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NEWSLETTER TO RESIDENTS OF BELLE MEADE JULY 2021

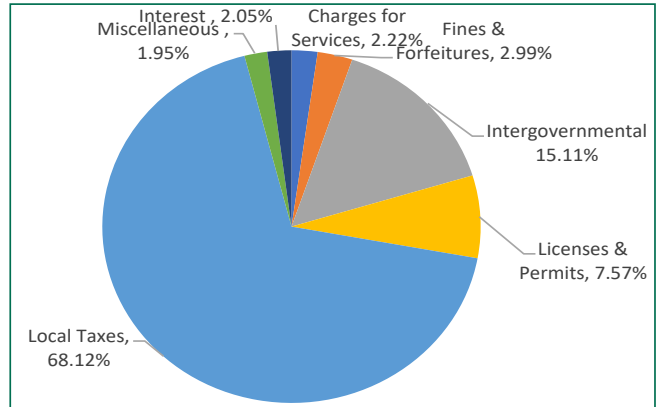
FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGET

The City’s budget is a legally binding plan on how it will use its resources over the next fiscal year. The 2020/2021 fiscal year that just ended on June 30th was the last year for collection of the Hall Income Tax. The Commissioners voted at their June 16, 2021 meeting to increase property taxes to compensate for the loss of the Hall Tax and achieve a balanced budget going forward. After much discussion and a public hearing for citizen comment, the Commissioners agreed to set the tax rate at .50 cents per \$100 of assessed property values. This increase allows the reserves to remain steady for capital projects and a cushion for unexpected changes in the economy. Additionally, the increase keeps the current level of services intact for residents.

The chart below illustrates where the City’s revenue comes from. Previously, the Hall Tax provided around 50% of the revenue stream while local property taxes provided about 30%. The City never knew how much the Hall Tax revenue would be each year until they received it, which made planning difficult. Now, almost 70% of the City revenue is predictable in the form of property taxes, making it much easier to prepare annual budget estimates and plan for the future.

A Sewer Rate Study was performed earlier in the year and it was recommended that the City implement a rate increase to cover increasing processing fees from Metro Water and Sewer. It has been 5 years since the City made any adjustments to the sewer rate. The budget reflects the recommended rate increase as well as the rising cost of expenses to maintain the sewer system. Capital projects for

2021/2022 Revenue Budget pie chart:



the Sewer Fund include a Sewer Modeling/Sanitary Sewer Improvements project that will address high pressure issues in the system.

Capital Projects in the General Fund will largely be focused on projects from the Belle Meade Together Master Plan. Final presentation of the BMT Master Plan to the Commissioners will occur later this summer, and the hope is to complete several projects that will showcase the priorities of the Plan, including walkability, traffic calming, beautification and branding.

Please do not hesitate to contact Leigh Mills, Finance & HR Director, if you have any questions or comments on the City’s budget or other financial matters. Phone 615-297-6041 or lmills@citybellemeade.org.

**2021/2022
BUDGET –
All Funds**

FUNCTIONS	GENERAL FUND	BEAUTIFICATION FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	SEWER UTILITY FUND	STATE STREET AID FUND	WASTE COLLECTION FUND	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES							
General	842,812		202,878				1,045,690
Police	1,986,181		23,855				2,010,036
Building & Zoning	220,724		1,000				221,724
Streets	319,765		320,900		87,405		728,070
Waste						477,500	477,500
Stormwater	199,460						199,460
Sewage			212,220	511,076			723,296
Parkways	124,240	43,160					167,400
Debt Service							
Subtotals	3,693,182	43,160	760,853	511,076	87,405	477,500	5,573,175
Transfers	1,026,133		(760,853)	212,220		(477,500)	
Totals:	4,719,315	43,160	-	723,296	87,405	-	5,573,175
(* Funds transfer from General Fund to Capital Projects Fund and Waste Collection Fund)							
FUNCTIONS	GENERAL FUND	BEAUTIFICATION FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	SEWER UTILITY FUND	STATE STREET AID FUND	WASTE COLLECTION FUND	TOTAL
REVENUES							
Local Taxes	3,281,516						3,281,516
Permits	364,500			\$1,600			366,100
Intergovernmental	727,870				\$102,711		830,581
Fines	144,000						144,000
Charges for Svcs.	106,800			\$497,378			604,178
Miscellaneous	172,913	\$300		\$85,850			259,063
Contributions	20,000	\$67,000					87,000
Transfers			(760,853)			(477,500)	
Subtotals	4,817,598	67,300	(760,853)	584,828	102,711	(477,500)	5,572,437
From Reserves				138,468			138,468
Totals:	4,817,598	67,300	(760,853)	723,296	102,711	(477,500)	5,710,905

FROM MAYOR HUNT –

***The History of Belle Meade* -the book**

The editors and typesetter are busy completing final chapters of the Ridley Wills’ book on the history of Belle Meade. It should be ready for purchase and delivery before Christmas. We are gratified by the response for photos, stories and aerial photography recently requested of the residents, neighbors,

and friends. These submissions will greatly enhance the enjoyability and readability of this important recollection of this great city’s past and present. The newsletter will be updating the progress of the book each month, including the title, which has yet to be chosen.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF CHUCK WILLIAMS



In 2020, thirty-nine pedestrians were killed by motor vehicles in Davidson County. Many of those killed were walking at night without reflective gear. Make sure you are wearing enough high visibility clothing/lights when you walk at night, and if walking your dog, have them wear a reflective collar, harness or vest.

Please remember that reflective clothing or a vest is required when walking or jogging on Belle Meade Boulevard or any other streets in the city. Belle Meade Code section 15-123 states this is always required during the period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise

and when vehicles are required to have their lights on. The Code also stipulates walkers and joggers must walk AGAINST traffic. Click [HERE](#) to read Code Section 15-123, Jogging, Bicycling, etc.

We all know the dangers of the increased volume in Belle Meade, and our officers are enforcing traffic violations every day and night. Please be aware of your surroundings when you are walking or jogging in Belle Meade.

The illustrations show how much safer it is, from a visibility standpoint, to wear reflective gear at night. Stay Safe!





Belle Meade Together Master Plan

Thanks to everyone that completed the on-line survey recently. Kimley-Horn received over 200 responses, which will be used as they and City staff continue to prepare cost estimates and project prioritiza-

tion/ phasing for the Final Plan Document that will be presented to the Board of Commissioners later this summer for approval. Stay tuned for news about the final presentation of the Belle Meade Together Master Plan!



RECAP OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING



The Commissioners took action on the following items at the **June 16, 2021** meeting:

- Approved the Parade Permit request for the Boulevard Bolt, Inc.
- Approved request to declare four Motorola Ticket Writers as surplus property.
- Approved the appointments of Charlie Rankin and Renee Stubblefield Poe to the Historic Zoning Commission. Ordinance 2021-2 amended the Belle Meade Code to increase the number of members on the HZA from five to seven. This allows for a quorum to be maintained if one or more members have a conflict of interest.
- Approved the appointment of Puneet Mishra as an Alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- Approved the following invoices over \$5,000:
 - o Kimley Horn & Associates Inc. \$ 8,035.00
 - o Local Government Corp. \$25,698.50
 - o Wascon, Inc. \$ 6,149.50
 - o Gibbs Brothers Construction \$ 7,220.00
 (Jackson & BMB)
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 (Malone & Ellendale)

- Held a Public Hearing for comments prior to final reading of Ordinance 2021-3, to set the property tax rate in excess of the certified tax rate per the Metro Assessor's Office.
- Approved Ordinance 2021-3, Fix Tax Rate for FY 2021-2022. The property tax rate, after discussions with public and Board members, was set at .50 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This rate replaces the loss of Hall Tax revenue and allow for a balanced budget.
- Approved Ordinance 2021-1, Budget Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
- Approved Ordinance 2021-2, Increasing the Number of Commissioners on the Historic Zoning Commission from five (5) to seven (7).
- Deferred Resolution 2021-06, Budget Amendments for current Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
- Approved Resolution 2021-07, to Accept (voluntary) Donations from Belle Meade Citizens for the Purchase of Body Cameras for each officer and Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for each Patrol Vehicle.

CERES SOCIETY DONATIONS – JUNE 2021

MAGNOLIA SOCIETY - \$500 - \$999

Mr. & Mrs. Harry W. Peffen, III
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Webb

TULIP SOCIETY - \$250 - \$499

Mr. & Mrs. Rajeev Amara
Ms. Sue Atkinson
Mr. & Mr. John Gilbert

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kitchel
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Lester
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lowe
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Lusky, Jr.
Mr. Raymond Pirtle

BELOW \$250

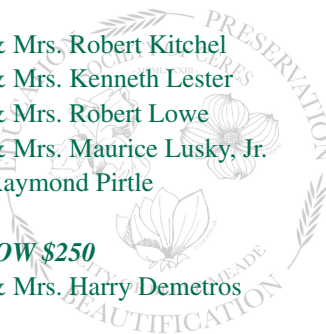
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Demetros

Mrs. Kay Ballenger Haury
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Nappi

CERES DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. & Mrs. Robert C. Ripley

In Memory of Mr. George Bartlett



**REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS
AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2021
All Meetings Held at Belle Meade City Hall**

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, August 18th at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 15th at 4:00 pm

Historic Zoning Commission

Tuesday, August 10th at 3:00 pm
Tuesday, September 14th at 3:00 pm

Board of Building Code Appeals

Tuesday, August 10th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 14th at 4:00 pm

Municipal Planning Commission

Tuesday, August 17th at 4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 21st at 4:00 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, August 17th at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 21st at 5:00 pm

Agendas are available online at www.citybellemeade.org

**CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, JULY 5TH IN OBSERVANCE
OF THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY.
IN CASE OF SEWER, STREET, OR OTHER
EMERGENCIES,
CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
AT 615-297-0241.**

**THE TRASH/RECYCLE AND BRUSH/
CHIPPER COLLECTION
WILL RUN NORMAL ROUTES ON
MONDAY JULY 5TH**

**WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND
ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY!**



St. Georges Farmers Market
Every Thursday this summer
from 3:30 until 6:00 pm

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Nashville, Tennessee 37205

return service requested