

City of Forest Hills, Tennessee

Board of Commissioners Meeting

December 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 December 18, 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 Vice Mayor Trost, duly seconded by Commissioner Gardner, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 2025 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 November 2025.
3. New Business
 - a) Metro Police Dept - Monthly Briefing

Commander Jason Proctor of the West Precinct and Amanda Kozen presented their numbers for incidents from October and November 2025.

22 calls with 7 matters of record, 3 thefts - 1 theft of car, 2 thefts of property, 1 impersonation, 1 fraud, 1 trespasser, 1 identify theft. Mayor Hyde thanked them for the report and said usually the data we receive isn't from Forest Hills but Brentwood or Green Hills. The City would prefer to get more than a week's worth of data at each monthly meeting. Hyde commented on zero traffic stops in Forest Hills and that is really what the City needs. There is a lack of presence in the city of police. The City pays a lot of money for a service we are not receiving. Commander Proctor says they will try to do better on reports

and more traffic stops. Hyde also commented that our expensive camera work and Metro doesn't seem to use the information given to the police department.

- b) Bison Meadow Park - Terry Cook & Monika Pretz discussing park restoration proposals.

Commissioner Trost introduced Terry Cook to discuss potential plans for restoring the native meadow at Bison Meadows. Trost stated that Forest Hills was ahead of its time with the vision of a native prairie in the 2-acre pocket park, but that due to our mismanagement, the original plan has deteriorated, reducing the biodiversity and aesthetic value of the park. Terry has recently retired from The Nature Conservancy and is a recognized native prairie expert for the state of Tennessee, and other Metro parks. He has offered his time as a consultant to help Kindred Land Management in proposing a plan to restore the original vision of the biodiverse mix of native grasses and wildflowers. Terry spoke at length about the benefits of biodiversity, beautification, and community engagement that would result from this restoration project, including a full list of proposed plant species, timeline, and cost estimates for the Kindred implementation. He would oversee the project and manage the Kindred staff for the City, at no additional cost, for the 18-month to two-year process for the park to be self-sustaining, with the goal to minimize long-term maintenance costs.

Commissioner Trost also introduced Monica Pretz, with the Tennessee Environmental Council. Her team offered a proposal to start a pollinator garden and create additional habitat for butterflies, birds, and other native fauna in the grassland area of Bison Meadows Park including a native wildflower mix of species that would ensure three seasons of native flowers. Monika included details of their other projects and of the community educational opportunities that such a garden creates in a neighborhood.

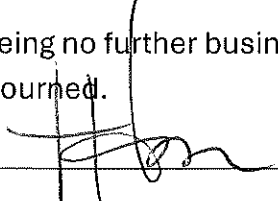
4. Reports from Staff

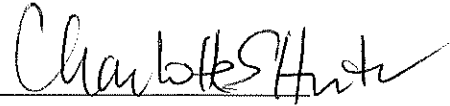
- a. Mark Hill/City Manager. The City was awarded a grant for \$20,000 from the Tennessee Agriculture that will go towards new trees on Hillsboro Pike, and it is in the review process now.
- b. Luke Sullivan, P.E./City Engineer. Mr. Sullivan updated the Board on the work orders for ditch work in 4-6 sites along Tyne near Beauregard. The sign work has been completed. The Bike Path has gone to Legal for finalization.
- c. Marshall Albritton, City Attorney, advised there are no pending lawsuits or claims with the City.

5. Citizen's Comments.

Corrine Kidd of 1039 Lynnwood; Clay Jackson of 5819 Hillsboro Pike; Blake Mays of 4502 Yancey Dr; Marcy Rehse of 2101 Hemingway Dr; and Barbara Devaney of 2813 Tyne Blvd. all expressed their excitement of the ideas presented to the Board for Bison Meadows Park

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