

## **MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2014**

**Public hearing** was held at 7:00pm regarding the Community Development Block Grant. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing and is regarding the application process. The first public hearing was for public input. This will prepare a 3year program for federal fiscal years 2015-2017 and submit the 2015 application to HUD by January 15, 2015. We have until November 3, 2014 to formulate the funding requests and priorities and submit these to Hamilton County Community Development. We followed requirements and had two public meetings, with advanced public notice. They were held at least at least 1 week apart and notice was publicized. There are other projects that we will be working on other than in the park. The request is for \$110,000 for the park and \$35,000 for demo.

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:05 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:**

City Manager Bill Kocher, Law Director Steve Wolf, Finance Director Jill Claire

### **MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the October 7, 2014 as printed was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mt. Healthy Historical Society sent a "Thank You" letter for the planted tree next to their museum. The new one is healthy and beautiful. We appreciate the ongoing support of the City of Mt. Healthy.

Board of Election sent a copy of the notice for the proposed income tax and a copy of how it will appear on the ballot. This will appear as a legal notice in the 10/20 and 10/27 Cincinnati Enquirer.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Steve Harness** would like to announce the retirement of Lori Handler. She will be retiring after this school year May 30, 2015. The search process has started. We will be looking for focus groups for the hiring process. We would like to invite any council members to consider joining in the group.

**Jim Lowenburg**; A little disappointed that the City Hall clock is different than the atomic clock says and would urge that we check the time is correct especially when there is a public hearing. The public hearing was to begin at 7:00 and his clock was set accurate to the atomic clock as of last night and could not imagine it being off. Perhaps council should check cell phones for accurate times. It is disappointing to show up for a public hearing on time and to come in and it is over. As the member of the public it is disturbing and probably illegal so beware of it. Was not at the first public hearing, but did not hear about it until after the meeting. There would have probably been many people at the public hearing with input had they know about the hearing. If the city really wants to involve people they should make more of an effort to involve residents.

Steve Wolf responds: This is a 3 year cycle. There is no law that we have to use an atomic clock. Our clock said 7:00pm and that is when we begin. The 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing was 2 weeks ago and if folks found out about it after the fact there has still not been a single person email, call or stop in to give us their thoughts.

Mr. Kocher - This has been talked about since August at numerous council meetings and it was published in the paper. It is on our website.

**Karen Arnett**; given the amount of public discussion and concern with the disappointment in the last round over the putt putt golf course. That generated a fair amount of response. Very disappointed there wasn't more of an effort to involve the public in this discussion in the next round of grant money. This process does require public input. Community is in the name of the grant and there is no real effort to reach out to the community. There is the nextdoor website for the community and that could have been used to announce the public hearing. There are several council members on the website. There was no announcement on that website making it a major fail to reach out to the community. Very disappointed. Council is our elected officials and it seems like they should go above and beyond to reach out to the community.

**Nicole Chenault**; First time at a meeting. Not a Mt. Healthy resident, but lives on Tag Drive right outside the City. Would anybody be willing to post on the nextdoor website public hearings, council meeting agendas? Has ideas of what could be done with the blighted buildings that could be torn down.

When the city condemns a building the city is not the owner of that property. We work with the Port Authority of Cincinnati and they have the legal matter of doing this. Until the Port gets legal guardianship of the property that is when it can be turned around and sold.

If there is anybody who would like the council meeting agenda emailed to them all they have to do is call at City Hall and we will get you put on an email list to receive them the Friday before the scheduled meeting.

**Kim Cremeans**; Just a thought to get notification of public hearing out there it could be put on the board across the street. It has sat empty since Celebrate. Just an idea.

## **GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**

None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Bargaining: Jamie Wolf;** Before with the bargaining contract the Police Clerk was not part of the FOP and now that position will be. Our Police Clerk will become their own bargaining unit. This contract should be coming to council in November.

**Urban Tree Commission:** The Urban Tree Commission had a tree planting on Maple Avenue this past Saturday. 15 people turned out to volunteer to help plant the trees. Karen Arnett made a donation to the city for the trees along with the city putting in the funds. Most Maple residents were very happy about this process.

**Finance: Jenny Moody;** There was a couple of police levy meetings. The process has been good. The City received the Auditor's Award and that is great to have that recognition of keeping good record keeping with our finances.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting**

Absent

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher**

The work on Martin/Hoffner, Summe/Seward is in process. The paving is scheduled to begin the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. There will be a pre construction meeting tomorrow 10/8

There was an application submitted by Ms. Arnett regarding the National Park Service and the Charles Chaney home site. They have a recognition sign that will be put on Heritage Park recognizing the Charles Chaney home site as a national marker.

All the police levy meetings are complete.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire**

September reports are in council's packets.

## **ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 14-1722:** A second reading of ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**Ordinance 14-1723:** A second reading of ordinance amending section 39.04(A) of the Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinances to raise the municipal income tax credit (reciprocity) from 1.25% (one and one quarter percent) to 1.60% (one and three-fifths percent) contingent on the passage of a November 4, 2014 Mt. Healthy tax increase levy. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**Ordinance 14-1724:** A second reading of ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a cooperative agreement between the City of North College Hill and the City of Mt. Healthy to share expense for the Laboiteaux/Park avenue project. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**Ordinance 14-1725:** A second reading of ordinance amending chapter 153.31 sections 302.1 & 302.4 of the City of Mt. Healthy Property Maintenance Code. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 14-1065:** A second reading of resolution authorizing the city manager to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital improvement and/or local transportation improvements program and to execute contracts as required. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Petersen. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**Resolution 14-1066:** A second reading of resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and Springfield Township regarding additional police protection services. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-1 with one "no" vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

"Thanks" to the administration team to getting ~~out~~ the police levy information sheet out in the mail.

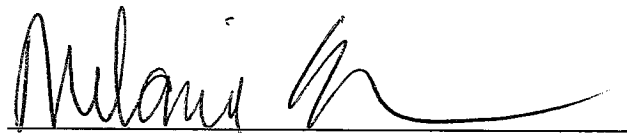
**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**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 7:55P.M.

  
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Ross Bittner, President of Council

  
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Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council