

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

January 15, 2015

The Forest Hills Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) held its regular monthly meeting on January 15, 2015 at City Hall, 6300 Hillsboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Vice-Mayor Lanson Hyde presided. Also present were Commissioner Henry Trost, City Attorney, Matt Foster, City Engineer, Brad Bivens, and City Manager, Amanda Deaton-Moyer. Others present are shown on the attached sign-in sheet. A copy of the Agenda is attached to these minutes.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 18, 2014 Meeting.** Commissioner Trost motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Vice-Mayor seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December, 18 2014 meeting.
- 2. Approval of Financial Statements from December 2014.** Vice Mayor Hyde motioned to approve the December financial statements as submitted. Commissioner Trost seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 3. Report from City Manager, Amanda Deaton-Moyer.**

Update on Drainage Projects: Mrs. Deaton-Moyer explained that there were several projects going on in the City currently of which they should be aware. A large culvert and drainage ditch had been jettied and repaired on Lynnwood Blvd. The ditch line along the Hillsboro entrance to Kingsbury Drive had been repaired. Over time, the ditch had shallowed pouring storm water into resident yards. A ditch line on the hollow of Cromwell had begun encroaching on the road causing standing water and ice. This was to be repaired. The next project was on Chickering Court where concrete pipe was beginning to degrade within the right of way. This type of infrastructure was not recommended by the City. She said that they would be removing the structure and opening it up to natural ditch. It was expected that this would improve the safety of the area and quality of storm water discharge. The next project would be on Fredricksburg at the corner of Tyne where a driveway was puckering due to a rusted culvert. The rusted culvert would be an easy fix. The crew would be updating the Tyne headwall while they were in the area. The last project on the list was on Montcrest where a culvert was rusting out and needed attention. The road would need to be repaired after the work. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer concluded that these projects were on going throughout the winter and she would bring updates as needed.

- 4. Report from City Attorney, Matt Foster**
 - a.) First Reading: An Ordinance 2015-220 to amend the Title 12, Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code regarding demolitions, transportation of building and**

structures, and land disturbance. Mr. Foster walked the Board through the changes. To be permitted for demolition, the applicant would have to provide the following: A copy of the contract for demolition that included contract price, and method of demolition, the contractors name and license number, and the time of performance; insurance and a bond, letter of credit or other liquidated security in the amount of the contract guaranteeing performance. The current code allowed for a letter of credit only and was required to guarantee performance of the contracts and maintenance of lawns for three years after the demolition.

The new lawn maintenance requirement was discussed. The revision allowed the City Manager to have discretion to require a maintenance bond of no more than \$5,000. Commissioner Trost asked about the dollar amount and how discretion would be used. Mr. Foster gave the example of an out-of-state owner who did not have a present interest in the property. This would be when a maintenance bond was required. He reminded the Board that the City now had another remedy for overgrown lots through the municipal court. Vice-Mayor Hyde asked Mrs. Deaton-Moyer if she was comfortable with this discretion. She cited a few examples of when bonds would and would not be applicable. She felt the discretion was an effective tool. Commissioner Trost noted that the opening sentence would tie the discretion to intention to develop. It may invite demolition without development activity as well. Vice-Mayor Hyde and Commissioner Trost agreed it could be removed. Mr. Foster said he would have it edited for second reading.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Trost motioned for approval on first reading. Vice-Mayor Hyde seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

5. **Bike Path- Landing Pad.** Mrs. Deaton-Moyer provided the Board with drawings from Hodgson and Douglas. They included a bench-like area and a stone wall structure much like the other entry points to the City. Vice-Mayor Hyde said he generally liked the plan and asked how Commissioner Trost felt. He said he liked the idea and was pleased that it was of similar scale to the other entrances across the City. Vice-Mayor Hyde said that he was not comfortable voting on it without Mayor Lovell present, but that he was comfortable enough to go ahead and get some estimates on cost. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer said she would do so.

6. **Citizen Comments.** Vice-Mayor Hyde asked if there were resident who wish to speak.

Julie Little of 1428 Old Hickory Blvd. spoke. She said she was a new resident and there to learn and introduce herself. She told the Board about herself and said she was enjoying the area so far. Vice-Mayor Hyde welcomed her.

Clay Jackson of 5819 Hillsboro Pike spoke. He thanked and commended the Board for working on the landing pad and making an effort to keep Forest Hills beautiful.

7. The meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Recorder