

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 18, 2023

Public meeting of the Mt. Healthy CRA Housing Council was held prior to the council meeting.

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. George, Mr. Young, Mrs. Rissel

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Scott Bauer, Finance Director Melanie Branditz, Fire Chief Steve Lawson

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the June 20, 2023 minutes as printed was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. Minutes adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Police Report, Forest Avenue Renewal Project handout

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Mara Harperink - Member of Historical Society and Business Alliance. Museum's annual fundraiser on August 5th during yard sale. Need donations and help setting up and tearing down. Sales from Mt. Health-opol-y game will bring annual fundraising for Museum from \$2,000 to \$15,000. Contact Mara with any questions. Hoping to finalize by early August and have before Black Friday. / Adams Road resident. Any way to get speed humps on Adams? At least two deer get hit annually and have to be disposed of by police, she was almost hit the other day, multiple car accidents with one car ending up in the ditch across the street from her, and cars use the road for racing at night. City Manager will have put our traffic counter placed on that section of Adams.
- Aaron Horsley - Overview of Forest Avenue Renewal project handout. Items purchased from HEEL grant include water tank for watering trees that were planted, projects for trail marking to give people a sense of direction (Krissy Hollbrook, resident and local painter, volunteered to paint those signs), and bat boxes installed. Also, trail signs, information sign (similar to one in Heritage Park - an information hub), and continuing care of trees. Volunteer Appreciation Picnic in the Fall, flyers at next council meeting.
- Dwight Weese - Tree Commission update. The Commission has narrowed items down from eight to three, working now on budget, trying to get quotes and input from professionals in the area. First item is to address is the hazard reduction of trees in community, second is to implement a more onward going yearly plan to remove and prune tree canopies lining the streets, third is to plant new trees, which includes soil remediation. Trying to pull in partnering capability with Public Works. They could do quite a bit of that work and hours could be leveraged into calculations for 50/50 split; not asking for straight money but the labor as well. Will have proposal at August council meeting. Annual grant, would run for four years.

- Jim Lowenberg - Energy Harbour not willing to budge on net metering. If you are using solar energy for net metering you can not be part of the energy aggregation. Not much we can do at this point, when contract is up encourages city to insist net metering residents be allowed to enroll in aggregation. Has never been an issue with any other aggregation we have had, Energy Harbour relatively new. Not regulated by PUCO, so energy companies can do whatever they want. City's consultant should have been on top of this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification Committee: Denise Lingo No report but flowers look great thanks to Public Works.

Business Partnership/Alliance: Paul Young.

- Was not at this month's meeting, it was sparsely attended. Mt. Healthy-opol-y game and yard sale already covered.

Economic Development Committee: Paul Young

- Had meeting, working on grant money and some other options through Hamilton County.

Finance Committee: Bob Parsons

- Finance Committee meeting on September 19th at 6:00 p.m. tentative; will confirm at August council meeting.

Library: Kisha Dosa No report.

Parks Commission: Kisha Dosa

- Parks Commission meeting on June 29th. Discussion topics included the summer concert series, bringing back park events such as movie night (tentative August 12th, working with Public Works to make sure equipment works) and yoga in the park. Also working on playground equipment and grants. Looking for volunteer to help with grants.

Safety Committee: Joe Roetting No report.

Schools: Cordel George No report. School district enrollment information on website.

Streets Committee: Peggy Rissel No report. Has reached out to police chief regarding disabled cars on the street and they are taken care of quickly.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

- Community development block grant, at end of cycle, started in 2020. The mayor, Paul Young, M/M Feldman and 3CMH (3rd Century Mt. Healthy), met with Hamilton County planning, have clear definition of what needs to be done and have time to do it. CURC working on facade improvement and identified future businesses that can use the help. Getting plan together for street scape. Will have to start thinking about next three years of funding, keep on radar. How do we want to spend that amount of funding from the county?
- 3CMH working out of City Hall 1-2 days/week, facilitates good communication.

- CRA Housing Council - Mayor Wolf, Mr. Bittner and Mr. Roetting are on that council, Jenny Moody agreed to be on board, Mayor officially appointed her; need one more Clovernook resident appointment. Mayor Wolf can stay on the board when he is no longer Mayor since he was appointed by the Planning Commission.
- Money flowing from Hamilton County Public Health lately, money for Tree Commission and backpack grant. Hamilton County received \$10k HEEL grant in our name, hired a firm to conduct Mt. Healthy resident surveys; grant also paid for \$25 Kroger gift cards to give to residents who participated in survey. Result of surveys largely focused on park and need for playground equipment. Since it was identified by residents, sets us up for additional funding. Mayor to call Nicole Key (Hamilton County Public Health), will be in touch with Kisha. Amount of new grant unknown at this time.
- Community Picnic - \$3,500 check received from Hamilton County to be used for school supply drive and other drives for lower income areas. Emmanuel Temple and Trinity will hold the event on August 5 from 2-5 p.m.
- CVS - A lot of residents are asking about CVS closing. Confirmed that back parking lot belongs to the city.
- Hamilton County Commissioners here August 10, Commission on Women and Girls; using council chambers 5-8 pm then reception at Fibonacci. County will be providing everything, including Hamilton County Sheriff detail. We are providing the space.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer

- CVS - Closing on August 2nd. Sent letter to corporate asking for information on intent for building.
- Yoga - Working on six week trial of Yoga in the Park, fine-tuning contract. Will be offered on Monday nights at no cost and on Wednesday night at \$10/person (all \$ goes to instructor). Will start up next week.
- Fire Department promoted three fire captains.
- Police - Christina Nared and Joe Robers doing great. Brad Williams gave two week notice. This gives us two open spots plus detective position which will open up soon.
- July 3 - First one he has attended, went well. Good reports from police department. Mr. Parsons commented it was the best one he's ever seen in Mt. Healthy.
- Clovernook - Meeting with CEO of PURL, Hamilton County, and one of the police sergeants tomorrow.
- West side of Compton finished. Forest-Madison sewer and water repairs will be done this year, road will be done in 2024.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Melanie Branditz

- June financials in packet, we're at the six month point. Please call her with any questions/comments.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Steve Lawson

- Promoted three career firefighter/paramedics to Captains. Had Fire Executives Assn. for assessment, four panel interview. Promoted personnel are Keith Peace, Mitch Wiethorn, and Eric Moreman.
- Congratulations to Emily Jeffries, who passed paramedic test back in May, she is now one of our career medics.
- One career firefighter left for another department, we picked up a candidate who was on our list (Michael Horton); started on July 11th. Starting medic school very soon, will be graduating in August 2024. Other two in medic school graduating this year.

- Fire inspections going smoothly.
- Between April and June responded to 483 EMS calls and 41 fire incidents. If you want copy of report, meet with Steve after tonight's meeting.

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading of Ordinances: None

First Reading of Ordinances:

23-2016 An Ordinance Adding Chapter 101 - *City of Mount Healthy Tree Ordinance* to the Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinances. First reading only.

23-2017 An Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of High Grass and Weeds and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Roetting made a motion to suspend the two reading rule, seconded by Mr. George. Roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. Mr. Parsons made a motion to adopt Ordinance 23-2017, seconded by Mrs. Dosa. Roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. *Ordinance 23-2017 was adopted.*

RESOLUTIONS:

Second Reading of Resolutions: None

First Reading of Resolutions:

23-1211 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. First reading only.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Any update on Hamilton Avenue? Not sure, will check with Justin when he is back from vacation. May be tied into NCH.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Anything further on MetroNow in Mt. Healthy? Are they still planning to come? Already here and in use. Information will be put on web site.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



President of Council, Ross Bittner



Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt