

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

AUGUST 19, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade convened at Belle Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, Nashville, Tennessee, on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Those present were: Mayor Gray Thornburg, Vice Mayor James Hunt, Commissioner Cathy Altenbern, City Manager and Treasurer Beth Reardon, City Recorder Linda Berner, Chief Tim Eads, City Building Official Terry Franklin, Public Works Superintendent George Bartlett, Lieutenant Vince Higgins, and City Attorney Bob Patterson. Commissioners George Crook and Tom Corcoran were out of town.

Mayor Thornburg presided over and called the meeting to order. The first item on the agenda was the public hearing and two residents requested recognition. Dr. Michael McCoy, 330 Lynwood Boulevard, stated he attended an MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) meeting in Nashville regarding bicycles and pedestrians. He feels representation from Belle Meade should be at the meetings, and reported that funding is available from Metro regarding biking opportunities. Mayor Thornburg stated she will try to have someone represent Belle Meade at the next meeting in November.

Mr. Ed Freeman, 503 Lynwood Boulevard, addressed the Board again regarding sidewalks in his neighborhood. He stated he has reviewed the Hodgson Douglas proposal, feels the project is do-able, and encouraged the Board to begin work on the project. He commended the Commissioners for their work on the long range capital budget project, and wants the sidewalk project to be a priority. The Mayor related the Board has met with an MTAS consultant and is working with them in developing the City's long range goals. Commissioner Altenbern explained that sidewalks, sewer system, burying power lines, computer upgrading and replacement, and replacement of patrol cars are all part of the City's long term goals. Discussion continued with Mr. Freeman pushing for the sidewalk project to begin and asking how the City was spending the 5 million dollars it has in reserve.

Mayor Thornburg asked for consideration of the minutes of the regular Commissioners' meeting held July 22, 2009, and the special meeting held July 28, 2009. Commissioner Altenbern moved for approval of the July regular meeting minutes as corrected and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded the motion. Upon vote, the July regular meeting minutes were unanimously approved. Vice Mayor Hunt moved for approval of the special July meeting minutes and Commissioner Altenbern seconded the motion. Upon vote, the special July meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Bartlett for his July 2009 Public Works report, which was reviewed. The Mayor commended Mr. Bartlett for the recently completed Park Hill stormwater project. Mr. Bartlett then reported that the Harding Place water line replacement project was moving along well. He asked if there were any further questions and there were none.

The next item of business was the estimate of probable cost for the Glen Eden Sidewalks prepared by Hodgson Douglas. The estimates for the two sections are as follows:

Lynwood Boulevard to Westview	\$92,548.00
Westview to Jackson	\$85,922.00

Commissioner Altenbern asked if easement will have to be granted and Mr. Patterson answered that the City will have to acquire property rights to install some parts of the sidewalks.

The next item is the consideration of proposal to prepare the NPDES annual report. The Mayor stated this is the City's required sixth annual report of progress made in compliance with the NPDES stormwater permit. Mrs. Reardon added that the City adopted the stormwater program approved by the State of Tennessee, and this report is prepared every year with the help of Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., cost not to exceed \$2500.

Commissioner Altenbern made the motion to approve the proposal and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

The next item of business was the request for an additional budget appropriation for creek debris removal. Mayor Thornburg explained that this is for \$17,000 to clean several unfinished creek areas. Mrs. Reardon explained that the project consists of a list of fourteen areas that need the most attention, and the extra funding will allow the contractor to finish all items on the list. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to approve the budget request and Commissioner Altenbern seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

The Mayor recognized Chief Eads for the monthly Public Safety report, which was distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. The Chief asked if there were any questions related to the monthly report and there were none. It was noted there were 245 traffic citations, eight traffic crashes (none resulted in personal injury), eight arrests, 31 alarm calls, two burglaries, and sixteen incident reports filed. Mayor Thornburg asked Chief to give Detective Tom Sexton the Board's appreciation for all his work in the last few months involving several ongoing incidents.

Mayor Thornburg asked the Chief to give an update on the bike patrol. The Chief explained that bike units give officers the opportunity to interact with the public as well as offer cost savings. FTO Jon Carter, midnight shift, was instrumental in obtaining a grant for the purchase of a bike, which was available for viewing by the Board after the meeting. Commissioner

Altenbern voiced her satisfaction with the bike patrol since Belle Meade has many bikers that use city streets. Dr. McCoy, resident, also voiced his support of the project.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Bartlett for the Health and Sanitation report, which was distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Bartlett asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Franklin for his July 2009 Building/Zoning and Planning reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. It was noted that nine permits were issued for a total estimated construction cost of \$478,806.00 and eight permits were closed out during the month. There were no questions for Mr. Franklin at this time.

Mayor Thornburg noted there were no matters to report for Waste Collection, Beautification/Landscape, or City Communications.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mrs. Reardon for her July 2009 financial reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. She offered to answer any questions on the financial statements or investment schedule and there were none. After discussion and on motion made by Vice Mayor Hunt and seconded by Commissioner Altenbern, the following invoices in excess of \$2,500.00 were approved for payment:

Commonwealth Chemical

\$ 4,444.20

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Crosslin & Associates	\$ 8,000.00
TML	\$ 8,258.00
TML	\$27,510.00
TML	\$20,685.00
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings	\$ 3,000.00
TML	\$ 7,458.00
Wascon	\$ 5,614.02

Commissioner Altenbern asked if the insurance agent the City hired to negotiate with TML on premiums was working well and Mrs. Reardon answered yes, he had saved the City slightly more than his fee.

The Mayor noted there were no matters to report for Personnel.

The next item was the consideration of change to phone and internet service provider. Mrs. Reardon recently met with representatives from both NuVox and Deltacom who inspected the City's current phone and internet equipment. She received bids from these providers:

<u>Service Provider</u>	<u>Monthly Cost for Phone & Internet</u>
AT&T	\$816.35 (includes taxes)
NuVox	\$530.00 plus approx \$50 for fed, state and local taxes
Deltacom	\$469.14 plus approx \$45 for fed, state and local taxes

Mrs. Reardon recommends Deltacom. Commissioner Altenbern asked if she had obtained reviews regarding their service, and Mrs. Reardon answered that the City of Brentwood and Commissioner Corcoran's office uses Deltacom with no problems. Vice Mayor Hunt asked if this will include the police department and was told yes, and that

the police department will be operational during the installation. Commissioner Altenbern made the motion to accept Deltacom as the new provider and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

The last item of business was the appointment of a designated alternate to the Regional Transportation Authority Board. Mayor Thornburg made the motion to appoint Vice Mayor Hunt as the alternate and Commissioner Altenbern seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 4:42pm until the next meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 4:00pm.

Mayor Gray Thornburg

City Recorder Linda Berner