

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

August 20, 2015

The Forest Hills Board of Commissioners (the "Board") held its regular monthly meeting on August 20, 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 July 16, 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 July meeting.
2. **Approval of Financial Statements from July, 2015.** Commissioner Trost motioned to approve the July financial statements as submitted. Vice-Mayor Hyde seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. **Report from City Manager, Amanda Deaton-Moyer.**
 - a.) **Snow Removal Bid: Contract Award.** Mrs. Deaton-Moyer stated that the City had two bids: Mid Tenn Erosion and Johnson Lawn and Landscaping. She provided tabulation sheets that compared the bids and showed Johnson, the incumbent contractor, as the lower bid in all categories. There was discussion about this years' experiences regarding billing and accountability. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer said that she wrote into the bid a requirement to use mobile tracking applications. Mr. Johnson said he would be using "Life 360," application with which Mrs. Deaton-Moyer had experimented. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer said she would also be requiring daily accounting sheets during winter events. There was brief discussion about documentation and accountability. Vice-Mayor Hyde motioned to award the snow removal contract to Johnson Lawn and Landscaping. Commissioner Trost seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - b.) **Crime Report Update.** Mrs. Deaton-Moyer delivered a report of the crime activity in Forest Hills. Since January 2015, seven car break-ins or home break-ins had occurred. They had primarily occurred east of Hillsboro Road. They had been occurring monthly and were generally crimes of convenience. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer detailed some of the more recent situations. Vice-Mayor Hyde stated that the trend was news worthy and thought it needed to be communicated properly. There was discussion about the best way to communicate this type of information. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer said she would work on a communication piece.
 - c.) **Parking in the Right of Way at Percy Priest Elementary.** Mrs. Deaton-Moyer updated the Board on the progress with informing parents about parking procedures during school drop-off and pick-up times. She had purchased signs and cones and placed them in troubled areas. She had discussed the problem with the Principal, Melinda Williams and the two homeowners associations effected, Otterwood and Hounds Run. They had all agreed to sign placement and informing their residents/parents. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer said that this approach had largely been effective, but a few parents and associated complainants were taking up a good deal of her time.
 - d.) **Cultural and Natural Resources Committee Meeting update.** The Cultural and Natural Resources Committee (CNRC) had met the previous evening. The majority of the conversation regarded planting more trees along Hillsboro Pike. Hodgson and Douglas said they would do a gap analysis and recommend some areas for planting. They had discussed their next information session which would feature the subjects of invasive plant

control and invasive diseases like the emerald ash borer. The following information was planned to feature watersheds located in Forest Hills. They also talked about replacing traffic signs with the more expensive, steel posts like the road signs. Mr. Hyde asked how much that would cost. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer said the special posts were about \$400 per post, but she felt that if they were replaced as the other ones were broken, it would be doable. Next the CNRC heard a report from Bill Coke regarding the restoration of the Compton Cemetery located off of Tyne Blvd. Mr. Coke also provided a brief update on Kellytown, stating that they were waiting to hear the report from the Archeologists who had completed their study on the property.

4. Engineer's report.

- a.) **Bikeway Crossing at Granny White Pike- Update.** Mr. Foster stated that the Elders of the Church were meeting that evening. The City should know the outcome of their proposal to purchase the right-of-way by the next day.
- b.) **Bikeway along Tyne.** Mrs. Deaton-Moyer stated that she, Brad Bivens and Vice-Mayor Hyde had walked the length of the Tyne portion to visualize the path. The next step would be to inform the effected residents and survey the property. Mr. Bivens said the survey would take around three weeks and would cost just under \$10,000. With the Board's approval, Mrs. Deaton-Moyer said she would send letters and initiate the survey. The Board discussed and agreed with this course of action.

5. Other

- a.) Vice-Mayor Hyde discussed the complaints he had received about the new construction located at 2400 Tyne. He said that many of those houses were being torn down and rebuilt with massive homes. Several were asking for variances. Mayor Lovell concurred that he had heard the same complaints at the two recent Board of Zoning Appeals meetings. Vice-Mayor Hyde said that the Board needed to be empowered to enforce the Code and not allow variances in this area without hardship. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer stated that one part of the code in which developers in that area were taking advantage was the generous impervious surface ratios incentive for using pervious pavers. This could be made more restrictive. The Board asked her to explore that option further. Mr. Hyde also asked Mrs. Deaton-Moyer to keep the Board abreast of any requested variances in that portion of the City.
- b.) **Granny White Market.** The City had been made aware earlier in the day that the current proprietor of the Granny White Market had been termed on his lease and a new tenant would take his place. Mrs. Deaton-Moyer said she had talked to Reese Smith who had confirmed the rumor and stated that Twice Daily's, a locally owned chain would be the new tenant. The Board discussed the specific restrictions on the lot and the best way to convey that to the new tenants.

6. Citizens Comments. There were none

7. The meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Recorder