

City of Forest Hills, Tennessee

Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 19, 2026

5:00 P.M. at City Hall

The City of Forest Hills, Tennessee, Board of Commissioners met at 5:00 p.m. on February 19, 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 January 2026 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 January 2026.
3. New Business
  - a) Metro Police Dept - Monthly Briefing

Sgt. Amanda Kozen talked about the storm related issues. 519 calls that were mostly storm related for extra patrol for wires down, alarm calls due to no power and rides to warming centers.

- b) Ordinance #2026-01 (Public Hearing - 2nd & Final Reading) - An Ordinance rezoning the property located at 5241 Granny White Pike and amending the Zoning Map of the City of Forest Hills.

City Manager Mark Hill commented this is to amend the zoning map. Mayor Hyde opened the public hearing. Nobody was present to speak so he closed the public hearing.

After review and consideration, and upon motion made by Vice Mayor Trost, duly seconded by Commissioner Gardner, the Board unanimously approved the amendment to the zoning map.

- c) Resolution to Recognized Mark Banks – Resolution to recognize Mark Banks for his dedication and service to the city as a BZA Member.

City Attorney Marshall Albritton read the Resolution Honoring Mark Banks service to the City.

d) Bison Meadow Park – Decision on design proposal that was presented to the board or suggest a modified plan going forward.

Vice Mayor Trost made a motion to approve the design. The motion failed. Mayor Hyde asked if there was an alternative motion, none presented.

4. Reports from Staff

- a. Mark Hill/City Manager. Hill stated most of his comments were covered in the work session.
- b. Luke Sullivan, P.E./City Engineer. Mr. Sullivan updated the Board on the culvert replacement work orders for stormwater control. Vintage is almost complete. The Bike Path project is waiting on TDOT for right of way plans and acquisitions. Six signs were damaged in the ice storm, so far. IDIQ is on hold as all are working on the ice storm recovery.
- c. Marshall Albritton, City Attorney, advised there are no pending lawsuits or claims with the City.

5. Citizen's Comments.

Michael Lara, 2104 Tyne Blvd, thanked the City for the quick response to storm issues.

Frieda Mallowney, 4507 Everett, lived on Everett for 28 years. She tried to contact Kindred about their plans for Bison Meadow, and they wouldn't give her an example of a successful project. She prefers to keep it a green lawn and clean up the parking lot area. She is excited about the Bike Path and offered to help raise money when it comes time for that.

Barbara Devaney, 2813 Tyne Blvd. would like to know why the Bison Meadow plan failed. Mayor Hyde explained that nothing has worked for 7 years, in his opinion the no mow month makes yards look horrible. Commissioner Gardner says the way it is now is cost effective and easy to maintain and it looks very nice. Mayor Hyde says they will add a pollinator border and more trees. Ms. Devaney offered \$5,000 from Metro.

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