

MINUTES
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
 THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE
 JANUARY 18, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by James Hunt, Mayor, at 3:00pm.

Commissioners present

James Hunt, Mayor	Boyd Bogle	Gray Thornburg
Bob Weigel	Cathy Altenbern	

City staff members present

Beth Reardon, City Manager/Treasurer	Tim Eads, Police Chief
Aspen Collins, Finance Director	Kemishia Sadler, City Recorder
Bob Patterson, City Attorney	Lyle Patterson, Building Official
Larry Smith, Public Works Director	

I. Pledge of Allegiance - led by Mayor Hunt

II. Public Hearing -

The public hearing was opened to discuss details of the proposed ordinance 2017-1.

Carole Nelson - 103 Westhampton Place questioned whether the size of a footprint would be affected and whether homes built under the ordinance will fit in with the look of the neighborhood. L. Patterson stated that the footprint for a particular lot would not change and that the ordinance would not result in large homes being built close together. Setback restrictions would still maintain green space. Using the F. A. R. calculations will be easier for contractors, homeowners, and real estate agents and allow homeowners more flexibility to add dormers, use attic space, and add screened porches and other small additions that were not possible when volume calculations were required.

Elliott Baldwin - 805 Lynwood Blvd. expressed concerns about restrictions that would limit building a larger home on his property. He wanted the commissioners to consider an ordinance that would allow increasing the building envelope for lots in his neighborhood, similar to ones across the street in Metro Nashville.

III. Minutes -

Regular Meeting held December 21, 2016

Motion to approve: Thornburg Second: Weigel Vote: All aye

IV. Public Works - Reports submitted by L. Smith Reviewed.

2. Request for Parade Permit- Ragnar Relay

The Ragnar Relay Tennessee is to take place on March 24-25, 2017 with a proposed route of 2.07 miles throughout the City.

Motion to approve: Altenbern Second: Weigel Vote: All aye

3. Consideration of Proposal from Hodgson Douglas for Landscape Architectural Services for Harding Place Sidewalks

The proposal is to design a sidewalk improvement plan for both sides of Harding Place extending from the intersection of Belle Meade Blvd to the intersection of Lynwood Blvd.

Motion to defer: Bogle Second: Altenbern Vote: All aye

V. City Services

A. Public Safety - Reports submitted by T. Eads reviewed.

209 Traffic citations 11 Traffic crashes 54 Alarm calls
0 Burglaries 12 Incident reports 1 Theft reports
 Arrests: 3 DUI * 0 Driver's license revoked * 0 Implied consent *
2 Driver's License suspended * 0 No Driver's License * 0 Open Container *
0 Underage Consumption * 0 Public intoxication

B. Health and Sanitation - Reports submitted by L. Smith reviewed.

C. Zoning/Planning - Reports submitted by L. Patterson reviewed.

10 Permits issued ** \$1,271,500.00 Estimated construction cost
16 Permits closed ** 0 Grading/soil permits issued ** 1 Closed
0 Stormwater complaints filed

D. Waste Collections - No Matters

E. Beautification/Landscape - No Matters

F. City Communications - No Matters

VI. Administration -

A. Finance

1. Financial Stmts - Reports submitted by A. Collins reviewed.
2. Investment Schedules - Reports submitted by A. Collins reviewed.
3. Approval of invoices over \$5,000 -
 - Wascon Inc - \$5,386.31
 - Sammie Gibbs Construction Inc. - \$12,250.00

Motion to approve: Altenbern Second: Thornburg Vote: All aye

4. Consideration of Proposal for audit services

Kraft CPAs submitted a proposal for the City's audit services for a 3 year engagement with a fee of \$20,500.00 for 2017 and to increase each consecutive year in increments of \$500.00 for 2018 and 2019.

Motion to approve: Altenbern Second: Weigel Vote: All aye

B. Facilities - No Matters

C. Personnel- No Matters

VII. Legislation -

1. Consideration of Ordinance 2017-1, An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of the City Code to change the manner in which the City regulates the size of residential structures to rely upon the standard of "floor area ratio" rather than volume, and to amend the code as required by that change in regulation.

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The ordinance eliminates volume restrictions and will use Floor Area Ratio to govern the size of residential structures. This will allow homeowners to add screened porches, dormers and in some cases, build slightly larger homes. The footprint will remain the same at 12% of the total of the lot square footage and setback restrictions will still apply.

Lyle Patterson wanted to thank Bob Patterson for his work on this ordinance. The commissioners thanked Lyle Patterson and Brian Smallwood for their contributions to the ordinance as well.

Motion to approve: Bogle

Second: Thornburg

Vote: All aye.

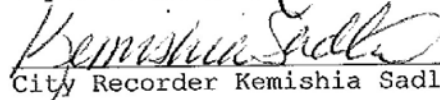
VIII. Other matters -

Officer Dennis Goins will be retiring after 29 years of service at the City of Belle Meade. A retirement luncheon will be held in his honor on January 31, 2017 at 12 PM at Belle Meade City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.



Mayor James Hunt



City Recorder Kemishia Sadler