



Year In Review 2024

CITY LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

Board of Commissioners – 15 Ordinances

- 2024-1: Abandoned the right-of-way known as “Redwing Avenue”
- 2024-2: Mid-Year Budget Amendments to FY 2024 budget
- 2024-3: Repeal of “Electronic Citation Regulations and Fees” per its 5-year sunset provisions
- 2024-4: Amended Court Costs to recover increased costs associated with written and electronic citations
- 2024-5: Amended Title 13 “Property Maintenance Regulations” to create provisions for Codes Court
- 2024-6: Amended Title 17 to replace “plastic bags” with “paper bags” for yard trimmings
- 2024-7: Final End-of-Year Budget Amendments to FY 2024 budget
- 2024-8: Adopted Annual Budget for FY 2025
- 2024-9: Fixed the Tax Rate for FY 2025 with no change in the rate
- 2024-10: Amended Belle Meade Sewer User Charges with a 2% increase
- 2024-11: Adopted Plumbing and Mechanical Code and took over permitting and enforcement of the same from Metro-Nashville
- 2024-12: Budget Amendment for the FY 2025 budget (to add capital project to budget)
- 2024-13: Repealed and Replaced in its entirety the Stormwater Ordinance provisions, in compliance with federal permitting requirements
- 2024-14: Amended Title 14 to adopt a new Zoning Code and Map
- 2024-15: Amended Title 9 to regulate the hours of permitted solicitations in the city and to create a “Do Not Solicit” Registry Program for residents

Board of Commissioners – 6 Resolutions

- 2024-1: Support for Application to the Public Entity Partners Safety Grant
- 2024-2: Updating Investment Account Information with First Horizon Bank
- 2024-3: Surplus City Property Declaration and Authorization for Disposal
- 2024-4: Amended the City’s Master Fee Schedule (building permits and other fees)
- 2024-5: Establish a 25-mph Speed Limit on Chancery Lane
- 2024-6: Naming of donated land as “Caldwell Meadow”

CITY OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

POLICE and City Court

- Engaged with a volunteer, who receives a small stipend each court day, to provide in-person translation services to support municipal traffic court
- Engaged SkyCop for the first of a two year program to fully replace and upgrade the city's camera system (end-of-life equipment being replaced and to be upgraded at 9-locations)
- New 5-year Grant Award from State of Tennessee for TLETA basic training academy tuition reimbursement for new officers
- Annual Traffic Safety Grant award from Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) for traffic safety equipment and enforcement officers (supported the purchase of new tablets, a speed sign, and radar equipment)
- Purchased four (4) Ford SUV's for police fleet and traded in three (3) Dodge Chargers (units 1702,1706,1711) and a 2011 Nissan Xterra; also surplused one additional (unit 1712 – due to complete engine failure)
- Approved Parade Permits for Cheekwood Classic Car Parade, Boulevard Bolt, St. George's Christmas Eve Services, and Belle Meade's Annual Holiday Parade
- Participated in a neighborhood block party on Warner Place
- Replaced computer equipment in Investigations
- Renewed subscription with Starchase to continue use of GPS tracking darts
- Chief Williams received a scholarship to support his first-ever attendance at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference
- Hired patrol officers, Seth Norris and Tim Bailey, and part-time dispatcher, Jennifer Lester
- Jodi Stepp was promoted from part-time to full-time dispatcher
- Dispatchers Toni Tomlin and Mason Cauthen achieved Master Communications Operator; and Billy Scarbrough and Tyler Parrish achieved Master Patrol Officer designations in 2024
- Sergeant Kate Cloxton and Lieutenant Mack Mangrum continue to work towards higher education and degrees utilizing the City's Employee Assistance Program that provides for up to 100% tuition reimbursement
- Investigator Tom Sexton received the Wilds' Outstanding Service Award recognition in 2024

ADMINISTRATION and FINANCE

- Implemented new Property Tax software to improve billing and recording of payments
- Approved an Interlocal Agreement with Metro-Nashville Department of Transportation on a Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvement Project at Harding Place and Belle Meade Boulevard
- Engaged KCI Technologies for engineering services (\$330,470) to complete final design and construction plans for the Belle Meade Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project
- Engaged with KCI Technologies for design and construction plans for two traffic calming projects on W. Tyne Blvd and Lynwood Blvd as recommended by the Belle Meade Together Master Plan
- Conducted a competitive solicitation process and engaged Crosslin, PLLC for municipal audit services for the next three fiscal year reports
- Renewed or initiated new contracts for Street Maintenance and Repairs, Creek Debris Removal, Annual Street Repairs and Paving, Janitorial Services, Brush Collection, and Snow and Ice removal.
- Initiated a new Employee Tenure Recognition program recognizing employees on their 5-year, and each subsequent 5-year, anniversary date with a service award plaque.

PLANNING and BUILDING CODES

- Implemented new online permitting, record-keeping, and payment system
- Developed a new Zoning Code with a task force, Planning Commission, and Commissioners

- Engaged with Barge Civil to update the City’s Zoning Map per the newly adopted Zoning Code
- New monthly Codes Court for property maintenance, zoning, and building violation cases; has helped completely clear the city’s backlog of cases from prior years
- Held annual board orientation and training session with Belle Meade’s City Attorney
- Mary Samaniego and Matthew Singleton achieved Stormwater certifications in 2024

PUBLIC WORKS

- Replaced gutters and downpipes on the Public Works Maintenance Building
- Road/Driveway Repairs to City Hall and Public Works Building entrances
- Completed Annual Street Paving on Harding Place (East and West), Manor Drive, Drew Place, Royal Oaks Place, and Bellevue Drive South (\$496,000)
- Stone repairs to bridges and stone walls in the City
- Engaged Jarvis Award, Sign, and Flag Co. to upgrade city street signs at all intersections in the city to have matching black posts, post caps, frames and back plates (\$87,460)
- Responded to several storm/wind events throughout the year and coordinated quick response to remove downed trees and other brush

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

- Dylan Hood successfully achieved Wastewater Collection Operator certification in 2024.
- Participated in 5-year rate study and a new 10-year wholesale customer agreement with Metro-Nashville Water Department
- Engaged LDA Engineering for the development of a Sewer Asset Management Plan supported by a grant award from TN Dept. of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
- Utilizing the TDEC Grant, purchased new telemetry units for grinder pumps (totaling \$98,924)
- Engaged LDA Engineering for general engineering consulting services on the city’s sewer system

BEAUTIFICATION

- Received over \$90,000 in donations into the Beautification Fund
- Recommended design concept for Caldwell Meadow
- Recommended design concepts for medians in Belle Meade Boulevard
- Selected plants and installation of Spring and Fall plantings and installed new plantings at City Hall (replacing those that died in the winter freeze)
- Completed major irrigation system repairs along Belle Meade Boulevard
- Hosted Garden Walks and contributed monthly educational articles in Belle Meade Stroll and City of Belle Meade’s monthly resident newsletters
- Participated in the Belle Meade Holiday Parade and display of holiday wreaths across the city
- Engaged LSI to clear out scrub brush and small trees on the Caldwell Meadow
- Accepting donations from residents for deer statues to be installed on Deer Park Circle’s “pocket park” (total improvements valued at approx. \$5,000)

STORMWATER

- Updated the City’s Stormwater Ordinance and related internal procedures and completed Annual Report for FY 2024 (per NPDES MS4 Permit)
- Completed annual creek debris removal