

RESOLUTION 2026-05

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND APPLAUDING THE LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS OF BUNNY BLACKBURN TO THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE, as follows:

WHEREAS, BUNNY BLACKBURN has served loyally as a member of the Historic Zoning Commission of the City of Belle Meade since 2019;

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in the creation of the Historic Zoning Overlay standards and the Historic Zoning Commission;

WHEREAS, her function as a member of the Historic Zoning Commission is to preserve the architectural and historical character of Belle Meade's significant historic properties, encourage development that is compatible with the character of the city's historic resources, conduct design review to assist property owners to be good stewards and utilize best practices for their properties, and expect that builders, developers and architects will respect the traditional architectural character of the City of Belle Meade and design new construction of the highest possible quality;

WHEREAS, she voted on and/or presided over approximately 215 applications for remodeling, demolition, and new constructions in the City of Belle Meade according to the design guidelines that she assisted in drafting and adopting;

WHEREAS, she has valiantly led the effort to preserve the beauty of our fair city;

WHEREAS, she has advocated for a balanced approach to historic preservation, emphasizing the need to be sensitive toward homes built prior to 1939 while acknowledging the constraints of certain structures that may be difficult to modernize;

WHEREAS, having undertaken these serious duties, fully understanding the burden of exercising their discretion in deciding matters that excite legitimate debate, and exercising the courage to resolve important issues for the long-term benefit of all of our citizens, she has contributed much to the welfare of this City and its citizens;

WHEREAS, she has done so as a volunteer, without monetary compensation, acting as an involved and responsible steward of this City's assets while always planning for its future;

WHEREAS, Bunny Blackburn has served this City with selfless devotion and time-consuming effort, is highly regarded by her fellow Commissioners and respected as leader by our Board of Commissioners and in our community for her invaluable contributions to this City; And,

WHEREAS, her contributions to the City of Belle Meade will always be appreciated, her presence in the future missed, and her sacrifice for the benefit of our fair City always celebrated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

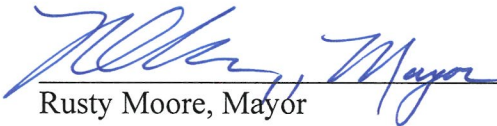
The City of Belle Meade, while lamenting the retirement of its selfless public servant, Bunny Blackburn, recognizes her many contributions and wishes her the best in her retirement from public service to this city; And,

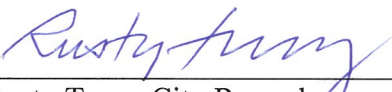
The City of Belle Meade, acting through vote of its Commissioners, recognizes, lauds and applauds Bunny Blackburn upon his retirement as member and current chair of the Historic Zoning Commission of the City of Belle Meade and thanks her for her lasting contributions and enduring legacy of service to its citizens.

Section 2.

This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the general welfare of the City of Belle Meade requiring it.

Passed this 20th day of May 2026


Rusty Moore, Mayor


Rusty Terry, City Recorder