

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Forest Hills

January 6, 2011

The Forest Hills Board of Commissioners (herein also the "Board") held its regular meeting on January 6, 2011 at the City's Offices, 4012 Hillsboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee, at 5:00 p.m. and Mayor Coke presided. Also present were Commissioner Douglas; Matt Foster, City Attorney; Brad Bivens, City Engineer, and Al Deck, City Manager. Others present are shown on the attached sign-in sheet. A copy of the Agenda is also attached to these minutes.

1. Approval of the Minutes: Upon motion by Commissioner Douglas, which was seconded by Mayor Coke, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2010 meeting. 2. Report from the City Manager, Al Deck.

(a.) Update Date: City Hall—site work: The Manager informed the Members that Sunrise Contracting installed the erosion controls at the construction site and expect to mobilize and break ground on Monday the 10th.

(b.) Review Bids for City Hall: The bid opening was held today at 2:00 p.m. and most areas were well represented. R.C. Matthews will review the bids and generate a bid tabulation next week.

(c.) Update on Open Matters: Only two new items and both are represented on the agenda for this meeting: signage within the City and a revised website.

(d.) Resolution 2009-04 – - Street Cut Permits, Adjust Fee & Bond: Mr. Deck reported that a previous meeting with the City Attorney, Metro Councilman Carter Todd, and Toby Compton of Mayor Dean's office, has produced results. For the first time Metro Public Works notified the Forest Hills office about obtaining a permit to cut a City street. The Fee Resolution is out of date, as is amount of bond required for a street cut permit. Mr. Deck recommended increasing the bond amount from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

(e.) Reduced Signage & Neighborhood Watch Signs: Mr. Joe Blank of 6018 Sherwood Court and other representatives requested approval to place two neighborhood watch sign on their street. They stated that the neighbors have an existing email communications system and are a close knit group. The Members agreed to allow two signs, conditioned on the neighbors purchasing and using the new style post the City used on Kingsbury. Commissioner Douglas offered a motion to approve the request, which was seconded by Mayor Coke and the Members unanimously voted to approve the installation of two neighborhood watch signs.

3. Report from the City Attorney, Matt Foster:

(a.) Update on Open Matters: Mr. Foster informed the members, that following the last meeting with Metro officials, the group agreed to meet on a regular basis, in an attempt to resolve outstanding issues regarding courts, streets / right-of-ways, and franchise fees. The next meeting will be the end of January.

(b.) Mr. Foster also informed the Members he delivered notice to Mr. Batsuk, owner of the failed lot at 1230 Cliftee Drive, requiring the property be cleared of all building material and properly maintained.

(c.) The Attorney is also reviewing all existing contracts for mowing and maintenance of public property within the City. He will report his findings in the next meeting.

4. City Engineer, Brad Bivens:

(a.) Update on Culvert & Paving Project: Mr. Bivens stated the culvert replacement is almost complete and weather permitting. Paving could be completed within a week. Mr. Bivens also requested that the City remove Arco from the paving list this year. They inadvertently missed a culvert on Arco which needs to be replaced. He

suggested moving the Arco project to the next paving project.

(b.) The speed study for Hillsboro Pike is scheduled for the last two weeks of January, weather permitting.

(c.) The Engineer requested formal approval of the repair of the asphalt ditch on Balbade. Upon motion by Commissioner Douglas, which was seconded by Mayor Coke, the Members unanimously voted to approve the motion for repair of the broken sections of asphalt paving within the ditch on Balbade Drive.

5. Old Business:

(a.) Percy Priest School Library Expansion: After receiving a request in the December 16th meeting for funding of the expansion of the library, the Members resumed deliberation of this topic. The PTO of Percy Priest School has undertaken a fundraising project of approximately \$800,000. The funding is expected as follows: \$300,000 to be donated by the parent over the next three years; a matching \$300,000 donation from the city of Forest Hills, the balance from the PTO. Upon motion by Commissioner Douglas, which was seconded by Mayor Coke, the Members unanimously voted to approve the donate of \$300,000 to the Percy Priest Library Expansion Project, conditioned on the project going forward this year. Beginning the project this year will entail commitments from parents and interested residents within the next few months.

6. New Business:

(a.) Drainage Issue–Hemingway & Tyne: Possible drainage easement: The City Manager reviewed the history of the drainage problems in this area. Following the May 2010 flood residents attended the Board of Commissioners meeting and asked for assistance in controlling the storm water situation. Mr. Deck requested the Board's permission to enter into discussions with the property owners and discuss the possibility of a drainage easement in the area. The Members agreed.

7. Citizens Comments: Ms. Gloria Mentor of 1319 Cromwell spoke about two issues. First were concerns about the city donating funds to support the school. The second issue was the lack of attention to signage around the city.

There being no further matters to be discussed and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.