

City of Forest Hills, Tennessee
Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 16, 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 January 16, 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 Engineers Luke Sullivan and Kenneth Fields from the firm Neel-Schaffer, and City Attorney Marshall Albritton.

- 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 December 19, 2024, meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
- 2. Approval of Financial Statements.** After review and consideration, and upon motion made by Commissioner Gardner, duly seconded by Vice Mayor Trost, the Board unanimously approved the financial statements for December, 2024.
- 3. New Business.**
 - a. Metro Police Monthly Briefing – Metro Police Officers Torian Cox and Michelle Norris reported regarding calls for service in the Midtown Precinct over the preceding month. Among the calls were 2 vehicle accidents with no injury, 2 vehicle accidents with injury, 1 theft of property, and 1 disorderly conduct incident. Officer Cox stated that there were not many traffic stops due to inclement weather, but that vehicle break-ins and “porch pirate” incidents were up. City Manager Hill also noted that a homeless person had attempted to break into a home on Foxwood Road. He did not actually get into the house but was picked up by police a few blocks away.
- 4. Reports from Staff.**
 - a. Mark Hill/City Manager. Mr. Hill reported on (1) the annual statistics for building and zoning activity in the City; (2) the recent ice and snow storm and the City’s efforts through its contractors to treat the streets, with the cost for treatment being \$73,000.00, and a reported use of 58 tons of salt over 4 days, leaving the City with 69 tons of salt on hand for future weather events this season, and with the Commissioners expressing a desire to watch and control both material and labor costs related to snow and ice

storms, as there were concerns that too much salt may have been used during this event in light of anticipated increasing temperatures over the 4 day period, and that the vendor may have unnecessarily staffed the trucks with 2 employees when only 1 was necessary; (3) NDOT's plan for paving Granny White Pike from Woodmont to Otter Creek in May-June; (4) Metro Water Service's plan for replacing a water line on Willshire Drive; and (5) Metro Water Service's plan to replace the water line on Hillsboro Road.

- b. Luke Sullivan, P.E./City Engineer. Mr. Sullivan reported regarding the status of work being performed pursuant to (1) the street paving contract, including work on Willshire Drive, (2) the sign maintenance contract, (3) stormwater contracts performed with ARPA grant funds, and the status of design for the Tyne Boulevard Bike Path.
- c. Marshall Albritton/City Attorney. Mr. Albritton reported on the status of the City's legal affairs.

5. Citizen's Comments.

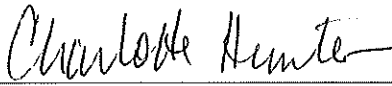
There were no citizen comments.

At the close of the meeting, Mayor Hyde announced that David Waller has decided to end his many years of distinguished service on the Planning Commission. Mr. Waller's departure requires that the Planning Commission will need both a new Chairman and a new member. Clay Jackson, a Planning Commission member with many years of service, has agreed to serve as Chairman, and John Claybrook has agreed join the Planning Commission.

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