

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2023

A Public Hearing was held prior to the Council Meeting to discuss the recommendation of the Planning Commission to Council regarding a Conditional Use request to operate a type A group daycare within an E Business District per section 155.108E(8) Group Day Cares - 1459 Compton Road.

The council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President of Council Ross Bittner, followed by the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with changes for the January 3, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion and minutes were adopted. A motion to adopt the minutes of the January 3, 2023 work session as printed was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion and minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Kevin Benford, Head Coach, Real Deal Boxing Club - After school boxing club with 30-60 kids attending every week day. Also trains them in life skills. Have #1 team in the country. Monthly rent at Hilltop Plaza becoming prohibitive (\$1,500). Reaching out for financial assistance. Hoping for a rent-free location, approx. 2,500 square feet. Also looking for assistance getting the kids to the tournaments (transportation, meals, etc.). WeThrive a possibility, more long-term than immediate. Mt. Healthy Alliance and the churches may be able to help. The name of the 501(c)(3) is Giving Kids a Fighting Chance and fits the mission of WeThrive; Mayor will look into this. Have 30 kids attend the boxing club every week day, sometimes as many as 60. Club open on weekends when going to tournament.
- Kelli Prather, DreWill Media - At meeting to support Coach Benford, offered to help in any way possible.
- Natasha Roudan (sp?) - At meeting to talk about her request for a type A daycare. Wants to be open 24 hours for people who have to work late or are at school late or have to be at work early in the morning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Association: PAUL YOUNG

Christmas in Mt. Healthy discussed at January 9th meeting. One of the main takeaways was to set the date for the event earlier in December, not so close to Christmas. About 40 people went

through the Museum, Square Mile Coffee's biggest day. Get ideas for next year and get churches involved. A lot of work to do, start planning earlier.

Beautification Committee: DENISE LINGO

No report.

Finance: BOB PARSONS

No report.

Parks: DENISE LINGO

No report. A thank you to Justin for the chipping he did at Wetland Park. President of Council also took this opportunity to thank Aaron Horsley for all his hard work and efforts on behalf of Wetland Park.

Safety & Streets: JOE ROETTING

Safety: 1) Wetland - started putting trail in, three guys on dirt bikes came through, signs clearly posted (no motorized vehicles). Thanks to Aaron and the group, things are starting to shape up. 2) Criminal activity and shooting at Clovernook Apartments over the weekend. Graffiti already painted over by management company. City needs to get with management team - either they improve or we find out what we can do to incentivize them to improve. Streets: 1) Spoke with City Manager, there are issues regarding Compton & Perry intersection - increase in accidents. Work session after next council meeting or can take this to committee. Has been an issue last two years when compared to prior years.

School: CORDEL GEORGE

No report.

Library: KISHA DOSA

No report.

Urban Tree: DENISE LINGO

No report.

WeThrive:

Mayor unable to attend last WeThrive meeting, asked Jacqueline Johnson-Wilkinson to introduce herself to council and speak on the WeThrive meeting. Ms Johnson-Wilkinson is the newly-elected Executive Director for Mt. Healthy Alliance and member of WeThrive. A lot of the discussion was around beautification of Mt. Healthy, proposals for that and what that looks like, in conjunction with ArtWorks. Also talked about Wetland Park.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

- To piggyback on Jacqueline's report, Artworks gave city four options: 1) A mural; 2) Mini murals in alleys; 3) Full public art plan developed, and 4) Sculpture (functional and artistic). Leaning toward option 3.
- Bank building under contract; Brotherton's has a sale pending. CURC did walk-through of properties and reported they were in terrible shape, hoping sale falls through. There are other business properties that owners would like to transfer over or sell to the CURC, so that could be an opportunity as a plan B. Also some city properties they could work on if bank building and Brotherton's falls through. Disappointing.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer

- Regarding CURC, money is still sitting in our account. If properties not under contract by the 28th, will have to revisit it. If CIC has another property the city wants to support we are good on our side, CIC would have to do something different.
- Perry & Compton: Uptick in accidents. Either add stop signs or remove some parking spots. Discussing options. Mayor recommended discussion during New Business. Mr. Roetting asked whether a roundabout was feasible; 2007 Comprehensive Plan included a roundabout. Distributed handout from Mr. Roetting; discuss Perry & Compton intersection and other areas around town in context of Safe Passage to School.
- Sergeant (Acting Chief) Nolte will be at council meeting on February 7th.
- Chief Demasi retirement gathering reminder.
- Chief Search: Assessment on February 18th, figure out when to have interviews.
- Committees: Discuss under Old Business? President of Council assumes it will be a work session after tonight's meeting.
- Clovernook: Reference City Manager's email to council. Difficult to get ahold of anyone, property does not seem to be high on their list. Was tough to get ahold of anyone to get into property for water line break, has been a frustration. Mr. Parsons reminded council that when we approved the PIRHL plan in 2016 we gave them tax abatements for 10-15 years; now believes it is time to rescind the property's tax abatements to help pay for police. Last month, police were there 61 times (twice a day for a month). Mr. Parsons made a motion to request City Law Director to investigate how to go about this. Motion seconded by Mr. Roetting. City Manager will get with Law Director on this, see what he recommends (is it even legal?). An aye vote carried the motion. Mr. Parsons suggested City Manager let PIRHL know we are doing this. Mr. Young asked whether there was anything regarding charging for "over-usage" or "abuse of resources" (police being called to property twice a day)? Declaring a public nuisance is the closest thing, have to sue them, and you have to have a lot of activity, even more than what we have now. City Manager will talk with Law Director about this. Seems PIRHL does just enough to keep things going; have added extra detail, but need to invest a lot into the property to get the cameras going, which would be huge, hire a security guard. Mr. Parsons reminded council that they said they would do those things a year ago and never did them; all is outlined in email. Council agrees we have to do something. Brief discussion on frozen pipe, possibility of a Knox Box so we would have access if unable to reach anyone.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Melanie Branditz

- December reports (year end) in packets.
- 2023 budget now posted, started paying bills today.

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading of Ordinances:

Ordinance 23-2009: An Ordinance Amending §34.21 of the Mt. Healthy, Ohio Code of Ordinances. Motion made by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. George. With roll call vote of 7-0, Ordinance 23-2009 adopted.

Ordinance 23-2010: An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Support a Governmental Electricity Aggregation Program with Opt-Out Provisions Pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, Directing the City Manager of the City of Mount Healthy to

Execute a Supply Agreement with Energy Harbor to Continue Its Electric Aggregation Program Beyond April 2023 When the Current Supply Agreement Ends. Motion made by Mrs. Lingo, seconded by Mr. Roetting. With roll call vote of 7-0, Ordinance 23-2010 was adopted for a 24 month period with a renewable option.

First Reading of Ordinances: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Second Reading of Resolutions:

Resolution 23-1198: A Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Make Payments of Taxes Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §321.34. Motion made by Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Parsons. With roll call vote of 7-0, Resolution 23-1198 adopted.

First Reading of Resolutions:

Resolution 23-1199: A Resolution to Approve the Recommendation of the Planning Commission Regarding the Conditional Use Request for the Operation of a Type "A" Group Day Care in the "E" Business District at 1459 Compton Road. A motion to suspend the two reading rule and amend specifications from closing time of 7:00 p.m. to closing time of 12:00 a.m. (midnight) was made by Mr. Roetting, seconded by Mr. Parsons. With roll call vote of 7-0, two reading rule suspended and amending of closing time specification to 12:00 a.m. passed. Motion to adopt as corrected made by Mr. George, seconded by Mrs. Dosa. With roll call vote of 7-0, Resolution 23-1199 adopted.

Resolution 23-1200: A Resolution 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. First reading only.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committees and Compton-Perry intersection will be discussed in work session following February 7th council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reminder to file ethics report by May 15th. Chief Demasi's retirement open house.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Rissell. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



President of Council, Ross Bittner



Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt