

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

**February 19, 2015**

The Forest Hills Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) held its regular monthly meeting on February 19, 2015 at City Hall, 6300 Hillsboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Mayor John Lovell presided. Also present were Vice-Mayor Lanson Hyde, 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 January 15, 2015 Meeting.** Vice-Mayor Hyde motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Trost seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 meeting.
- 2. Approval of Financial Statements from January 2015.** Vice-Mayor Hyde motioned to approve the January financial statements as submitted. Commissioner Trost seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 3. Report from City Manager, Amanda Deaton-Moyer.**
  - a.) Website Design Update.** Mrs. Deaton-Moyer showed the Board the old website and compared to the updated site. She walked them through the new design, highlighting some of the newer modules. She demonstrated the building permits portion of the site that included a flowchart for obtaining permits and applying to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The redesigned site had a cleaner and crisper look compared to the current version. She said the site had been reviewed and edited several times, and she welcomed the Board’s review and edits. Commissioner Trost asked if the link could be sent to the Board. She agreed. The Board was complimentary of the redesign.
  - b.) Google Fiber Update.** Mrs. Deaton-Moyer said she and Mr. Foster had a conference call with Google representatives earlier that afternoon. Google reported that they were still on track to implement the fiber infrastructure in Forest Hills and would return in March for specific permitting information. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer described the infrastructure Google would use. Whenever possible, they would use the NES poles to attach fiber. Larger “huts” would serve approximately 20,000 residents that would run to cabinets similar to the ones AT&T used. From the cabinets, fiber would run to homes. Permitting would be necessary for road boring and placement of cabinets. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer asked if there were plans to place a hut, which would be a larger brick building, in Forest Hills and they said it was not in the current plan. Vice-Mayor Hyde emphasized that while supporting the infrastructure implementation was important, the placement of a hut in Forest Hills was not preferred.
  - c.) Update on Snow and Ice Event from February 15-19.** Mrs. Deaton-Moyer reported that salt and scraping trucks were deployed around 12:30 AM on Monday morning. They had six trucks on the road for most of the

event. The ice was particularly difficult to remove because temperatures did not rise above freezing for most of the week and ice was up to five inches thick in some places. While salt was deployed, it was not as effective when temperatures dropped below 18 degrees. Many of the hills were very shaded so the sun did not warm them as quickly as other places in the City. She detailed the call volume and locations of problem areas for each ice day. Mayor Lovell asked if she felt that the contractor was responsive enough before the storm hit. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer said that they salted all the streets more than an hour before ice began to fall. She added that she called Metro on Tuesday and asked if they would take care of the collector streets such as Tyne, Otter Creek, Kingsbury, and Cromwell. The Metro reaction was simply that they would be put on a list.

#### **4. Report from City Attorney, Matt Foster**

- a.) **Second 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 reminded the Board of the changes requested and made since the last reading. He removed one of requirements for placing a maintenance bond on demolitions. Vice-Mayor Hyde said that this helped make the maintenance bond the default operation as opposed to other way around. After brief discussion Commissioner Trost motioned to approve the ordinance on second reading, Vice-Mayor Hyde seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

#### **5. Report from City Engineer, Brad Bivens**

- a.) **Bike Path- Landing Pad.** Mr. Bivens told the Board that he had received construction drawings from Hodgson and Douglas. He had some reservations about the drainage but he and Joe were working through those issues. Mr. Bivens said the City would be in a position to begin bidding the process as soon as the easement was finalized. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer provided an update on the easement: The City had offered Strong Tower Bible Church \$4,000 at their request. Once drawn-up, the Church elders determined they wanted enough to repave their parking lot, which they estimated was in the area of \$11,000. Mayor Lovell told the Board that they could offer no more than the market appraised value. He added that the City had offered Engineering services and use of contracts throughout the process. Mayor Lovell said that he and Mrs. Deaton-Moyer would be meeting with the Elders in the following weeks to work out a compromise. Vice-Mayor Hyde said he supported the effort and told Mayor Lovell that the Board would be behind using all allowable means to negotiate the easement. Commissioner Trost concurred.
- b.) **Recommended Road Maintenance.** Mr. Bivens provided the Board a memo (attached to these minutes herein) that provided the reasoning behind this year's Capital plan for roads. Mr. Bivens described the advantages of maintenance and repair to roads over time versus letting roads decay and then undercut and overlay them with more asphalt. Mr. Bivens showed the Board that 83% of the roads were in good or excellent condition and were prime for maintenance. Implementing rejuvenator, infrared repair, and a handful of other measures could improve the life of

the roads significantly. The cost of repairing/rejuvenating a road was about \$14,000 per mile compared to about \$149,000 per mile of overlay. Maintenance would not replace the need for paving, but it would certainly slow down the paving cycle. Mr. Bivens said that Metro Nashville had been using this technique for over a decade and had conducted field research to determine the best products and processes. Mr. Bivens said that Metro used a product called reclamite that had been used in Forest Hills on the bike path and tested on General Forrest Court. Showing pictures of the side by side use vs nonuse of the product, Mr. Bivens demonstrated the effectiveness. Vice-Mayor Hyde asked if a spreadsheet could be created to determine the “sweet spot” of when maintenance was required for street. Mr. Bivens said that could be done but generally speaking it was about 3-5 years after a road was paved. Mr. Bivens gave the Board a few more examples as detailed in his memo. Mayor Lovell told Mr. Bivens that this was well-thought-out and would save the City dollars in longterm.

6. **Use of City Hall.** Mayor Lovell made the suggestion that City Hall could be used for quarterly meetings that would be of value to residents. He briefly suggested items like sessions on stormwater, history, gardening, safety etc. He asked Commissioner Trost if the Cultural and Natural Resources committee would be willing to undertake this project. Commissioner Trost said the committee had discussed it but he wasn't sure it had received much traction. He would bring it up at the next meeting.
7. **Update on Meeting with State Officials.** Mayor Lovell said that the Board of Commissioners had met with Senator Dickerson and Speaker Harwell regarding possible Hall Tax legislation. While both seemed sympathetic to Forest Hills' plight, no promises were made to assist the City. The Board intended to meet with Representative Sargent, Chairman of the House finance committee, before the next Board meeting.
8. **Citizen Comments.** Mayor Lovell asked if there were residents who wished to speak.  
  
Matthew Hyde spoke. He congratulated the Board on the pathway in front of the Granny White Market.
9. **The meeting was adjourned.**

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Mayor

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Recorder