



City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2025

Commission Members Present

Mayor James Martin
Commissioner Halle Brumleve
Commissioner Sandy Walker
Commissioner Burt Deutsch
Commissioner Cindy Oppel
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 7:06 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222.

Approval of Minutes - The July 14, 2025 Minutes were read, and Steve Porter requested a correction in the "New Business" section. In the first paragraph discussing Whippsmill Road Developments, the words "Metro Louisville" were stricken and replaced with "Bellemeade." Burt Deutsch made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Cindy Oppel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff presented the Treasurer's Report. Bellemeade entered the new fiscal year with no unexpected changes. Additional fees this month included attorney's fees for Leaf Spring Project and Payne Electric for repair of landscape lighting. Money market and CD details are now included at the bottom of the Financial Statement. James Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Halle Brumleve seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Reports

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin apologized that no working meeting took place last week. He commented that there will be no change in the tax rate this year; it will remain at 9.2 cents per \$100 property valuation. The Tax Ordinance will be presented later in this meeting for first reading.

He informed the commission that the petition to change the meeting date for the zoning change on Whippsmill Road collected 759 signatures from Bellemeade and surrounding communities' residents, well over the 300 required. The new meeting date and location will be announced when it is set.

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve reported that the City-Wide Yard Sale is this weekend. She asked for assistance with Yard Sale and No Parking signs as she will be out of town for this event. Geri Huff is obtaining balloons for the Yard Sale signs, and she and Sandy Walker will put out the No Parking signs. James informed them that he had already placed Yard Sale signs at the city entrances and would also assist with No Parking signs. The Meet and Greet event was discussed and will be delayed due to increased activities with the Leaf Spring Development.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - Burt Deutsch had nothing to report this month.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Commissioner Walker reported that The Beargrass Group will be treating road damage with tar likely in early September.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel had nothing to report at this time. She will be stepping down from her Commissioner position as she is moving out of Bellemeade. Mayor Martin informed the commission that he had contacted Mr. Ralph Farsetti who had expressed interest in serving on the commission earlier this year.

Public Comments - None

New Business

Whippsmill Road Developments - City Attorney Steve Porter updated the commissioners on his progress on this issue. He informed them that Karen Mohammadi of Michael Baker Traffic Engineers can provide supportive services including traffic research, formal presentation of the findings to the zoning board, and testifying at meetings as an expert on various elements of the impact this project would have on our community. The cost for her services would be \$3,300 but we can likely get some of the surrounding cities and communities to carry part of this cost.

Burt Deutsche made a motion that Steve Porter contract with Michael Baker traffic engineering as presented, and appeal to the surrounding communities for assistance with the cost, with the City of Bellemeade ultimately bearing all costs if no assistance is provided. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Porter added the new date and time for the public hearing will likely not be earlier than October due to difficulty in scheduling a quorum of Zoning Committee members and appropriate space availability for the meeting. It is expected that the meeting will be held at Founder's Union at 6pm when a date can be determined. Steve informed the commissioners that they cannot contact any members of the planning committee or Lyndon City Council individually. Letters or emails could be addressed to the city council as a whole, or the full zoning committee. When the hearing details are decided, he and Mayor Martin will arrange a meeting with representatives from surrounding communities to formulate a presentation to the Zoning Board of our opposition to the zoning change.

Steve Porter presented an ordinance imposing various restrictions on construction, outbuildings, lighting and parking standards. Commissioner Walker expressed concern about some of the restrictions being excessive as well as construction traffic using Bellemeade roads.

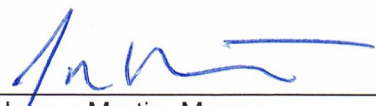
Burt Deutsch made a motion to accept for First Reading "An Ordinance establishing requirements for construction, demolition, design, safety, parking and lighting activities in the City of Bellemeade". Halle Brumleve seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. A first reading was had.

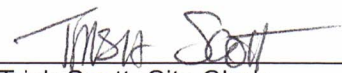
Mayor Martin presented for First Reading the 2025 Tax Ordinance. There are no changes from last year's ordinance with the tax assessment remaining at 9.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

September Meeting Locations - There will be no working meeting in September due to the Labor Day holiday. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at Shelby House Condominiums, 8605 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40222 on Monday, September 8, at 7 PM.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



James Martin, Mayor

Trish Scott, City Clerk