



Year In Review 2025

CITY LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

Board of Commissioners – 14 Ordinances

2025-1: Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2025 budget

2025-2: Amended Sewer User Charges (by 2%) for FY 2026

2025-3: Adopted a Property Tax Rate for FY 2026
(reappraisal year; adopted state certified rate with no increase)

2025-4: Adopt a Budget for FY 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)

2025-5: Amendment No. 3 to the FY 2025 budget

2025-6: Amended Title 16 “Streets and Sidewalks” for a new chapter governing the design, construction, and maintenance of major improvements to Belle Meade Boulevard, includes public notice procedures

2025-7: Amended Title 14 “Zoning Ordinance” creating new conditions for Pickleball Courts

2025-8: Amended Title 11 “Anti-Noise Regulations” to limit hours of jackhammering activity

2025-9: Amended Title 5 to authorize the City Manager to enter into Contracts on behalf of the City, to be added as an Authorized Signatory on Checks, Drafts, or other withdrawals on City Bank Accounts, and Further Provide that Invoices may be paid without Commission approval

2025-10: Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2026 budget

2025-11: N/a

2025-12: Amended Title 11 “Court Costs” to increase municipal court costs from \$95 to \$105

2025-13: Amendment to Title 14 “District Bulk and Setback Regulations” for front yard setbacks

2025-14: Amendment to Title 12 “Building, Utility, Etc., Codes) to create a requirement for security fencing of demolition and new construction sites in the City of Belle Meade

Board of Commissioners – 10 Resolutions

2025-01: Amend the City's master fee schedule to create a \$200 Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) Inspection Fee (this allows the City's Inspector to provide annual inspection services for residents)

2025-02: (Failed) Creating a Memorial Tree Program

2025-03: (Failed) Master Agreement with Pinnacle Bank

2025-04: Adopted Holiday Pay rates for police officers hired for off duty/secondary employment

2025-05: Increased non-resident fingerprinting fees from \$25 to \$50 per card beginning July 1, 2025

2025-06: Authorized a grant application to the "Safety Partners" program for bulletproof vest replacements

2025-07: Declared two (2) city vehicles as surplus property to be sold

2025-08: Declared end-of-life IT hardware as surplus city property for disposal

2025-09: Adopted a Five-year Sewer User Rate Study for fiscal years 2026-2030

2025-10: Resolution 2018-02 Establishing Criteria for the Construction of Sidewalks at the Request of Property Owners and Neighborhood Groups

CITY OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

POLICE and City Court

- Completed the second of a two-year full replacement of the City's video security system hardware/equipment and purchased new investigation software, Motorola Vigilant, that expands the capability of the LPR system to coordinate with other jurisdictions' systems
- Approved an Agreement with SkyCop for equipment and installation of video security systems at three (3) new locations in Belle Meade
- Purchased seven (7) replacement patrol vehicles for the Belle Meade Police fleet; with this purchase there are only three (3) remaining Dodge Chargers in the fleet and they are secondary/spares
- Patrol and Investigations added new law enforcement software, FirstTwo, that aids in locating people and reuniting them with personal property, found pets, unattended vehicles, etc.
- Initiated a new "No Knock" List to help residents reduce unwanted door-to-door solicitations
- Accepted two grant awards from THSO to support traffic enforcement totaling \$45,000
- Officer Dale Corter retired after 16 years of service to Belle Meade

- Emergency Communications/Dispatcher Lisa Byington was promoted from part-time to full-time
- Officers David Read, Mike Germany and Haley Doty achieved Master Patrol Officer designations
- Sergeant Kate Cloxton completed her PhD
- Officer David Read, Officer Billy Scarbrough, Officer Tyler Parrish, and Haley Doty each received recognition in 2025 for Wilds' Outstanding Service Awards; additionally, for their response to the April Storm/Flood event, Chief Williams and all city personnel assisting in the response efforts received the Wilds' Outstanding Service Award recognition
- Master Patrol Officers Wes Bowker and David Read received state-wide recognition at the Tennessee Highway Safety Office Awards Banquet for their contributions to child passenger safety and speed enforcement.
- Approved Parade Permits for Cheekwood Classic Car Parade, Boulevard Bolt, St. George's Easter and Christmas Eve Services, and Belle Meade's Annual Holiday Parade
- Participated in an annual neighborhood block party on Warner Place
- Hosted a Teen Driving Safety Event in April 2025 and a Community Blood Drive with St. George's Church on August 28, 2025
- At the Commissioners' recommendation, an AED was moved from the Police Department into the main lobby of City Hall allowing it to be accessed by any person in the building in the event of an emergency.
- Metro Nashville Fire has now provided access to their CAD system for viewing for our dispatchers

ADMINISTRATION and FINANCE

- Implemented a new property tax billing process with a vendor now using the data from the tax assessor to prepare the invoices and handle mailing to residents, rather than from City Hall; the City Recorder will still be responsible for preparing and mailing delinquent tax bills
- Crosslin, PLLC is completing work on the municipal audit services for FY 2025 (1st year of a 3-year contract)
- Approved a final design and construction cost proposal with Metro-Nashville Department of Transportation on a Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvement Project at Harding Place and Belle Meade Boulevard; anticipated to be completed in spring/summer 2026.
- Engaged with residents to reconsider the City's TDOT grant-funded sidewalk project on Harding Pike/US-70 and ultimately recommitted to completing the project to construct a sidewalk connection from existing sidewalk at the Eskind Bridge near Lynwood Boulevard to Belle Meade Boulevard on Harding Pike
- Completed final design and solicitation of construction bids with KCI Technologies for two traffic calming island projects on W. Tyne Blvd and Lynwood Blvd as recommended by the Belle Meade Together Master Plan

- Renewed or initiated new contracts for Garbage and Recycling Collection; Street and Right-of-Way Maintenance; Streetsweeping Services; Brush and Chipper Services; Snow and Ice; and Janitorial Services.
- Completed city-wide IT hardware replacements, including all PCs, Wi-Fi hardware, and the general administration server with the City's managed services provider, Keystone, with minimal interruptions to city operations.
- City Recorder Rusty Terry earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), Inc.
- Jennifer Moody was elected to the role of Vice President of the Tennessee City Managers Association (TCMA) and to the Tennessee Municipal League Board as the representative for TCMA; both are one-year terms.
- Leigh Mills will join the Board of Directors of Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association (TGFOA) as an at-large member.
- Renewed lease agreement for postage machine at City Hall and technician completed install of new equipment and provided training on the new machine.

PLANNING and BUILDING CODES

- In May 2025, began contributing a monthly article on Belle Meade history to the monthly newsletter
- Implemented new annual stormwater compliance inspection service for residents
- Successfully applied to the Tennessee Historical Commission for a Historic Marker to be placed at the Richland Creek Bridge on Jackson Boulevard with financial support from the City of Belle Meade
- Officially, the department has closed all of the backlog of codes violation cases (which was approximately 20 cases from 2023).
- Matthew Singleton joined the Board of the Middle Tennessee Codes Officials Association (MTCOA) for a one-year term.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Responded to several storm/wind events throughout the year and coordinated quick response to remove downed trees and other brush
- Upgraded all stop sign posts at all intersections in the city with Jarvis Award, Sign, and Flag Co.
- An ad-hoc committee was established in an advisory role for the Belle Meade Beautification and Safety project; following a series of meetings a set of recommendations was adopted by the Board of Commissioners as priorities for the project
- Ordered a full survey of Belle Meade Boulevard and its medians from Harding Pike to Page Road

- Annual Paving and Stripping program updated striping on 14 streets and resurfaced the following three streets: Howell Place (from Jackson Blvd to Belle Meade Blvd), Ellendale Avenue, Enquirer Avenue, and Westhampton Place
- Completed tree trimming along all medians of Belle Meade Boulevard
- Assisted with installation of a new deer statue at the pocket park on Deer Park Circle
- Completed bidding and contracting for several services: street sweeping; road and right-of-way maintenance; road resurfacing; and creek debris removal maintenance
- Installed a new garage door on the Public Works Maintenance Building and completed a drainage improvement project in the alley between City Hall and the Public Works Building
- Replaced one (1) public works vehicle
- Held a free community shred day on Saturday, April 5th resulting in 4,000 lbs. of documents and records being safely shredded and recycled into paper products
- Met with engineers from Neel-Schaffer to discuss engagements for striping and signage on Belle Meade Blvd for this year and resurfacing of Belle Meade Blvd at the start of next fiscal year

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

- Completed a 5-year rate study of the Belle Meade Sewer User Fee that recommends 4% per year increases for each of the next five fiscal years.
- A new scope of work began with LDA Engineering to evaluate the cost efficiency and effectiveness of the city's sewer odor and corrosion control program, which includes competitive solicitation of a new chemical vendor for the program
- Competitively selected, developed, and received training in a new work order management system for the City's Sewer Collection System
- Completed a project with LDA Engineering for the development of a Sewer Asset Management Plan supported by a grant award from TN Dept. of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)
- Belle Meade was honored at the 2025 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala for the City's digital asset management plan project and received an award, alongside our project engineers, from the Tennessee Engineering Foundation and the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Tennessee.
- Utilizing the TDEC Grant, purchased 30 new telemetry units for grinder pumps (totaling \$98,924)
- Advertised for bids for a chemical vendor to assist the City with its Sewer Corrosion and Odor Control Program, which includes chemicals to control hydrogen sulfide in the lines
- Replaced one (1) sewer collection vehicle

BEAUTIFICATION

- Received \$104,335 in donations into the Beautification Fund for CY 2025
- Continued maintenance and beautification efforts at Caldwell Meadow
- Selected plants and installation of Spring and Fall plantings
- Completed tree replacements at the cul-de-sac on Sunnyside Drive and in the 800 block of Belle Meade Boulevard (with transplants of the three existing/larger magnolias to Caldwell Meadow)
- 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
- Ceres hosted an annual Weed Wrangle with The Nashville Garden Club at Caldwell Meadow on Saturday, March 1, 2025.
- Participated in the Belle Meade Holiday Parade and display of holiday wreaths
- Oversaw a resident-funded project for a deer statute to be installed at Deer Park Circle's "pocket park" (total improvements valued at approx. \$5,000)
- Commissioners directed the City Manager to seek services of a landscape architect to oversee city-wide beautification efforts; a competitive solicitation package is in development
- City Commissioners considered and denied a proposal from St. George's Church to accept a donation of land for permanent, dedicated greenspace for a portion of 105 Lynwood Boulevard

STORMWATER

- Implemented a new Stormwater billing process with Metro Water to collect the stormwater fees as a monthly charge consolidated onto residents' monthly water bills; began with September bills
- Hosted a Stormwater Public Workshop on April 4, 2025
- Conducted stream monitoring and testing in support of the City's Stormwater Management Program with assistance from CEC (per NPDES MS4 Permit)
- Approved a new 3-year contract for creek debris removal services
- Completed annual creek debris removal and monthly street sweeping
- Provided assistance and conducted many assessments following a flood/storm event in April 2025; including an emergency removal of a blockage found near Iroquois and Belle Meade Blvd
- Collaborated with CEC on design of two stormwater repair projects – one at the cul-de-sac end of Walnut Drive and the other in the 600 block of Lynnwood Boulevard; the Lynnwood project was completed by the end of the calendar year, and Walnut will be complete in early 2026.
- Mary Samaniego completed and successfully submitted the City's annual report for stormwater (MS4 permit) compliance