

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

April 16, 2015

The Forest Hills Board of Commissioners (the "Board") held its regular monthly meeting on April 16, 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, 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 March 12, 2015 Meeting.** Commissioner Trost motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Vice-Mayor Hyde seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March meeting.
2. **Approval of Financial Statements from March, 2015.** Vice-Mayor Hyde motioned to approve the February financial statements as submitted. Commissioner Trost seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. **Report from City Manager, Amanda Deaton-Moyer.**
 - a.) **Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, Review and Discussion.** Mrs. Deaton-Moyer provided the Board with a preliminary copy of the 2016 Budget. She reviewed some of the highlights of budget including conservative estimates in revenues, and reductions in general government expenditures. After the short summary, Mr. Hyde said he was most interested in the paving budget and would be taking a close look at those numbers. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer stated that the budget had to go through two official readings and a public hearing. The first reading would take place in May.
4. **Report from the City Attorney, Matt Foster.**
 - a.) **Proposed Commercial Building at Bethel World Outreach.** Mr. Foster briefly recapped Bethel's initial proposal of a 36,000 square foot, three-story, office building to be located on Granny White Pike. The application had been deferred to May 7th, 2015. Representatives from Bethel had been working with the Community and Metro to look harder at other options. There was a community meeting scheduled that evening at Forest Hills Methodist Church to discuss the development. Mr. Foster said that he felt that Metro Nashville was also reexamining their initial opinion of the development. Vice-Mayor Hyde said he planned to attend the Community Meeting.
5. **Remarks from Charles Robert Bone, Mayoral Candidate.** Mr. Bone gave a brief biography of himself: born in Hendersonville, attended Rhodes College, attend Vanderbilt Law School, and worked as General Council for the new Music City Center. He discussed his caution Nashville's regarding Nashville's economic development. While he was excited development downtown bring dollars to Nashville, he felt that the reinvestment of those dollars needed to be intentional, and across Nashville, not just downtown. Mayor Lovell gave Mr. Bone a synopsis of Forest Hills and its past and present relationships with Metro.
6. **New Business**
 - a.) **Resolution 2015-01 to Donate Funds to the Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee.** Mrs. Deaton-Moyer read the caption of the Resolution (attached herein). The donation was for \$500. Mayor Lovell stated that this had been discussed at the Tennessee Mayor's Caucus. It was a consensus opinion that something needed to be done about transit in middle Tennessee and the Transit Alliance is committed to researching and making recommendations. *Hearing no other discussion Mayor Lovell motioned to approve the*

resolution. Commissioner Trost seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b.) Resolution 2015-02 to Donate funds the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer read the caption of the Resolution (attached herein). The donation was for \$500. Vice-Mayor Hyde stated that a small four-acre property in the Bellevue area had been saved from development. While small, the property had significant natural value as there was a cave on the property. While the land had been saved, the Foundation needed help paying for loan on the purchase. Vice-Mayor Hyde added that he felt that their goals on preservation and greenway connectivity closely aligned with Forest Hills' goals. *Hearing no other discussion Vice-Mayor Hyde motioned to approve the resolution. Commissioner Trost seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

7. Report from the Cultural and Natural Resources Committee. Commissioner Trost, the former chair of the committee, updated the Board. He said that Kay Simmons had become the chair. Former Mayor Coke agreed to stay on the committee as well. They had begun planning an education series the first of which was the related to small parcels and the land trust. That meeting was planned for April 28 at City Hall and at Kay Simmon's house on May 5. Other topics in the educational series included storm water solutions and the emerald ash-borer. Mayor Lovell asked how this would be advertised. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer responded that there were posters, email blasts, and flyers handed out to residents.

8. Citizens Comments.

a.) Mr. Andy Lee of 1242 Carl Seyfert Memorial Drive asked why the City cared about the Bethel Outreach Expansion. Vice-Mayor Hyde responded that when the City did a SWOT analysis, one of the threats is always development near and around Forest Hills. We worked tirelessly to save Kellytown from development. Another threat was on Harding, but that had been staved-off due to the new Fire Station. The City became involved with the Voce Development and to some extent the move toward commercialism in Oak Hill. In the case of Bethel, there is a proposed three-story office building proposed in a residential area. Vice-Mayor Hyde added, "Just because something can be done, doesn't mean it is a good idea."

9. The meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Recorder