

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

NOVEMBER 18, 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, November 18, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Those present were: Mayor Gray Thornburg, Vice Mayor James Hunt, Commissioner Cathy Altenbern, Commissioner Tom Corcoran, Commissioner George Crook, City Manager and Treasurer Beth Reardon, Chief Tim Eads, City Building Official Terry Franklin, Public Works Superintendent George Bartlett, and City Attorney Bob Patterson.

Mayor Thornburg presided over and called the meeting to order. The first item on the agenda was the public hearing. Mayor Thornburg asked if anyone from the public wished to speak, and Dr. Mike McCoy requested recognition. Dr. McCoy read from a prepared statement, suggesting that the Commissioners form a committee to evaluate options for harmonizing Belle Meade road requirements for safe coexistence of vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. A copy of the statement was given to the Commissioners. Commissioner Corcoran asked Dr. McCoy if he would consider having a sub-committee that would address any capital improvements that would be required. Dr. McCoy answered yes, that it should be a citizen

involved process. Discussion continued regarding this matter. Mayor Thornburg thanked Dr. McCoy and stated this will be taken under advisement. Mayor Thornburg then welcomed Boy Scout Troop 31 who were present, working on their citizenship and community badge requirements. There being no more matters for consideration, the Mayor closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Thornburg asked for consideration of the minutes of the regular Commissioners' meeting held October 21, 2009. Vice Mayor Hunt moved for approval of the minutes and Commissioner Crook seconded the motion. Upon vote, the October minutes were unanimously approved.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Bartlett for his October 2009 Public Works report, which was reviewed. The Mayor asked Mr. Bartlett to explain to the Boy Scouts his job within the City, which he did. Mr. Bartlett asked if there were any questions on his report, and there were none.

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, and there were none. It was noted there were 261 traffic citations written, eight traffic crashes (none resulted in personal injury), five arrests, 54 alarm calls, zero burglaries, and ten incident reports filed (three of which were theft related). Chief Eads then

explained to the Boy Scouts his role as the Chief of Police of Belle Meade.

The Mayor asked Chief Eads to report on the website crime stats update. He stated the site is functional now, with information being posted on a weekly basis. Vice Mayor Hunt asked how he determined what information is posted on the website. Chief answered that all Belle Meade information is posted as well as the neighboring areas that impact our residents. Links for additional crime stats/information are also available on the website.

Chief Eads reported on the Door-to-Door Safety Campaign, stating that is going fairly well with slightly over 200 homes visited to date. Some residents are faxing or mailing the paperwork back to the police department instead of answering questions at the time of the visit. He acknowledged that it is a slow process, but are receiving favorable comments.

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 other than the Mayor noting the report was longer than usual, and there were no questions.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Franklin for his October 2009 Building/Zoning and Planning reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. The Mayor briefly explained to the Boy Scouts the

duties of Mr. Franklin. It was noted that seven permits were issued for a total estimated construction cost of \$594,316.00 and six 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, and City Communications.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mrs. Reardon for her October 2009 financial reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. Mrs. Reardon noted the increase in revenue due to October being the first month for collection of 2009 property taxes. Commissioner Altenbern asked how many residents pay during the October discount period, and Mrs. Reardon answered about a third. She then offered to answer any questions on the financial statements or investment schedule and there were none. After discussion and on motion made by Commissioner Altenbern and seconded by Vice Mayor Hunt, the following invoices in excess of \$2,500.00 were approved for payment:

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings	\$ 3,000.00
Crosslin & Associates	\$11,265.00
Landscape Services, Inc.	\$ 2,725.00
Wascon	\$ 4,540.00
Dixon Plumbing	\$ 2,850.00
J.R. & Associates	\$ 4,112.00

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mrs. Reardon for the annual audit update. Mrs. Reardon stated that the report is complete and

copies were distributed to the Board and Audit Committee members for review. She would contact everyone shortly to set up the annual meeting with the auditors.

Mayor Thornburg noted there were no matters to report for Personnel, Facilities, or Legislation.

The Mayor reminded everyone of the annual Boulevard Bolt, to be held on November 26, 2009, as well as the annual holiday luncheon to be held on December 17, 2009.

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

Mayor Gray Thornburg

City Manager Beth Reardon