

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

JULY 20, 2011

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, July 20, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Those present were: Mayor Gray Thornburg, Vice Mayor James Hunt, Commissioner Ed Freeman, City Manager/Treasurer Beth Reardon, City Recorder Linda Berner, Police Chief Tim Eads, Police Lieutenant Vince Higgins, Officer Chris Roark, City Building Official Terry Franklin, and City Attorney Bob Patterson. There were also two residents in attendance as well as a newspaper reporter.

Before the meeting started, everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Vice Mayor Hunt.

Mayor Thornburg presided over and called the meeting to order. The first item on the agenda was the public hearing and the Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. Mr. Ted Lazenby, 1201 Belle Meade Boulevard, stated he was in attendance to support Mrs. Edee Orr and the baby carriage ordinance (Ordinance 2011-7). He asked if the baby carriages would be in the pedestrian lane and if strollers being pulled by bicycles would be allowed in the bike lane. Mayor Thornburg answered her expectations are that baby

carriages would be allowed in the pedestrian lane since pedestrians are pushing them. Where babies are taken will be left to the discretion of the parent. Mr. Patterson explained the role of city government and citizenry responsibility. No one else requested recognition and, accordingly, Mayor Thornburg closed the public hearing.

Mayor Thornburg asked for consideration of the minutes for the June 15th regular meeting. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to approve the minutes and Mayor Thornburg seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous. Mayor Thornburg asked for consideration of the minutes for the special meeting held on June 28th. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous. Mayor Thornburg asked for consideration of the minutes for the special meeting held on July 8th. Mayor Thornburg made the motion to approve the minutes and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Bartlett for his June 2011 Public Works report, which was reviewed. Mr. Bartlett was not in attendance but there were no questions on his report at this time.

The Mayor asked Chief Eads to introduce the new hire in the Police Department. Officer Chris Roark was hired to work on B shift. He has ten years of law enforcement experience and recently

worked at the Lakewood TN Police Department. Officer Roark was welcomed by the Board.

The Mayor recognized Chief Eads for the June Public Safety reports, which were distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. It was noted there were 245 traffic citations issued, 8 traffic crashes, 3 arrests (two suspended driver licenses, and one driving while not licensed), 57 alarm calls, zero burglaries, 6 incident reports filed, 0 theft reports filed, and 20,734 patrol miles logged. Chief Eads offered to answer any questions. Vice Mayor Hunt stated he has received several comments from citizens regarding bicyclists riding two and three abreast, and not stopping at stop signs. He asked that the police department watch for these violators as they are a danger to themselves as well as motorists. Chief Eads agreed, saying he has received similar complaints recently, and has put out an email to the department for more enforcement. Mayor Thornburg stated that she had a meeting with representatives from Warner Park and an agreement was reached to prohibit parking (effective immediately) in the empty lot at the end of Belle Meade Boulevard on week days. Parking will be allowed on weekends from 7am until dusk. The Belle Meade Police will be responsible for closing and locking the lot at the times stated. Commissioner Freeman asked Chief if he had any comments on the recent incident on Sunnybrook Drive. Chief answered that they are

actively pursuing the person involved. There were no further questions for Chief at this time.

The next item of business was the consideration of the request for declaration of surplus property. The following items are ready to be declared surplus property so they may be sold at public auction.

Belle Meade Codes Department

1996 Jeep Cherokee 4 door, blue color VIN#1J4FT28S5TL267585
2005 Chevrolet Impala 4 door, white color VIN#2G1WF55K559378692

Belle Meade Administration

2002 Chevrolet Impala 4 door white color VIN#2G1WF52K129314651

Belle Meade Police Department

2007 Dodge Charger 4 door white color VIN#2B3KA43H37H817517
2007 Dodge Charger 4 door white color VIN#2B3KA43H57H817518
2007 Dodge Charger 4 door white color VIN#2B3KA43H17H817659
2007 Dodge Charger 4 door white color VIN#2B3KA43HX7H817658

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

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Bartlett for the Health and Sanitation report, which was distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Bartlett was not in attendance but there were no questions for him at this time.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Franklin for his June 2011 Building/Zoning and Planning reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. It was noted that 8 permits were issued for a total estimated construction cost of \$727,800, 29 permits were closed out during the month, zero grading/soil disturbance permits

issued, and three stormwater complaint reports filed. Mr. Franklin stated it was a slow month but they did manage to close out many permits. He had nothing further to add to his report.

The next item of business was the appointment of a new member to the Municipal Planning Commission. Mayor Thornburg made the motion to defer for another month and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion to defer was approved unanimously.

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

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mrs. Reardon for her June 2011 financial reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. Mrs. Reardon offered to answer any questions but there were none.

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

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings	\$ 3,150.55
Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc	\$ 3,768.50
Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc	\$ 3,131.61
Lojac Enterprises, Inc	\$ 4,118.50
Roy T. Goodwin Contractors	\$ 6,274.24
Wascon Inc.	\$ 9,535.10
Wascon Inc.	\$ 5,897.92
LSI Landscape Services	\$ 3,490.00
The Parke Company	\$ 4,537.50
TML Pool	\$20,723.00
TML Pool	\$21,370.00

The Mayor noted there were no matters to report for Facilities, and the new hire under Personnel was handled earlier in the meeting.

The next item of business was the review of eight pieces of legislation.

ORDINANCE 2011-1

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1 OF THE BELLE
MEADE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE 2006 EDITION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE
(on second reading)**

Mr. Patterson stated this was a very comprehensive maintenance code. He has narrowed it down and rewrote some items. Mr. Clay Bright, chairman of the Board of Building Codes Appeals, and Mr. Franklin need to review the rewrite. Mayor Thornburg made the motion to defer for 30 days and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded the motion. Mr. Patterson stated he thinks more than 30 days is needed for the review. Mayor Thornburg withdrew her motion then made a motion to defer for 60 days and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded that motion. Upon vote, the deferral for 60 days was granted unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2011-2

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1 OF THE BELLE
MEADE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE 2009 EDITION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE
(on second reading)**

Mr. Franklin stated that the committee wanted to see what Metro Nashville would enact, since they are looking at the 2012 code. Mayor Thornburg made the motion to grant a 60 day deferral and Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon vote, the deferral was granted unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2011-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 11 OF THE BELLE MEADE CODE
TO SET THE FINES ASSESSED FOR DRIVING IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL
(on second reading)

This ordinance will raise the **fine** for a violation of the motor vehicle laws of the City of Belle Meade when a person is ordered by the Belle Meade City Judge to attend the City of Belle Meade Driver Improvement School to \$50. It will also set the **fee** for attending the Belle Meade Driver Improvement School for a person so ordered by another municipal court who chooses to attend our school at \$50. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to pass this ordinance on second reading and Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

ORDINANCE 2011-7

AN ORDINANCE DELETING SECTION 15-216 OF THE BELLE MEADE CODE
ENTITLED "BABY CARRIAGES, STROLLERS AND BICYCLE-DRAWN CARTS
PROHIBITED ON BELLE MEADE BOULEVARD
(on second reading)

There being no discussion, Commissioner Freeman made the motion to approve the ordinance on second reading and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

ORDINANCE 2011-8

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BELLE MEADE CODE SECTION 5-105,
WITHDRAWALS FROM ACCOUNTS, ETC
(on first reading)**

This portion of the code listed actual names of who had signing privileges on city bank accounts. This ordinance will remove the actual names and list the titles only of those individuals with signing privileges. Mayor Thornburg made the motion to approve the ordinance on first reading and Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

ORDINANCE 2011-9

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTERS 6 AND 7 OF THE
BELLE MEADE MUNICIPAL CODE TO FURTHER DEFINE "PARKING VIOLATIONS"
AND TO SET THE FINE FOR ILLEGAL PARKING,
(on first reading)**

Mr. Patterson stated this is an edit of the existing code. Chief Eads wanted to include more specific provisions, so Mr. Patterson reviewed ordinances from several different cities and conformed those to what would best work for Belle Meade. The intent is to provide more definition as to what illegal parking is in Belle Meade. Commissioner Freeman asked if there was an illegal parking problem in the city and the Chief answered occasionally. Commissioner Freeman asked what about those occasions where people

need to park in the street, as in attending/hosting a party. The Chief answered that most people call to inform the police of a party, and they are told of the parking restrictions. The Chief ended by saying the police department is not doing anything different; they are just defining the restrictions better and updating that part of the code. Mr. Patterson added that it always has been illegal to create a hazardous situation as to where you park your vehicle. After some discussion, Mayor Thornburg made the motion to approve the ordinance on first reading and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2011-04

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

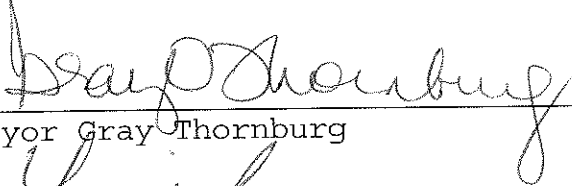
Mrs. Reardon stated this is a housekeeping resolution that the Regional Transportation Authority has asked all member cities to adopt. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to approve the resolution and Mayor Thornburg seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2011-05

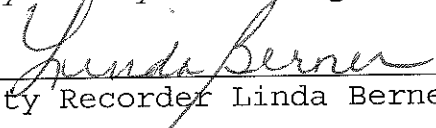
A RESOLUTION AUTORIZING THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL "SAFETY PARTNERS" LOSS CONTROL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to approve the resolution and Mayor Thornburg 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 4:50p until the next meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 4:00pm.



Mayor Gray Thornburg



City Recorder Linda Berner