

CITY OF Belle Meade TENNESSEE

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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JULY 2016

HALL TAX REPEAL AND ACTION TAKEN BY COMMISSIONERS



By now, all Belle Meade residents are aware of the repeal of the Tennessee Income tax, better known as the Hall Income Tax. With its gradual reduction of 16.667% per year over the next six years, beginning in 2016, the Hall tax will be totally eliminated by 2022. Three public meetings were held in June to discuss the challenges faced by the City in this

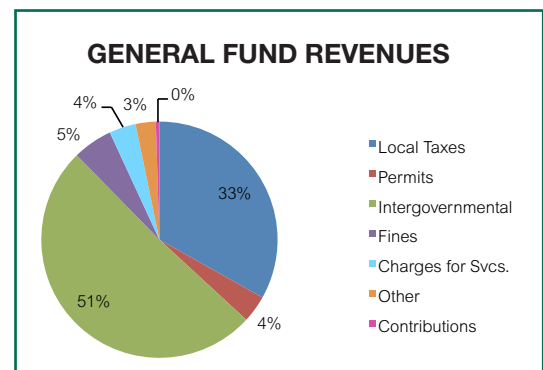
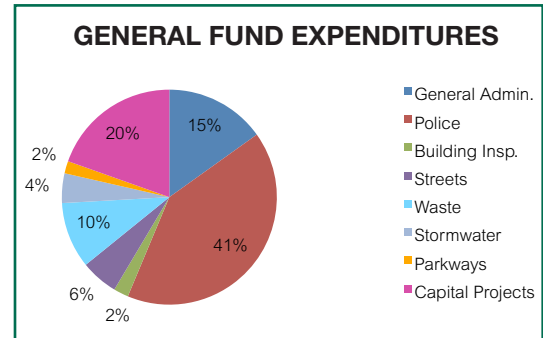
State decision. Belle Meade receives over 50% of its annual revenue from the Hall tax, therefore action is necessary. The Commissioners, by a 3-2 vote, agreed to a current year increase in the Belle Meade property tax from .2243 per \$100

of assessed value to .30 per \$100, to reflect the anticipated revenue loss projected for fiscal year 2016-2017. Each year, the projected loss of revenue from the Hall tax will be compared to the need for additional property tax increases. Action, as budgets are presented and approved, will be taken to offset needed deficiencies. It is expected that eventually the entire loss of revenue will be replaced by Belle Meade property tax increases, although not necessarily in dollar amounts to mirror the decrease in Hall tax, but in amounts needed to assure fiscal responsibility.

I welcome any comments or suggestions precipitated by this decision via email to jhunt@citybellemeade.org. For further information, the entire public meeting presentation is available on the Belle Meade website, accessed by the link, http://www.citybellemeade.org/city_hall/legislation

CITY OF BELLE MEADE ANNUAL BUDGET 2016-2017

FUNCTIONS	GENERAL FUND	BEAUTIFICATION FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	STREET AID FUND	WASTE COLLECT FUND	SEWER UTILITY FUND	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES							
General Admin.	588,960						
Police	1,604,630		519,500				
Building Insp.	87,211		15,000				
Streets	218,998		210,000	71,832			
Waste	387,607				387,607		
Sewer Utility						478,997	
Stormwater	173,460		18,000				
Parkways	72,200	43,880					
Capital Projects	762,500						
Transfers			762,500		387,607		
Total Exp:	3,895,566	43,880		71,832		478,997	4,490,275
REVENUES							
Local Taxes	1,290,992						
Permits	144,600					1,000	
Intergovernmental	1,980,249			81,536			
Fines	211,605						
Charges for Svcs.	142,300					445,000	
Other	107,436					75,000	
Contributions	19,000	48,570					
Sewer Utility							
Transfers							
Total Revenue:	3,896,182	48,570		81,536		521,000	4,547,288
Net Change to Fund Balance:	616	4,690		9,704		42,003	57,013



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The City's budget is a legally binding plan on how it will spend money over the next year. The budget process takes several months of planning and discussion by staff and commissioners. This fiscal year brings several changes, including the new sewer utility fund, which is required to be financially self-supporting and no longer a part of the General Fund, and the first reduction in the Hall tax revenue, which will be offset by a property tax increase.

As shown in the budget table, the General Fund contains the revenue and expenditures that relate to the majority of city services. These accounts are represented in the pie charts. The bulk of revenue still comes from various state taxes, including the Hall tax, sales,

mixed drink/beer and gasoline taxes, but that will continue to shrink as the Hall tax decreases. Stormwater user fees are not a tax, and are included in the item "Charges for Services". Of the 26 full-time employees, 3 are in General Administration, 2 in Public Works, 1 in Building/Codes, and 20 in the Police Dept. Budgeted capital expenditures include 4 replacement police vehicles, video surveillance system (a study by a professional consultant and public meetings will occur prior to any decisions by commissioners), replacement vehicle for Building/Codes, paving project on Jackson Blvd., and a stormwater project on Leake Avenue for culvert repair.

Please contact City Manager Beth Reardon if you have questions on any of the budget items, 615-297-6041 or breardon@citybellemeade.org.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF TIM EADS:



CAR BURGLARY UPDATE: Last month I talked about some recent car burglaries that have occurred in Belle Meade and the surrounding area. While they appear to be random, we do know several have

been the vehicles of housekeepers. Please advise anyone who is working in your home to remove their purse or valuables and bring them inside or secure them in the trunk of their car. We believe the suspects may be working in pairs. One will drive through the area and spot a target vehicle, then the other will go straight to the location and break into the car. We do know they change vehicles frequently and we are working on identifying the multiple vehicles that might be used. If specific vehicle information becomes available, we will send notification out through the Neighborhood Watch Groups.

When traveling, please remember to use our Close House Watch Program. Details about the program and how to participate can be found on our website at www.citybellemeade.org under the police

tab, "house check services". Remember to always set your home alarm and know how to make full use of your system.

Vehicle and pedestrian safety: Be aware of the left lane restriction on Belle Meade Boulevard. **The left lane is for passing or turning only.** To prevent a violation and possible citation, only get in the left lane when you are ready to turn. The restriction is in place to enhance the safety of the many people that use Belle Meade Boulevard to walk or jog and to prevent the Boulevard from becoming a four-lane "highway". Be mindful of the crosswalks and keep an eye out for pedestrians that are standing in the crosswalk. **You are required to stop and yield to a person that is within the crosswalk.** If you are walking or jogging, please wear reflective clothing if you are out at dusk or after dark.

Remember to call in suspicious activity immediately - 615-297-0241.

RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **June 15th** meeting:

- Approved the proposal from ICU Security Consulting for \$35,000 to help design a camera surveillance system for the City. The proposal includes design, detail specifications, and meetings throughout the process.
- Deferred consideration of the application for activities for the Belle Meade Plantation for 30 days.
- Approved (3) invoices over \$5000
 - Gibbs Brothers Construction- \$8,126.00
 - Local Government Corporation- \$18,903.00
 - Wascon- \$8,802.00
- Deferred on second reading Ordinance 2016-2, to amend the zoning code to clarify the definition of "addition".
- Deferred on second reading Ordinance 2016-5, to fix the tax rate for fiscal year 2016-2017.



- Deferred on second reading Ordinance 2016-6, budget appropriations for fiscal year 2016-2017.

The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **June 28th** special meeting:

- Approved on second reading Ordinance 2016-5, to fix tax rate for fiscal year 2016-2017. The proposed new tax rate of 0.30 (thirty) cents per \$100 dollars of assessed value, which is an increase of 07.57 cents, will offset the anticipated one-sixth reduction in Hall Tax revenue for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
- Approved on second reading Ordinance 2016-6, budget appropriations for fiscal year 2016-2017.
- Approved on second reading Resolution 2016-02, to amend Ordinance 2015-6, budget appropriations for fiscal year 2015-2016.



EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

STATE PRIMARY & COUNTY GENERAL ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016



SONNY WEST AUDITORIUM @ HOWARD OFFICE BUILDING
700 2ND AVE S, NASHVILLE, TN 37210
FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2016 THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016

FRIDAY, JULY 15	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 16	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
MONDAY, JULY 18	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
TUESDAY, JULY 19	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

ALL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS OPEN

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016 THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016

THURSDAY, JULY 21	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
FRIDAY, JULY 22	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 23	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
MONDAY, JULY 25	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
TUESDAY, JULY 26	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
THURSDAY, JULY 28	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
FRIDAY, JULY 29	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 30	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

BELLE MEADE CITY HALL
4705 HARDING PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37205

BELLEVUE LIBRARY
720 BAUGH ROAD, NASHVILLE, TN 37221

BORDEAUX LIBRARY
4000 CLARKSVILLE PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37218

CASA AZAFRÁN COMM. CENTER
2195 NOLENSVILLE PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37211

EDMONDSON PIKE LIBRARY
5501 EDMONDSON PIKE, NASHVILLE, TN 37211

GOODLETTSVILLE COMM. CENTER
200 MEMORIAL DR, GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072

GREEN HILLS LIBRARY
3701 BENHAM AVE, NASHVILLE, TN 37215

HERMITAGE LIBRARY
3700 JAMES KAY LANE, HERMITAGE, TN 37076

MADISON LIBRARY
610 GALLATIN PIKE S, MADISON, TN 37115

SONNY WEST AUDITORIUM
700 2ND AVE S, NASHVILLE, TN 37210

SOUTHEAST LIBRARY
5260 HICKORY HOLLOW PKWY, STE 201, ANTIOCH, TN 37013

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FARMERS MARKET AT ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St George's Episcopal Church has been issued a permit to host a farmers' market now through October 31, 2016. This is exciting for our City and provides residents and nearby neighbors an opportunity to buy fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables as well as eggs, meats, fresh pasta, and other local goods. The early weeks of the market have proven very successful with 12-15 vendors expressing their satisfaction. Their customers are spreading the word and attendance continues to be steady.

The market is open on Thursdays from 4 pm – 7 pm in St. George's front parking lot along Harding Rd.

- The market is operated in accordance with the guidelines

specified in the Nashville Community Farmers Market Association Rules and Regulations

- Expect some live/recorded music as well as food trucks during the hours of operation.
- Regular vendors include Green Door Gourmet, The Peach Truck, Kelley's Berry Farm, Alfresco Pasta, and many others.
- Proceeds from the market (booth fees) will benefit local nonprofits that address food insecurity.



Beautification Fund - Donations June 8 through July 10, 2016

Ceres Society

Christian, Dr. Karla

American Flag Sponsorship

LaGasse, Mr. & Mrs. Randy

Belle Meade Newsletter

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2016

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
BELLE MEADE CITY HALL**

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, Aug 16th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept 20th at 4:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday Aug 9th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept 13th at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, Aug 16th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Sep 20th at 5:00 pm

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, Aug 17th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, Sep 21st at 4:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

RECYCLE REMINDER:

Please do not put GLASS in the recycle container. At this time, glass is not an acceptable item for recycling. If the trash contractor is aware that glass is in the recycle bag, the entire bag must be thrown in the trash and taken to the landfill. Please put glass items in with your trash. Thank you!

****GLASS RECYCLING OPTIONS:**

- Metro Nashville glass drop off sites at Hillsboro High School and in Bellevue (near Home Depot).
- Gunners Glass Recycling – For \$9.00/month, they provide a bin to use for “front porch” pickup every second and fourth Tuesday. For more information or to sign up for service, go to www.gunnersrecycling.com.

WASTE/RECYCLE COLLECTION:

WHITE BAGS = garbage

BLACK BAGS = recycle

If your trash/recycle is missed on Monday, please notify us Tuesday morning at 615-297-6041 or email to Linda Berner at lberner@citybellemeade.org. We will coordinate another pickup on Tuesday.

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4705 Harding Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

return service requested