

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

FEBRUARY 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, February 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, City Recorder Linda Berner, City Building Official Terry Franklin, Public Works Superintendent George Bartlett, Police Chief Tim Eads, Police Lieutenant Vince Higgins, 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 and the Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. No one requested recognition and, accordingly, Mayor Thornburg closed the public hearing.

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

Mayor Thornburg then went out of order as stated on the agenda. She asked Mr. Alton Kelley to speak on behalf of the Belle Meade Plantation. He stated he would give an overview of their 2009 Activity Permit request, which was included in the Commissioners' packets. Activities include Fall Fest (October 9th and 10th), Easter Egg Hunt (April 5th), Kentucky Derby Party (May 2nd), and Barn Door Drive-In Movie (June 18th). New activities include having horses on the property (per guideline approved by the Commissioners in 2008) and the Winery (approved by the Commissioners in 2008). Vice Mayor Hunt asked about the licensing for the winery and Mr. Kelley answered that it is a heavily regulated activity by the Department of Agriculture, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, ATF, Health Department, and (labeling) agency. Commissioner Crook moved for approval of the Belle Meade Plantation's activity permit request and Commissioner Altenbern seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

The next item of business was the request from The Temple for a special events banner to promote the Temple Arts Festival the third week of April 2009. No one was present from The Temple to speak. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to approve the request and Commissioner Altenbern seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

The next item of business was a presentation by Mr. Warner Bass, Chairman Emeritus of the Friends of Warner Parks (FWP). He

gave a brief history of how the FWP was created, and described their present day activities. The reason for the presentation was to request a donation from the City to help offset the cost of the FWP's intended purchase of a tract of land presently owned by the HG Hill Realty Company. The tract, adjacent to the Warner Parks, contains an old growth forest uncommon to the area. FWP wish to preserve this forest and make it accessible to park patrons. Commissioner Corcoran asked why the City of Nashville didn't sell the property it owns in Belle Meade (next to the McCarley's property) in order to raise funds. The Commissioner's concerns were over the devaluation to the McCarley's property due to the unauthorized parking by park patrons on Nashville's piece of property. Mr. Bass answered the FWP did not own that piece of land and did not know of the City of Nashville's intent. Mr. Bass thanked the Commissioners for their time and asked they consider making a donation to this worthwhile cause.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mr. Bartlett for his January 2009 Public Works report, which was reviewed. Mr. Bartlett asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the design of the stormwater infrastructure project. Mr. Bartlett reported that CEC was surveying at this time. Mrs. Reardon reported that she hopes to have the bid results for this project by the March meeting.

The Mayor recognized Chief Eads for his 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 326 traffic citations, thirteen traffic crashes (one resulted in personal injury), twelve arrests, 32 alarm calls, zero burglary, and nine incident reports filed.

The next item of business was the consideration of radar equipment purchase with grant money. Chief Eads reported he received \$5000 in grant money from the Governor's Highway Safety Office, which he will use to purchase the radar equipment and a laptop computer for traffic school use. Commissioner Altenbern made the motion to approve the purchase of the equipment for the police department and Commissioner Crook seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous. The Chief then reminded everyone of the Safety Seminar, which will be held on February 26 at 6:00pm. Topics of discussion will include coyotes, general safety, neighborhood watch, internet safety, and crime prevention.

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 January 2009 Building/Zoning and Planning reports, which were distributed prior

to the meeting. It was noted that four permits were issued for a total estimated construction cost of \$1,388,712.00 and ten 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.

The next item of business under Beautification/Landscape was consideration of the proposal from Landscape Services, Inc. for landscaping maintenance needs. The Mayor noted the amount of \$8,748 was for enhancements to landscape areas along Belle Meade Boulevard and \$3,809 was for enhancements to common areas throughout the City. Payments were to come from the Beautification Fund. Vice Mayor Hunt made the motion to accept the proposal from LSI and Commissioner Crook seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mrs. Reardon for her report on City Communications. Mrs. Reardon reported that she has been working with Keystone on the website development project and hopes to have a finished project by April 1.

Mayor Thornburg recognized Mrs. Reardon for her January 2009 financial reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting. Mrs. Reardon offered to answer any questions on the financial statements or investment schedule, and there were none. After discussion and on motion made by Commissioner Crook 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
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Sammie Gibbs Construction	\$19,190.00
Wascon	\$ 5,071.00
Commonwealth Chemical	\$ 2,700.00
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Commonwealth Chemical	\$ 3,500.00

Mayor Thornburg noted there were no matters for Personnel and Facilities.

The last item of business was the consideration of proposed Ordinance 2009-1, amending Title 4, Chapter 5 involving travel reimbursement regulations. Mrs. Reardon stated it was a housekeeping amendment which states that now "Authorized travelers shall be reimbursed according to the state of Tennessee travel regulations rates. The City's travel reimbursement rates will automatically change when the state rates are adjusted." She added that employees rarely travel outside of the state of Tennessee for training. Commissioner Altenbern made the motion to approve Ordinance 2009-1 on first reading and Vice Mayor Hunt seconded the motion. Upon vote, the approval was unanimous.

Mayor Thornburg announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be rescheduled to March 25, 2009. Commissioner Crook asked what the next step was for the sidewalk review study and was told there is discussion to possibly look at Mountain Brook, Alabama's outlay and talk with their officials.

There being no further business to come before the
Commissioners, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 5:00pm.

Mayor Gray Thornburg

City Recorder Linda Berner