy to find as it was then. Hopes to have new chief by end of January. Will have job posted in next week or so. This is not a civil service position.
- Levy door hangers on everyone's desk; any council member who doesn't have theirs should see Joe Roetting after meeting.
- Stadium Bar meeting on Friday with Mr. Oliver and his lawyer; hopes to come to some agreement. Set expectations for what is required to withdraw objection.
- Hamilton Avenue - Grinding up, fixing manholes, realign things then put next 1.5" on. Is a mess with both Hamilton Avenue and Compton Road under construction, will be great it when done.
- Chief Lawson said ambulance will be here next week. Should get firm date next Friday.
- Apron between Just One More and Aquatics done. Looks much better.
- First draft of budget ready. Meeting on the 15th.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 22-1997: A second reading of Ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. First reading October 18th. A motion to adopt the Ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Young. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 22-1997 was adopted.

Ordinance 22-1998: A second reading of Ordinance assessing costs of the removal of litter, rubbish and garbage and declaring an emergency. First reading October 18th. Brief discussion on where property in question is located. A motion to adopt the Ordinance was made by Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Mueller. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.
Ordinance 22-1998 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-1196: A first reading of a Resolution determining to use the competitive bidding process set forth in R.C. 721.03 to sell for at least \$22,230.00 the city's property located at 7825 Harrison Avenue, parcel #593-0003-0064-00, as it is not needed by the city for any public purpose. Property discussed in executive session, behind Gold Star. Structure demolished in 2016, received call that someone was interested in purchasing the property and building a small residence on the land. The amount was derived from the Hamilton County Auditor's website. Have to post once weekly in public newspaper for five consecutive weeks. Currently 800 square feet, certain setbacks. Council concerned that Mt. Healthy has enough renters and offsite owners. We have not placed restrictions on the use of the property but is zoned for single family. A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Roetting. Roll call vote carried the motion to suspend the two reading rule 6-0. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.
Resolution 22-1196 was adopted

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Parsons - Reminded Finance Committee of November 15th meeting in City Manager's Office to review 2023 budget prior to City Council meeting.
- Mr. Young - Not sure this qualifies as old business, but Gregg Cutter has retired.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Roetting - Would like to talk with council after this meeting about getting out tax levy flyers.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



President of Council, Ross Bittner



Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt