



City of Bellemeade Commission Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024

Commission Members Present

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

Others Present

Bonnie Jung
Bill Dieruf

Call to Order - Mayor James Martin called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Steel Technologies Building, The 700 Room, 1st Floor 700 North Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40222. He introduced Bonnie Jung and Bill Dieruf, who spoke to the commissioners about the upcoming election and the importance of the contributions of Louisville's suburban cities to the Metro District.

Approval of Minutes - The April 2024 Commission Meeting was canceled due to various commission members being unable to attend. The March 11, 2024 Minutes were read and James Martin made a motion to approve as presented. Cindy Oppel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Geri Huff informed the commissioners that Insurance Premium taxes have picked up as expected, and there were some additional expenses for the Arbor Day event.

She presented the commission with two monthly reports, with one of them being a corrected version of the previous report. She reviewed the correction with the commission, reflecting the final CARES funds. Ben Zickel made a motion to approve both Treasurer's Reports. Cindy Oppel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reports

Mayor's Report - Mayor Martin reported that last week's working meeting was attended by himself, Cindy Oppel, Halle Brumleve, and Sandy Walker.

He also reported that he had a discussion with Matt Ricketts with NTS regarding the newest planned construction at 425 North Whittington Parkway. The increased space is expected to be approved and Steve will continue to monitor progress.

Mayor Martin requested that the SAM Registration be completed by City Clerk Trish Scott in 7 days, and reported that the Fiscal Report has been submitted, though the system continues to send emails requesting the submission.

Public Comments - Comments were heard at the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Reports

Public Events Report - Commissioner Brumleve reported that the Bellemeade Rocky Centipede project has been a success, with numerous rocks added. The Yard Sale is on for August 17. Arbor Day was once again a great success.

Public Lands & Public Works Report - Commissioner Ben Zickel informed the commission that he will likely reach out to other cities to see if we can share their waste management contract. Cindy Oppel commented that there are dead bushes at the Moorgate entrance. Ben had not asked for them to be removed, but will specifically request that be done along with mulching and weeding as needed to keep the entrances looking neat.

Public Safety & Roads Report - Sandy Walker reported that speed humps have been installed on Wood Road by the City of Louisville in response to residents' requests.

Code Enforcement Report - Commissioner Cindy Oppel reported she has received a few complaints regarding appearance/maintenance of properties throughout Bellemeade. She and Mayor Martin will be canvassing the city again this coming Saturday.

New Business - 2024-2025 City Budget Ordinance - First Reading

Mayor Martin presented the 2024-2025 City Budget Ordinance for first reading. City Treasurer Geri Huff had provided reports for the current account balances which total approximately \$950,000 as well as reports outlining the CARES budget, and the proposed budget draft.

Geri Huff estimates revenues to be approximately \$175,000 at the end of the fiscal year and expects them to be approximately the same next year. The biggest expense at this time is sanitation, which has increased 36%.

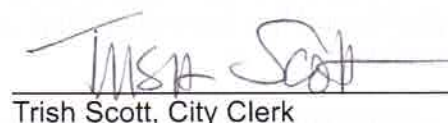
Various adjustments to the current budget to mitigate the sanitation increase were discussed, including decreasing the newsletter budget and Police expenses and beautification budget amounts. There was also discussion regarding whether budgeting over expected expenses is a good strategy. If no changes are made we will have to increase taxes. Sandy Walker asked whether we should withdraw funds from the investment account at this time while the market is up. Mayor Martin expressed his desire to keep the funds invested at this time, considering the account to be a long term investment that will experience up and down months along with market movements. He polled the commission and it was decided to keep funds in the investment account at this time. Mayor Martin will investigate whether we can invest part of our funds in CDs.

June Meeting Locations - The next working meeting will be at 7 PM, via Zoom on Monday, June 3, 2024. The Regular Commission Meeting will be held in person at The Steel Technologies Building on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7 PM.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


James Martin, Mayor


Trish Scott, City Clerk