

MINUTES OF MEETING
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF FOREST HILLS

MARCH 15, 2012

The Forest Hills Board of Commissioners (herein also the “Board”) held its regular meeting on March 15, 2012 at the City’s Offices, 6300 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, Tennessee, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Bill Coke presided and called the meeting to order. Also present were Vice Mayor John Lovell, Commissioner Lanson Hyde; 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: Vice Mayor Lovell offered a motion to approve the March 1, 2012 minutes, and Commissioner Hyde seconded the motion and the Members unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

2. Report from the City Manager Al Deck:

a. Approval of the financial Statements: Vice Mayor Lovell offered a motion to approve the financial statements for February. Commissioner Hyde seconded the motion and the financial statements were unanimously approved.

b. Discussion of Safe Route Grant: The City Manager explained his recent conversations with representatives of the Grant program and inquiry about using a multi-purpose path rather just a sidewalk. The suggestion was to tie the existing Bike Path to the SafeRoute Program, then expand the width to eight feet to allow both foot traffic and bikes. The City Engineer reviewed the newly proposed route across the front of the school property, crossing the street past the Otterwood entrance and extending the path to the corner of Otter Creek and Ashland Drive. Mr. Bivens referred to the previous bike path along Otter Creek and the soggy conditions which required two feet of rip rap to

create a solid foundation for the path. Mr. Bivens expects to encounter those same conditions with this project. The rough budget is \$467,340, with an \$85,000 contingency. The grant is a maximum of \$250,000 and could be less. With that disclaimer, the members decided to pursue the grant, with a motion by Vice Mayor Lovell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hyde.

c. Ordinance 2012-199 Amending the Municipal Code to Adopt the 2003 International Building Code. This is the second and final reading and Commissioner Hyde made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-199 on second and final reading. Vice Mayor Lovell seconded the motion and the Members unanimously voted to approve the Amendment.

d. Ordinance 2012-200 Amend Title 1, Chapter 103 of the Municipal Code, regarding Regular Meetings of the Board of Commissioners. Ordinance 2012-200 proposes the Board of Commissioners revert to meeting once per month. In June 2006, the Members changed from one meeting to two per month, due to an increased work load. The City has completed many of the long term planning items and the pace is slower than in the past. The City Manager offered the Ordinance and recommended eliminating the meeting on the first Thursday each month and return to a single meeting on the 3rd Thursday, which coincides with the regular Planning Commission date. Following a discussion the members agree and Commissioner Hyde offered a motion to amend the Ordinance and return to a single meet per month. Vice Mayor Lovell seconded the motion and the Board voted to approve on first reading.

e. The City Manager provided an update on the Ridgewood landslide. The contractor should complete the project within the next two weeks. The project had portions which exceeded the parameters of the job and others were less extensive than anticipated. The verdict is still out on the overall cost, but the end is in sight. In the next meeting, the Manager will offer a recommended paving schedule for the entire neighborhood, as soon as the Ridgewood project is complete.

3. New Business: Mr. Clay Jackson, representing the Cultural & Natural Resources Committee, presented a proposed beautification plan for the Metro Water Pump Station at the corner of Hillsboro and S. Stanford Drive. The plan featured screening along Stanford by using five Viburnum. The corners of the property will be planted with groundcover (I. E. Liriope) and covered river stone. The Members agreed with the proposal and found the \$4,590 budget acceptable. Upon motion by Vice Mayor Lovell and a second by Commissioner Hyde, the Members unanimously voted to approve the plan as presented and \$4,950 for The Parke Company to implement the plan.

Public Comments: Mr. Chapman suggested if the city pursues a multi-use path in front of the school that they not use asphalt in that area. He also suggested that in changing to one meeting per month the city post information as early as possible prior to the meeting.

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

Recorder

Mayor