

City of Forest Hills, Tennessee

Board of Commissioners Meeting

September 18, 2025

5:00 P.M. at City Hall

Mayor Lanson Hyde III presiding

The City of Forest Hills, Tennessee, Board of Commissioners met at 5:00 p.m. on September 18, 2025, at City Hall. Mayor Lanson Hyde presided over the meeting. Vice Mayor Henry Trost and Commissioner Jim Gardner were also present. City Staff present included City Manager Mark Hill, City Engineer Luke Sullivan from the firm Neel-Schaffer, City Attorney Marshall Albritton and City Recorder Charlotte Hunter.

1. Approval of Minutes. After review and consideration, and upon motion made by Commissioner Gardner, duly seconded by Vice Mayor Trost, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 2025 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

2. Approval of Financial Statements. After review and consideration, and upon motion made by Vice Mayor Trost, duly seconded by Commissioner Gardner, the Board unanimously approved the financial statements for July and August 2025.

3. New Business

A) Metro Police Dept. - Monthly Briefing

Officers Cox and Norris gave an update from September 1-14th of a few thefts of property like a cell phone, power lines down, a car blocking an intersection and many false alarm calls. They advised they have had many cars broken in to recently. The Best Western Motel on White Bridge Rd and Bellevue motels have been hit the hardest with car break ins. Mayor Hyde asked how we could get better coverage. They advised us to use the hub.nashville.gov app.

B) Barbara Devaney – Discuss \$5k Beautification Grant for the City.

This item was deferred, but the Board discussed Bison Meadow and for Vice Mayor Trost to work on getting a bid from Parke to get the area reworked.

C) Patti Czarnik – Discuss concerns regarding Metro Nashville new tax increase

Ms. Czarnik spoke of her concern about the Tax Assessor office and lack of communication and asked for help getting more help from the State level. The tax assessor wouldn't listen to the concern about Hillside Protection in the Hounds Run subdivision. Metro Nashville has no respect for Forest Hills and their ordinances. Drusie Bishop, 1912 Old Hickory Blvd and Alan Luthy 1948 Edenbridge Way also spoke in agreeance with Czarnik. Attorney Albritton advised them to get a certified Tax agent with expertise. There is not going to be a class action lawsuit for this and each person is responsible for their own lot. This is not a City of Forest Hills issue.

D) Tyne Blvd Pathway (West Side) - Introduction of preliminary plan and cost estimate to determine direction to proceed.

City Manager Hill advised the Board of TDOT will not be issuing any grants next year so the West side of Tyne Bike Path would be a 5-year plan at the most. The City could do this without a grant for around a million and a year time frame.

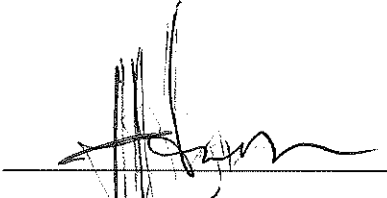
E) Kingsbury Drive Road Widening – Introduction of preliminary plan and cost to determine direction to proceed

City Manager Hill would like to widen Kingsbury because there is no walkability on the busy street. He would like to put a 3–4-foot walking lane on each side of the narrow street. This would also help with traffic calming. There are many options and obstacles but wants the Board to know what he is working on. Engineer Sullivan said it would cost about \$650,000 to widen the road. There are many big power poles, nice entrances and fancy mailboxes and guard rails that would have to be moved.

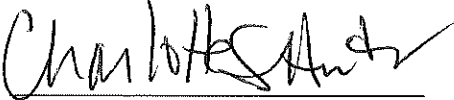
4. Reports from Staff

- a. Mark Hill/City Manager. The landscaping at Kingsbury needs to be finalized and Vice Mayor Trost would like to see native plants. The Recycle Day is this Saturday from 8:30-12:30pm (September 20th, 2025).
 - b. Marshall Albritton, City Attorney, advised there are no pending lawsuits with the City. There is a property on Tyne that would like a wall and would like to be a “farm” and not go by Forest Hills rules. We have asked a homeowner on Harding to tear out a non-permitted carport.
5. Citizen’s Comments. None present

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Lanson J. Hyde III



City Recorder Charlotte Hunter