

MINUTES OF MEETING
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF FOREST HILLS
FEBRUARY 16, 2012

The Forest Hills Board of Commissioners (herein also the “Board”) held its regular meeting on February 16, 2012 at the City’s Offices, 6300 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, Tennessee, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Lovell presided and called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioner Lanson Hyde; City Attorney Matt Foster; City Engineer Brad Bivens; 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: Commissioner Hyde offered a motion to approve the February 2, 2012 minutes, and Vice Mayor Lovell seconded the motion and the Members unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

2. Report from the City Manager Al Deck:

a. Update---Cherry Trees & Landscaping Project: TurfCare began planting trees Monday the 13th and is almost complete. The City Hall landscape work will immediately follow the tree planting.

b. Update---Kingsbury Speed Humps: The contractor is grinding the speed humps down by approximately 1 ½ inches. As soon as the weather is warm enough to obtain asphalt, the sub-contractor will overlay with 1 ½ inches of topping and bring the speed humps back to the original height of 3 inches.

c. Approval of the January 2012 Financial Statements: Upon motion by Commissioner Hyde, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Lovell, the Members unanimously voted to approve the January 2012 Financial Statements.

d. City's Retirement Plan---Defined Contribution Plan: The City Manager reviewed the Board's previous action to withdraw from the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, and establish a defined contribution plan, using the existing 457b plan with the International City Managers Association (ICMA). The State of Tennessee approved an agreement allowing all municipalities to enroll in the State's defined contribution plan. By joining the State's plan, both cities and employees will be able to take advantage of the economies of scale of a larger group and greatly reduce the cost of investing for their future. The Members asked the City Manager to add the matter to the March 1 agenda.

3. Report from the City Attorney Matt Foster:

a. Open Matters: Mr. Foster requested this item be deferred.

b. Proposed Ordinance 2012-197, Amending the Municipal Code: Mr. Foster stated that this matter passed on first reading; however, it needs additional attention and requested that second and final reading be deferred.

c. Proposed Ordinance 2012-198, Licensing of Trash and Recycling Companies: The City Attorney and Members discussed this matter and a motion was offered by Commissioner Hyde to adopt on first reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lovell and Ordinance 2012-198 was approved on first reading.

d. Model use Policy for City Hall: Mr. Foster offered a list of questions and hypothetical situations which he posed to the Members and City Manager. From the discussion the City Attorney noted the comments and suggestions, will prepare a draft of a Use Policy for City Hall, and present the Policy in a future meeting.

4. Report from the City Engineer Brad Bivens:

a. Update of Hillsboro Signage: Mr. Bivens discussed the Hillsboro signage project with Lojac Construction Co, (an experienced installer of signage within Tennessee Department of Transportation rights-of-way) and hopes to use their experience for installation of the signpost. He also intends to locate another vendor to provide a post that meets T.D.O.T.'s requirements for a break-away device. The remaining matter will be matching the color of the existing posts and coating the back of the signs, in order to avoid the galvanized appearance.

b. Update on Ridgewood Landslide: Mr. Bivens informed the members that the project is approximately 85% complete. During the work, the City discovered the two cross-street culverts are rusted and will eventually need to be replaced. The City authorized replacement now rather than delay the inevitable work and have to cut the newly paved street to do it at a later date.

c. Update on Cliftee Drive: The project is complete.

d. Open matters: Mr. Bivens commented on the proposed changes in the Zoning Map.

5. New business:

a. Proposed Development of the Eddie Arnold Property: Vice Mayor Lovell reported on the Metro public meeting regarding this proposed project. The developer is requesting the property be rezoned from one-acre lots to a much higher density. Metro is scheduled to hear this matter next month. The Board plans to stay in close contact with the City of Oak Hill and Metro Council Members.

b. Proposed Installation of a Gas Line by Piedmont Gas: Recently Piedmont Gas released a statement that it plans to install a new, larger gas line, which will extend 12 miles and cross Forest Hills. The initial plan is to use the existing TVA easement, to a point where it turns south toward Old Hickory Blvd. That point lies along Kingsbury Dr. within the City of Forest Hills. From there the proposed line will go cross-country thru Forest Hills, to Chickering Road. The path will cross forested land and some of the City's most beautiful pastoral properties. The Members agreed to determine the best method to inform the residents and seek a more acceptable route than the initial plan proposed by Piedmont.

Public Comments: No public comment was offered

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

Recorder

Vice Mayor