

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 15, 2014

A public hearing was held prior to council meeting regarding the zoning map and amendments for the downtown core business district and assorted zoning code amendments, additions, modifications and deletions. This has been approved by the planning commission and has been forwarded to council for consideration. Mr. Rich Osgood is here to answer any questions. This document can still be changed.

Section (J) Unique domestic animals. 5) Other unique domestic animals as defined, to include potbelly pigs, pigmy goats, small ponies and similar shall be limited to no more than two on any residential lot ~~one~~ one acre or more in area, and one additional unique domestic animal may be permitted on any residential lot over two acres, with shelter setback at ten feet minimum from rear and side lot lines.

City goats and pigmy goats don't need a lot of space and wouldn't require a large lot. They are social animals. Maybe limit the acreage to certain breeds.

It's not so much how much space the animals need as much as does it affect your neighbors. Some neighbors may not want the animals that close to them, so if you have more space that may not become a nuisance.

With the nuisance based approach it becomes after that fact it is a problem and now an enforcement issue rather than an approval issue ahead of time. A nuisance issue becomes harder to enforce. There is always a variance issue. Which anybody who wants something other than what is in the code can go to the board zone and ask for a variance.

Odor travels, it doesn't stay where the animal lives.

An unfixed male goat will leave off a terrible stench and is very strong. You will smell it from a block away. Neutered goats are great.

This is just a starting point for the code and to get clarity there. At least people will know what we allow and don't allow instead of a grey area. The intent was to make them more welcoming.

Overall this is a good document and administration has done a great job and listened to the input of the community. It can't please everybody. Maybe add the conditional use permit section to this.

Mr. Sterwell received a post card that said this meeting started at 7:30pm and now I'm walking in late. What is the deal with the business zoning? Section 7. This began with the comprehensive plan. Identify central business district and limiting some of the uses to be more retail and food service and keep out auto uses, drive-thru uses. Food Service goes with drive-thru. The core business district would be looking to have more sit down type restaurants. The drive-thru is not a permitted use in the core business district. Allows the banks, pharmacies, so the only one you are picking on is food service which devalues his property. An existing drive-thru would be grandfathered in.

There have been a couple of things brought up that need consideration. There will be two readings before this is passed. Any changes will be considered and

put into that, so there is no passing this tonight. This is a public hearing to listen to the concerned citizens.

The public hearing was closed at 7:55pm

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 8:00 pm. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Moody, Ms. Brandy, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Joseph Roetting, Finance Director Jill Claire, Law Director Steve Wolf,

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with several changes being made to the July 1, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Petersen. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jan Adams would like council to consider putting signs up on Maple to state it's a 2 way stop. There needs to be a sign for "No Parking from here to corner" there are vehicles that park right up to the "Stop" sign and it makes it hard see.

Can there be an exception for the Route 127 Longest Yard Sale weekend coming up to have signs and not have the city come and take them down. There was a city vehicle last year that came and through the signs in her driveway.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Ben Bradstetter from Brandstetter Carroll have received all the bids in for the park renovations. The lowest bidder was not able to perform they job because of some pre-qualification issues. The second lowest bidder was Ford Development.

We were hoping that the bids would come in lower and our funds are limited to just the grant money. We will be looking at a quick alternative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership: Bob Parsons; Attended the July 14th Business Association meeting.

- Zone 231 took it upon themselves and took a week and cleaned up Hamilton Avenue in Mt. Healthy. We "Thank" them for that.
- The S.T.A.C.I.E. Foundation is in a "Blood Battle" with other local charities to donate the most blood in Cincinnati! This goes through July. There is also a bowling fundraiser this Friday at Colerain Bowl from 6-9pm. \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. This is to raise money for the S.T.A.C.I.E foundation
- Still looking for volunteers for Celebrate Mt. Healthy.
- Celebrate Mt. Healthy flyers will be going up in 3 different styles. Punt, Pass & Kick is on the city website for signups.

Events/Park: Jamie Wolf; Bingo is 7/16, OH Military Band is 7/24 in the gazebo, 7/25 will be movie night in the park showing Lego Movie, Campout 8/2

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

July 4th fireworks were a success. "Thanks" for all the help to put it together.

July 24th Ohio Military Band will play at the gazebo in the park.

We will need to meet with the park board regarding the bid for park improvements.

The police department is running into personnel issues with having so many part timers they come and go quickly when they get full time employment in another city. We are looking into having Hamilton County covering some of our shortages.

Mrs. Moody would like to see reports from the new software the police department has. We need to be made aware of the crimes and where in the city and times. We should see this on an ongoing basis.

Will be meeting with the Mayor of North College Hill in the next week or so.

Remember to vote on August 5th for the safety levy. This is a renewal and will not increase your taxes. 80% of the budget is funded by this levy.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

None.

LAW DIRECTOR: Steve Wolf

There was a sex offender post card that came to his house that notified him of a sex offender that moved into the new veteran's center on Hamilton Avenue. The facility was contacted and they had already caught the mistake and he never actually moved in.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

June month end reports were in council packets.

Decosimo will be at the August 19th council meeting with the financial review.

Finance committee has called a meeting for the August 19th at 6:30pm.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 14-1708: A second reading of an ordinance submitting an income tax increase from 1.5% to 2.0% to the Mt. Healthy voters and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 14-1709: A first reading of an ordinance adopting a zoning map amendment for "CBD" downtown core business district and assorted zoning code amendments, additions, modifications and deletions.

Ordinance 14-1710: A first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept the bid to sell certain city owned property.

Ordinance 14-1711: A first reading of ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Mt. Healthy school district for the contracting of a school resource officer for the school year 2014-2015. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 14-1712: A first reading of ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 14-1713: A first reading of ordinance assessing costs of household waste and recycling collection and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Ms. Petersen. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 14-1061: A first reading of resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation and declaring it an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wolf would just like to update on WETHrive. The meeting format is to take action against chronic disease. Ways we are looking at doing this is:

1. Walking Club
2. Farmers market
3. Community health awareness
4. Athletic Association back

We do have two years to complete these actions. The new garden at the wetlands dedication will be next Wednesday at 9:00am

Door hangers for the upcoming election need to go out to residents. They are here tonight to pick up before you leave.

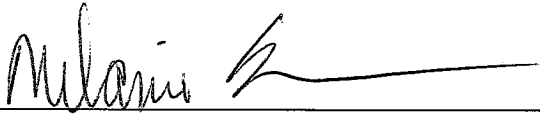
“Thanks” to Paul Young funeral home for the beautiful flowers along their parking lot. It looks really nice.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Brandy. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55P.M.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council