

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 2, 2023

The Economic Development Committee held a public meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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. Young, Mrs. Rissel

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Scott Bauer, Finance Director Melanie Branditz, Police Chief Jerry Deidesheimer

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the April 18, 2023 meeting minutes with two corrections was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Wesley Werner American Legion letter regarding annual Memorial Day parade. Mayor unable to attend, has the banner. Mr. Roetting and Mrs. Lingo will attend.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT

Stephen Williams, 1168 Madeline Circle / Gospel Outreach at Park

Christian rapper, unhappy about what's going on in Mt. Healthy; would like to use the stage in the park on June 24th, 4:00-7:00 p.m., for a concert. Has own sound system, his events usually bring in 200-300 people. Request approved, City Manager directed Mr. Williams to fill out an event permit form. Founder of Cincinnati Gospel, recording label 1st Kingdom Music. Also provided website and Facebook information.

Debbie Lackey, 7615 Joseph Street / Decrepit Roads/Alleys

Continued concerns about alley, business parking, and neighbor parking. Exchange with City Manager inaudible. No public funds available for alleys. Council member recommended she talk with her State legislator.

Jasmine Ramsey, 1289 Landis Lane / Mt. Healthy High School Cheerleading

Mt. Healthy 2010 alumnae. Requesting sponsorship for mini cheerleading camp for 5-12 year olds, needs donation of \$800. Cost of camp is \$20 for Mt. Healthy residents, \$30 for non-residents. Wants to rebuild the cheer culture at Mt. Healthy High School. Hoping to give 50 young athletes an opportunity to attend the camp. Mrs. Dosa asked whether WeThrive is a possibility, Mayor Wolf answered in the affirmative. City Manager Bauer encouraged Ms Ramsey to attend next week's Business Association meeting. The cheerleading camp is scheduled for June 10th & 11th.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Will wait until next meeting to give report.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer

- Distributed Resolution for Liquor License Objection - We are withdrawing objection, Mr. Oliver has agreed to sign the agreement attached to Resolution. May 11th hearing date.
- UDF Update - Traffic counter at opening on Adams. 161 cars/day, as high as 214. After speed bump, dropped to less than 100/day, significant decrease in number of cars going through the alley. Mr. and Mrs. Sterwerf comments barely audible, speed bumps in alley are affecting UDF customers, not the drivers who speed through. Would be helpful to have police stop a few drivers, give citations, word will get out.
- SORTA Legislation - Does not have it for this meeting, is due June 15. Timing okay as long as it is passed at May 16th meeting.
- Fire Truck - Grants are being issued, no way of knowing where Mt. Healthy is in the process.
- Public Works - Seasonal employee starts on Monday. Will help with filling potholes.
- Compton Road Update - Mill off top, put on intermediate layer, full depth repairs and then final coat. Much is weather dependent, hoping for completion in next few weeks.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Jerry Deidesheimer

- Chief Demasi left the police department in really good shape, extremely impressed.
- Citizens Use of Force Review - Urban League observed, wants to use Mt. Healthy as framework for all other municipalities in Hamilton County.
- Parking Issues - 12 cars towed, several vehicles moved. Sergeant Fath drafted a letter and, along with Ordinance, put on trucks in City lots. Some moved, Sgt. Fath working with other owners in getting them moved.
- Personnel - Open spot for one Sergeant position, assessment on May 13th, three officers applied for this promotion. Conditional offer to Christine Nared, offer accepted, hoping to get her on board mid to end of May.
- With school ending, officers can devote more time to traffic enforcement, including violations in alley on Joseph Street.
- Open House on May 18th, agenda complete.
- Met with schools several times over safety issues, cooperative effort working with superintendent and others over matters to give police heads up on things that may cross over from school to law enforcement.
- Personnel - Looking at other scheduling options, different hours.
- Pleasure working with these officers. Squared away, dedicated, smart officers working here in Mt. Healthy.

RESOLUTIONS

Second Reading of Resolutions:

Resolution 23-1204: Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for Police Services and Requesting the Board of Elections Place the Issue on the November 7th, 2023 Ballot and Declaring an Emergency. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Young. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. Resolution 23-1204 was adopted.

First Reading of Resolutions:

Resolution 23-1205: Emergency Resolution Withdrawing the City's Objections to the Transfer of the Ohio Department of Liquor Control License From Pit to Place BBQ, LLC, to Stadium Sports Bar & Grille, LLC, Regarding the Business Located at 8021 Hamilton Avenue and Authorizing Execution of Settlement Agreement. A motion to suspend two reading rule made by Mrs. Dosa, seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Mrs. Lingo, seconded by Mrs. Rissel. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. Resolution 23-1205 was adopted.

ORDINANCES None

OLD BUSINESS:

- On behalf of Aaron Horsley, Mr. Roetting thanked all the volunteers who came out to work at the Wetlands last weekend. Another event this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., as well as Arbor Day plantings. Bring shovel and willingness to work. Should get everything done that needs to be done.
- Mr. Parsons reminded all elected officials to file ethics report by May 15.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mrs. Lingo called a Beautification Committee meeting for 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16th, in Council Chambers prior to the next City Council Meeting. Open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Young. 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