

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE

JANUARY 25, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade convened at City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville, Tennessee on Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Those present were: Mayor George Crook, Vice Mayor Thomas Corcoran, Commissioner Gray Thornburg, City Manager and Treasurer Beth Reardon, City Recorder Dorothy Wheeler, City Building Official Terry Franklin, Public Works Superintendent George Bartlett, Chief of Police Timothy Eads, and City Attorney Robert S. Patterson. Also present was Patricia Head Moskal, attorney with the law firm of Boulton, Cummings, Connors & Berry, PLC.

Mayor Crook presided over and called the meeting to order. Mayor Crook explained that it was customary at the meetings of the Commissioners to open the meeting with a public hearing in which the Commissioners would be pleased to hear from anyone present desiring to speak. No one requested recognition and, accordingly, Mayor Crook closed the public hearing.

Mayor Crook asked for consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Commissioners' Meeting held on December 20, 2006. Vice Mayor Corcoran moved for approval of the Minutes. Commissioner Thornburg seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion was

unanimously approved. Mayor Crook asked for consideration of the Minutes of the Special Commissioners' Meeting held on December 29, 2006. Vice Mayor Corcoran moved for approval of the Minutes. Commissioner Thornburg seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Crook asked for a Public Works update on the request for removal of the small traffic calming islands on Lynnwood Boulevard at Millrace Lane and Webster Lane. Mrs. Reardon reported that a meeting was held with the City's traffic engineer that had prepared the earlier traffic study on Lynnwood Boulevard, and she expected to receive the traffic engineer's further recommendation regarding the Lynnwood Boulevard traffic calming islands by next month's meeting. Mrs. Reardon also reported that a meeting was held with the City's traffic engineer regarding the Commissioners' request at last month's meeting for the traffic engineer to conduct a study and submit a recommendation regarding the traffic volume problem on Herbert Place.

Mayor Crook then recognized Police Chief Eads for his Public Safety report. Chief Eads explained the summary report, which had been distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. It was noted in the summary report that the Police Department had issued 205 traffic citations during the month of December. There were five traffic accidents, none of which

involved personal injuries. There were 17 arrests, 50 alarm calls for service, no burglaries, and four other incidents reported for the month.

Chief Eads then presented his report regarding the bids received for the purchase of new police vehicles and for the purchase and installation of equipment for the new vehicles, which report was distributed at the meeting. Chief Eads presented the four bids that were received for the purchase of the vehicles, and he recommended that the City accept the bid by Cardinal Chrysler Dodge for the purchase of 2007 Dodge Chargers at the bid price of \$20,440.16 per vehicle, including delivery. Chief Eads presented the four vehicle equipment and installation bids that were received, and he recommended that the City accept the low bid by Truckers Lighthouse, at the bid price of \$29,602.30, for the purchase of the new vehicle equipment and installation. Chief Eads further recommended that the City purchase a minimum of nine (9) new patrol vehicles to replace nine (9) of the current patrol vehicles with the highest mileage. Chief Eads discussed other options for the purchase of additional replacement vehicles. After discussion, Vice Mayor Corcoran moved to approve the City's purchase of nine (9) new police vehicles and to accept the bid by Cardinal Chrysler Dodge at the bid price of \$20,440.16 per vehicle, and the low bid for equipment installation from Trucker's Lighthouse, with

instructions to Chief Eads to purchase five (5) vehicles in the current fiscal year and four (4) vehicles in the next fiscal year so long as the bid price remained valid through July, 2007. Commissioner Thornburg seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Chief Eads reported to the Commissioners that he was reestablishing the position of Corporal within the Police Department, and that two openings for the Corporal position were available. Chief Eads will be conducting interviews for these positions later this month.

Mayor Crook recognized Mr. Bartlett for his Health and Sanitation report. Mr. Bartlett replied that he did not have anything further to report other than what was in the written report, which had been distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. Mr. Bartlett had nothing further to report.

Mayor Crook recognized Mr. Franklin for his Building/Zoning and Planning report. Mr. Franklin replied that he did not have a further report beyond his written report, which had been distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. During the month of December 2006, nine permits were issued for a total estimated construction cost of \$3,010,144. In addition, three permits were closed out.

Mayor Crook then called for consideration of the request from the Temple for permission, pursuant to the City's sign

ordinance, to place special event signage in front of the Temple near its entrance on Belle Meade Boulevard to promote the Temple Arts Festival, an annual fundraiser open to the Nashville community. Mayor Crook recognized Lisa Small, Temple Arts Festival Co-Chair, who explained that the festival event will be held the weekend of April 14-15, 2007 and the Temple was requesting approval of a 4 feet by 10 feet banner sign beginning April 5 prior to the event and ending April 16 following the event. Vice Mayor Corcoran moved for approval of the request to place the special event sign in front of the Temple for the dates discussed. Mayor Crook seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion was approved. Mayor Crook expressed the City's best wishes to the Temple for a successful event.

Mayor Crook noted there were no matters to report on Waste Collections and Beautification/Landscape.

Mayor Crook called for a report on City Communications. Mrs. Reardon reported that most of the City's website had been updated but there were a few places that she needed other information. She said updating the City's Citizen Handbook would be in progress within the next month. Mrs. Reardon made a request for the submission of any updated content to be included in the handbook. She anticipated that the handbook will be reprinted and ready for distribution within the next 4-6 weeks.

Mayor Crook then asked Mrs. Reardon for her Financial Report. Mrs. Reardon presented the financial statement for December 2006, which was distributed at the meeting. Mrs. Reardon noted that the City is halfway through its fiscal year and that the audit report for year ended June 30, 2006 is nearing completion. As reflected on the investment schedule previously distributed to the Commissioners, interest is currently being paid on the funds on deposit in the Local Government Investment Pool at the rate of 5.32% per month. There were two withdrawals from the funds on deposit in the total amount of \$145,000.00, and no deposits.

After discussion and on motion made and seconded, the following invoices in excess of \$2,500.00 were approved for payment:

Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.	\$	2,589.28
Kustom Signals, Inc.	\$	57,158.00
The Parent Company	\$	18,315.72
Wascon, Inc.	\$	4,490.00
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Boult, Cummings, Conners & Berry, PLC	\$	3,000.00
Boult, Cummings, Conners & Berry, PLC	\$	26,371.50
Boult, Cummings, Conners & Berry, PLC	\$	5,501.60
Boult, Cummings, Conners & Berry, PLC	\$	17,876.86
Boult, Cummings, Conners & Berry, PLC	\$	1,840.00

Mayor Crook called for consideration of the cost proposals for the installation of exterior fencing on the City Hall property. Mayor Crook noted that three proposals were obtained for the fencing around three locations previously approved by

the Board of Commissioners around the dumpsters, HVAC units and generator enclosure. Mrs. Reardon and Mr. Bartlett have recommended the lowest proposal submitted by Fence Designs at a cost of \$4,820. After discussion, Commissioner Thornburg moved to approve the proposal submitted by Fence Designs. Vice-Mayor Corcoran seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion was approved.

Mayor Crook next called for consideration of the cost proposals for the installation of exterior signage on the City Hall property. Mayor Crook noted that four proposals were obtained for the signage around the City Hall building and the maintenance garage. Mrs. Reardon has recommended the lowest proposal submitted by Architectural Signage Consultants, at a cost of \$4,525. After discussion, Vice-Mayor Corcoran moved to approve the proposal submitted by Architectural Signage Consultants. Commissioner Thornburg seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion was approved.

Mayor Crook noted there were no Personnel matters to report.

Mayor Crook asked Mrs. Reardon to report on the status of the estimate for repair of the flooring in the Police Department. Mrs. Reardon reported on the recommendation made by Mr. Steve Rick regarding a proposed allocation of the repair cost to install VCT heavy-duty tile flooring. After discussion,

Vice Mayor Corcoran proposed a different allocation of the cost of the new flooring and requested Mrs. Reardon to discuss that proposal with the contractor and architect. Vice-Mayor Corcoran then moved for deferral of consideration of this expense. Mayor Crook seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion was approved.

Mayor Crook called for consideration of the previously approved estimate by Cornerstone for the addition of trench drains at two locations to drain stormwater run-off away from City Hall at an expense not to exceed \$20,000. Mrs. Reardon and Mr. Bartlett met with Cornerstone's representatives and were not satisfied with their proposed solution for the water run-off problem. Mrs. Reardon and Mr. Bartlett have recommended that the prior approval of the cost estimate for the work to be performed by Cornerstone be withdrawn, and the City proceed with issuing bids to secure its own contract for the installation of two trench drains. Vice Mayor Corcoran moved (i) to withdraw approval of the cost estimate for the work to be performed by Cornerstone; and (ii) to approve the issuance of a request for bids for the installation of trench drains at two locations. Commissioner Thornburg seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion was approved.

Mayor Crook called for consideration of proposed Ordinance 2006-6 on second reading, amending the Zoning Code. City Attorney Robert Patterson recommended deferral of proposed

Ordinance 2006-6 on second reading, explaining that the deferral was necessary to allow time to present proposed Ordinance 2007-1 to move to a separate provision of the City's Charter the provision relating to the method of appointment and removal of members and alternate members to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioner Thornburg moved for deferral of proposed Ordinance 2006-6 on second reading. Mayor Crook seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion to defer proposed Ordinance 2006-6 on second reading was approved.

Mayor Crook called for consideration of proposed Ordinance 2007-1 on first reading, regarding the method of appointment and removal of members and alternate members to the City's Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. City Attorney Robert Patterson explained the purpose of the proposed Ordinance. After discussion, Commissioner Thornburg moved for approval of Ordinance 2007-1 on first reading. Vice-Mayor Corcoran seconded the motion. Upon vote, Ordinance 2007-1 was approved on first reading.

Mayor Crook asked Ms. Moskal for an update on the *City of Lakewood, et al. v. Metropolitan Government* lawsuit. Ms. Moskal reported that the smaller cities had filed a reply to Metro's response in opposition to the smaller cities' motion for summary judgment on January 2, 2007. The smaller cities are preparing and will be filing a response in opposition to the Metropolitan

Government's cross-motion for summary judgment on February 2, 2007. The hearing date on all motions for summary judgment remains set for March 22, 2007.

Mayor Crook announced that the February meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, commencing at 4:00 p.m., with Mayor Crook to participate telephonically.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was thereupon adjourned.

Mayor George W. Crook

City Recorder Dorothy L. Wheeler