

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 21, 2023

The Safety Committee held a public meeting prior to the City Council Meeting to discuss Clovernook Apartments.

The council meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President of Council, Ross Bittner, followed by the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mr. George

A motion to excuse the absent member was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion. Member excused.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Scott Bauer, Finance Director Melanie Branditz, Acting Chief of Police Sgt. Greg Nolte, City Law Director Scott Sollmann

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the February 7, 2023 minutes as printed was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted. Motion to adopt the February 7, 2023 ~~Special Meeting~~ Work Session minutes as printed was made by Mrs. Dosa, seconded by Mrs. Rissel. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Paul Young.

Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting on February 13th.

- Christmas in Mt. Healthy main topic of discussion, new ideas. City Manager handout illustrating ice skating rink. Put committee together to work on this with City Council. Justin Westrich provided costs involved with skating rink.
- Hill & Hamilton Crosswalk – Why was it taken out? Identified as unsafe route to school since no traffic light. Mr. Young will pass along to Business Association.
- Was asked about Compton & Perry, explained Council recommendation.
- July 3rd Event – Pop, water, beer, Boosters will have food for purchase, Historical Society will serve ice cream in the Community Room.

Beautification Committee: Denise Lingo No report

Economic Development Committee: Paul Young No report

Finance Committee: Bob Parsons Called a meeting for Monday, February 27 at 5:00 p.m. in Scotts's office to discuss salary range for new polic chief.

Library: Kisha Dosa All libraries participating in Winter Checkout Challenge through February 24. Adults can sign up on line or in person to earn prizes. Also, the library has limited federal and state tax forms. AARP and United Way are offering tax filing forms at limited library locations, but not Mt. Healthy, for low and moderate income families. Library serving after school snacks Monday-Friday, 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Parks Commission: Kisha Dosa No report

Safety Committee: Joe Roetting Public meeting prior to Council meeting was for discussion of Clovernook Apartments. Provided Council with comparison between Lake of the Woods, Compton Lakes and Clovernook. For police, fire and EMS runs, the breakdown is:

Clovernook	1,037 runs	79%	} These units combined = Clovernook Apartments
Compton Lakes	94 runs	6%	
Lake of the Woods	222 runs	15%	

Fire Department will be conducting occupancy level checks for all bars in Mt. Healthy.

Schools – Cordel George Absent

Streets Committee: Peggy Rissel No report but raised concern with Friday afternoon (before 3:00 p.m.) food pantry traffic. Traffic stopped at Hamilton and Compton, all entrances, exits and alleys were blocked. Can't get around waiting cars because of parked cars. Mrs. Lingo has also had this experience. Has to be some type of traffic control; situation nothing to do with removing four spots at Compton & Perry intersection. Mayor shared that city had same problem when Tikkun Farm started their food pantry, backed up all the way to Assumption. Both Mary and the pastor and his wife from that church are on the WeThrive committee; Mayor will contact them so they can get that process (having distribution at Hilltop) going. Detective Jones spoke to the organizers; the plan was to have it in the parking lot. Now, there are trucks using the parking lot; none are FreeStore, they are big box trucks. Mr. Roetting will transfer to Mrs. Rissel his Streets Committee folder, including Bus Rapid Transit study by SORTA. Hamilton Avenue selected as one of the two Rapid Transit corridors Metro is planning to move on.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

- Mrs. Dosa, Mrs. Rissel, and Mrs. Lingo submitted for appointment to Parks Commission. Will need motion from council later in meeting.
- WeThrive Heel Grant for active transportation. Applying for opportunity to get plan developed (what is needed/what do we want) for walkers and bikers; once that is done, can send out for funding. In very early stages, later stages will involve community.
- Wetlands: Mini grant application submitted by Mayor, thanks to Aaron (Horsley) who did alot of the work. Committee added alot of material. Grant would pay for many of the materials used to clean up Wetlands and trail markers (@ \$8,000). Sounds promising, will find out Friday and let council know.
- CURC: Property in negotiations; initial contract on bank building but expected to fall through. All on hold until we find out what is going on with bank building. If it does go through with other offer, CURC will still offer for other properties. CURC will have to come to CIC requesting extension. Also, CIC request to be fiscal agent for CURC until they get

their federal non-profit status, takes eight months. Can fundraise in the meantime (pledges only; can't collect until receive NFP status).

- Farmers Market will begin in May
- Three out of four police chief interviews done; very impressive candidates; should know on Friday who our new police chief is going to be.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer

- Brief discussion on other appointments. Mayor will go over the appointments that council needs to approve during New Business.
- Police Chief Search: Assessment went really well over the weekend, will share report when process is done. Interesting report, three police chiefs put on assessment, really good process, worth the time and effort.
- Levy: One more piece of legislation to pass to get levy on the ballot. Right now, income from levy would be used for general operating expenses; any interest in making it specific, for the police or roads or fire? If so, will get it prepared for next meeting. We already have something for roads and fire. Council agreed unanimously to make income from tax levy specific (dedicated) for police services. City Manager will get legislation rewritten and then, once approved by council, has to get certified by Council County Auditor. Have plenty of time on this (until August). Council can then choose which they want, general operating expenses or police expenses.
- Flock cameras (two) at Hilltop fully functional.
- Police interviews scheduled for Friday (two open positions); Paul Young and Kisha Dosa both on interview team. Fire positions filled.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Melanie Branditz

- January reports in packet; let her know if any questions.

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading of Ordinances: None

First Reading of Ordinances: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Second Reading of Resolutions: None

First Reading of Resolutions: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Lingo reminded council of Wetlands cleanup on Saturday, March 4th, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor requested motion for reappointment of Jeff Placke to Planning Commission. Motion made by Mrs. Dosa, seconded by Mr. Parsons. Reappointment approved 6-0.
- Mayor requested motion for reappointment of Gary Connor for Civil Services Commission. Motion made by Mr. Roetting, seconded by Mrs. Rissel. Reappointment approved 6-0.

- Mayor requested motion for reappointment of Tom Gulyas and Gordon Wong to BZA. Motion made by Mr. Roetting, seconded by Mr. Parsons. Reappointments approved 6-0.
- Mayor suggested appointing three council members now to the Parks & Recreation Commission and two residents next year, in order to stagger terms, council agreed. Mayor requested motion to appoint Mrs. Dosa, Mrs. Rissel, and Mrs. Lingo. Motion made by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Roetting. Appointments approved 6-0.
- Tree Commission: Tom Davis will be appointed at March 7, 2023 council meeting.
- CRA Housing Council: City Council gets two appointments, Mayor gets two appointments, Planning Commission gets one, and those five vote for another two.
- Tax Incentive Review: City Council gets two appointments, City gets two appointments, and Board of Education gets one appointment; school superintendent has already selected someone and is ready to make that appointment. City Manager will then contact County Commissioners and County Auditor.
- Mr. Bittner shared that the Tree Commission added trees to Elizabeth Street last Fall. About 40% of them have been broken off; will probably survive, but about two feet of the trees have been broken off high. Not rubbed (deer), broken off.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Rissel. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



President of Council, Ross Bittner



Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt