



**City of Bellemeade City Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2020**

Commission Members Present

Mayor Pro Tem James Martin
Commissioner Bob Elliott
Commissioner Robin Mountain
City Treasurer Geri Huff
City Clerk Trish Scott

Others Present

Andrew Miller
Ed Osborne
Don Carter
Sally Carter
Henry Neutz

Call to Order - Mayor Pro Tem James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the June 8, 2020 Regular City Commission were read. Bob Elliott moved to approve as presented, second by Robin Mountain. Regular Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

The Minutes of the June 25 Special Meeting were read. The special meeting was held to appoint an interim Commissioner due to Mike Dyer's resignation and resulted in the appointment of Robin Mountain. Bob Elliott moved to approve the June 25, 2020 Minutes as presented. Robin Mountain seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports - Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report, commenting expenses were as expected. The interest bearing accounts experienced a much lower interest rate with Liberty Bank maintaining the best rate. After discussion about considering other options, Bob Elliott moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, second by Robin Mountain. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Mayor's Report – James Martin reported that the N. Chadwick repaving project is moving forward after an initial delay, with the repaving completed on this date. Speed humps will be installed on Wednesday 7/15. Hall Paving also filled the large pothole on Dorchester.

Public Safety Report – Kentuckiana Law Enforcement has been retained as our new police provider. They began patrols on 7/6 and will be using various law enforcement agencies.

Public Works Report – James Martin has asked for a proposal/contract from Milestone. They will provide a turnkey service by assessing public works needs throughout the city, as well as obtaining bids and recommending providers.

Public Comments – Sandy Carter spoke regarding the American flags she placed at the Moorgate

and Bellemeade entrances, with concern that they are not allowed on common areas. The commission has not received any complaints and was not aware it was an issue with anyone.

Ed Osborne spoke regarding inoperative/unlicensed automobiles and other code violations. He cited numerous violations he has observed, and feels that Bellemeade could be more active in pursuing Metro Louisville's enforcement of the codes.

New Business – Second Reading of an Ordinance related to Closing Charing Cross and clarification of Codification Ordinance. James Martin presented for second reading the Ordinance related to Closing Charing Cross and clarification of Codification Ordinance. Bob Elliott moved to approve the Ordinance as presented, Robin Mountain seconded. The Ordinance was adopted unanimously.

First Reading of LGPT Tax Rate Ordinance. James Martin presented for First Reading the LGPT Tax Rate Ordinance, commenting that it is identical to last year's ordinance. Bob Elliott asked for clarification regarding the maximum allowable credit and how it relates to Metro's rate. Andrew Miller explained that if we choose to charge a lower rate, Metro would get the difference. James will ask Stephen Porter to confirm.

Discussion of Virtual or Physical Meeting Location Date for August and September Meetings and Public Tax Hearing. Considering the Covid Pandemic, the commission discussed the merits of various meeting options. The majority of commissioners favored a physical meeting for the Public Tax Hearing. It was decided the Tax Hearing could be held immediately prior to the next Regular Commission Meeting preferably held at the Steel Technologies Building. Working meetings were more conducive to using Zoom. Andrew Miller reminded the commission to be aware of public notice when changing the meeting location.

Selection of Mayor (presided over by Commissioner - Bob Elliott) The two candidates who signed up to apply for the Interim Mayoral position spoke to the commission. James Martin presented his qualifications and desire to serve the City of Bellemeade. Ed Osborne commented that he is a 53 year resident of Bellemeade, and thought that more than one person should apply, and James needed some competition.

Robin Mountain moved to appoint James Martin for the interim Mayor position. Bob Elliott seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Selection of Mayor Pro Tem - James Martin moved to appoint Robin Mountain to the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Bob Elliott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of and Thank You to Former Mayor, Andrew Miller - James Martin commended Andrew Miller for his exemplary service to the City of Bellemeade, both through his commissioner position and then as Mayor, including obtaining the grant for the N. Chadwick repaving as well as taking ownership of N. Charing Cross to ensure that Bellemeade has control in the future.

Adjournment - James Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


James Martin, Mayor

Trish Scott, City Clerk