



**City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2022**

**Commission Members Present**

Mayor James Martin  
Commissioner Halle Brumleve  
Commissioner Robin Mountain  
Commissioner Sandy Walker  
Commissioner Ben Zickel  
City Attorney Stephen Porter  
City Treasurer Geri Huff  
City Clerk Trish Scott

**Others Present**

None

**Call to Order** - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

**Approval of Minutes** - The May 9, 2022 Commission Meeting minutes were read. City Attorney Steve Porter commented that he wished for his opinion regarding reimbursement for cost of running for office to be reflected in the meeting minutes. He had stated that he felt that should be a personal cost, not a city expense. Mayor Martin will amend the minutes to reflect Steve Porter's opinion. James Martin moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ben Zickel seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Second Reading of Budget Ordinance**

James Martin presented the Budget Ordinance for second reading. Changes made since the first reading include adding \$800 for a salary increase for city employees and keeping the property tax rate at 6.6%. This will result in an increase in revenue that will require a public hearing. Mayor Martin moved to vote on the ordinance as presented. Ben Zickel seconded the motion, and the Budget Ordinance was approved unanimously.

Post cards will be sent announcing the Public Hearing which will be held prior to the August 8, 2022 Committee Meeting.

**Reports**

*Treasurer's Report* - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. The city had a lucrative month with Insurance premium taxes as well as some past due property taxes that were remitted. Geri reported that \$342 in CARES act funds were received from the State and she has segregated the funds on the report. Current balance after expenses is \$59,012. She reported that with the market downturn the investment account was also down. The next treasurer's report will be the fiscal year end statement.

James Martin moved to approve the treasurer's Report as presented. Sandra Walker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

*Mayor's Report* - Mayor Martin reported that all of the commissioners currently serving are running for office again. At this time, nobody else has signed up to run for office. Discussion regarding reimbursement for the application fee covered various options including providing a salary to the commissioners for the fee amount of \$50.

James Martin reviewed the operation guidelines of the commission. Each commissioner is responsible for their assigned area of responsibility. Any commissioner can address issues outside of their area when warranted. The commission as a whole can vote on any issue including those specific to a commissioner's scope of responsibility. A requirement for quarterly commissioner reports was discussed as well. This has not been enforced, and it was decided this requirement should likely be eliminated as the monthly meetings cover most commissioners' activities.

Mayor Martin opened discussion of possible ARPA uses. One suggestion was to use the funds for drainage ditch clean up. Because the ditch is under MSD's jurisdiction, we would want to get written permission to hire a contractor for that project.

### **Commissioner Reports**

*Public Lands Report* - Ben Zickel reported that all is well with Public Lands.

*Public Works Report* - Sandy Walker reported that she has not yet received an invoice for the stop signs. She contacted the city of Hurstbourne to ask about their source for replacing stop signs and frames. Hurstbourne also has had their signs custom made as the need is so infrequent.

Commissioner Walker received a quote of \$2,046 to have the crack sealer throughout Bellemeade refreshed. Additionally, she contacted MSD to request clean up in a particularly bad area of the drainage ditch after being contacted by a resident. She also contacted MSD regarding the N. Chadwick sewer damage near Whipps Mill, and expects a call back from them.

She informed the commission of her discussions with Hall Paving, who paved N. Chadwick and has reviewed Bellemeade streets. They provided a report breaking down the city into sections based on when they expect each section of pavement will need to be replaced. Some sections will receive matching funds from Metro. Their estimate for the entire city is \$750,000 and breaks out as follows:

2 - 4 yrs	\$108,000 no matching funds
4 - 6 yrs	\$223,000 metro will match
7-10 yrs	\$218,000 metro will match

*Public Safety Report* - Robin Mountain reported he had a productive meeting with John Aubrey. They discussed a recently reported trespasser on the 200 block of Dorchester that had been posted on Nextdoor, and the general increase in crime as noted by many different sources. Robin asked John to have his officers drive up to his security camera near his garage before and after their shifts to more accurately keep track of their rounds. John Aubrey is in favor of license plate cameras and will get information from a Kentucky based company for consideration. We can also request that Metro increase their patrols of our city. Robin confirmed the patrol schedule with John. They are currently using unmarked vehicles driven by district detectives.

Commissioner Walker commented that she would prefer the vehicles be marked, as that would be a deterrent for crime. She has been observing the schedule as well as monitoring the patrols, and does not feel they are providing the service we have requested. Discussion centered around other options

and costs involved as well as the history of how we came to use KLE. Robin will ask John to use marked cars for our patrols.

*Public Events Report* - Yard Sale Food trucks were discussed.

**Public Comments** - none

James Martin informed the commission that the Canopy Tree Ordinance will be discussed further at our next meeting.


*July Meeting Locations* - As the next working meeting date will be Monday, July 4 2022, we will not have a working meeting this month. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7 PM.

**Adjournment** - Mayor James Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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James Martin, Mayor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Trish Scott", written over a horizontal line.

Trish Scott, City Clerk

