

Monessen town hall addresses economic revitalization

Mayor Ron Mozer hosted the forum to get feedback and share ideas with city residents.

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Mayor Ron Mozer held a town hall Wednesday night to generate ideas for economic development in Monessen, but much of the discussion was dominated by resident complaints.

The mayor conducted a presentation to start the meeting, which included outlining the \$75,000 Local Share Account grant the city received to develop the section of Donner Avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets and the Neighborhood Partnership Program that Monessen is working with Westmoreland Community Action to get off the ground.

“This is our moment to act. It’s our chance to create a Monessen where businesses thrive, families prosper and our streets are filled with hope and opportunity,” Mozer said. “Together we can turn our city into a model of success for our entire Mon Valley.”

But when Mozer turned the discussion over to the residents in attendance, a select few — who routinely criticize the mayor during council meetings — took the opportunity to blast



Mayor Ron Mozer discusses the city’s plans for economic development in Monessen during Wednesday’s town hall. *Michael Richter / Mon Valley Independent*

him about various ongoings in the city, claiming that the mayor has made very little progress in turning the city around since he took office.

A couple residents spoke up in defense of the mayor, including Claudia Miller.

“I’ve seen more progress in the last two years than I have in the last 15, 20 years,” Miller

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