

*Forest Hills Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2024*

The City of Forest Hills, Tennessee Board of Commissioners met at 5:00 PM on January 25, 2023. Mayor Lanson Hyde presided over the meeting. Vice Mayor Henry Trost and Commissioner Jim Gardner were also present for the meeting. City Staff present included City Manager Mark Hill, City Engineer Brad Bivens, City Attorney Marshall Albritton, and City Recorder Charlotte Hunter. A copy of the agenda is attached to these Minutes as a matter of record.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The first item on the agenda was approval of the Minutes of December 2023. Vice Mayor Trost moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gardner. All aye and the motion carried.

2. **Approval of Financial Statements:** The second item on the agenda was approval of the Financial Statements for December 2023. Commissioner Gardner moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Trost. All aye and the motion carried.

3. **New Business:**

- a) Metro Police Monthly Briefing – Lt. Mike Gilliland from the Traffic division West Precinct gave a report from the last year of 8 visits to Forest Hills with 111 stops and 63 violations. He works in the High Injury Traffic Dept. This year Nashville has had 145 deaths. He can be reached at 615-426-3856 or [mike.gilliland@nashville.gov](mailto:mike.gilliland@nashville.gov). The Board asked him how many employees are in the police dept, and he responded with 1,906 and it's not enough.
- b) Request for Qualifications for Engineer Consultant – TDOT TAP Grant: City Manager Hill explained the process for reviewing applications for the project consultant. Two companies applied, Neel-Schaffer, Inc. & OHM Advisors. After fully reviewing their qualifications, Hill reported that the staff recommends Neel-Schaffer, based on their greater experience with the City and more manageable workload.

Vice Mayor Trost moved for approval on Neel-Schaffer being the chosen consultant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gardner. All aye and the motion carried.

- c) Katie Agnew- PPE Updates  
Mrs. Agnew updated the city of her fund raising for the redesigned gym at Percy Priest School. She thanked Trost and Gardner for meeting with Mayor O'Connor. She has raised approximately \$2.3 million of the \$5 million needed. She is asking the city

for \$1.5M. Mayor Hyde advised The City has worked very hard for our reserves. The interest rates could fall, and we would be in trouble. Forest Hills no longer receives the Hall Income money.

Others who spoke in support of The City donating are:

Whitney Hermandorfer- 1604 Tynewood, Melissa Hood – 1604 Ash Valley, Jacob Radford- 1607 Otter Creek, Clay Jackson – 5819 Hillsboro Pike, Sarah Bishop- 1000 Foxwood

#### 4. Reports from Staff

a) Mark Hill/City Manager

- Gave an update about the RFQ for the TDEC /TDOT will soon be under contract. We were denied the grant for TDOT Multi Modal Grant due in part to recently receiving the grant for the pathway project. We can apply again next year.
- ARPA funds that were used for the Camera project were projected to be at \$700,000 leaving the remaining \$700,000 to be used towards matching the funds on the other grant projects.
- The latest snow event invoice from The Parke Company was \$153,347 plus more salt. We used 88 tons of salt.
- We sold the old Ford Explorer for \$10,057 at an online Municibid Auction.

b) Brad Bivens/City Engineer

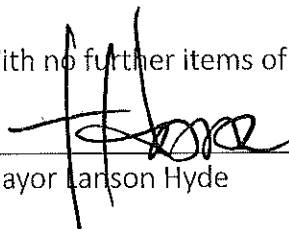
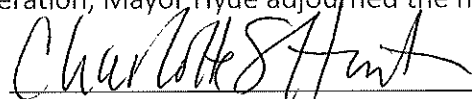
- Speaking of losing the bid for the Multi Modal Grant, Neel-Schaffer believes it is because we just got the big pathways grant and they must share the love.

c) Marshall Albritton/City Attorney

- Albritton advised there is no update from the Chancery Court regarding the street name changes with the Historical Commission. This is 90 days past due.

#### 5. Citizen's Comments:

With no further items of business for consideration, Mayor Hyde adjourned the meeting.

  
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Mayor Larson Hyde  
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City Recorder Charlotte Hunter