

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF FOREST HILLS**

MARCH 15, 2007

The Forest Hills Board of Commissioners (herein also the "Board") held its regular meeting on March 15, 2007 at the City's Offices, 4012 Hillsboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Lovell presided. Also present were Commissioner Coke, Al Deck, City Manager, and Assistant City Attorney, Matt Foster. Others present are shown on the attached sign-in sheet. A copy of the Agenda is also attached to these minutes.

1. Comments from Forest Hills residents. NA

2. Approval of the Minutes for March 1, 2007. Upon motion by Commissioner Coke, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Lovell, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the March 1, 2007 regular meeting.

3. Report from the City Manager, Al Deck.
 - (a) Financial Statements: Motion by Commissioner Coke, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Lovell, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the financial statements for February.

 - (b) Verizon Contract. Motion by Vice Mayor Lovell, which was seconded by Commissioner Coke, and the Board unanimously voted to approve a new, two year contract with Verizon Wireless for cell phone service.

(c) Competitive Bids for Banking Services. Motion by Vice Mayor Lovell, which was seconded by Commissioner Coke and the Board unanimously voted approval for the City Manager to solicit competitive bids for the city's banking services.

(d) 2006 Metro Road Tax Funds. Assistant City Attorney Matt Foster informed the Board of Commissioners that the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has agreed to pay the unpaid Road Tax Funds for fiscal year 2005 / 06, pending the City's approval of the contract. The legal staff recommended approval of the contract for the unpaid funds for both fiscal years 2005 / 06. A Contract for Road Tax Funds for the current year, 2006 / 07 should be available soon and will be brought before the Board when available.

Motion by Commissioner Coke, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Lovell, and the Board unanimously voted to approve to approve the contract for payment of the Metro Road Funds for 2005/06 and 2006/07.

4. Report from the City Engineer, Brad Bivens. Mr. Bivens presented the report on building permits and inspections for the month of February 2007.

5. Report from Assistant City Attorney, Matt Foster.

(a) Agreed Order, Cambridge Downs Subdivision. Mr. Foster informed the Board of Commissioners that attorneys for the Goldstones will join in an Agreed Order to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, allowing the City to conduct a hearing on their request for a variance and to enforce the City's Zoning Ordinance, while the property owner remains in bankruptcy.

(b) Cell Tower Co-Location. The legal staff is in contact with a company seeking co-location on one of two possible sites in Forest Hills. The staff will keep the City posted as to progress and a schedule for approval of any proposal.

(c) Training Requirements for Planning Commission Members. Mr. Foster made the Board of Commissioners aware that the State of Tennessee implemented training requirements for the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members. However, along with the requirement the State also created an option allowing any city to opt out of the training. The Board of Commissioners chose to forego the training. An Ordinance opting-out of the training requirement will be introduced at the next meeting.

(d) Lakewood Suit. The hearing for Request for Partial Summary Judgment is scheduled for March 22, 2007. Mr. Foster invited the Board members to attend.

6. Old Business:

(a) Open Space Committee Report. Commissioner Coke reported that the Committee has met three times. During the last meeting, the Committee developed a (RFQ) Request for Qualification. The RFQ will be presented to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, for approval and funding. The RFQ, once approved, will be advertised in national

publications and will invite interested companies to submit their qualifications and experience to the Board of Commissioners for consideration.

(b) Public safety Committee Report. Vice Mayor Lovell reported that the Subdivision Regulation provides that street lights fall under the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission. Article IV, A.9 (page 21) of the Subdivision Regulations states that the Planning Commission has the authority, “. . . to approve or deny approval. . . the number and location of streetlights. . .”

Secondly, Vice Mayor Lovell reported that the Committee recommends allowing the City Manager to issue a proposal for hiring off-duty police officers to patrol the City of Forest Hills, at various hours.

Motion by Commissioner Coke, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Lovell, the Board unanimously voted to approve a proposal to contact with neighboring cities for off-duty police officer to patrol within the limits of Forest Hills.

Mr. Foster addressed the issue of surveillance cameras. The Committee had considered either the purchase or rental of cameras, which would be mounted on private property. In the opinion of the legal staff, that situation creates several liability problems for the City. As an alternative, the Committee wishes to encourage residents to purchase and install cameras on the eaves of their houses, for surveillance of their own property. Mr. Foster reminded the Board that the City’s \$10,000 reward would apply to anyone providing video tape, resulting in the arrest and conviction of the “Wooded Rapists.” Mr. Foster also stated that the City could encourage the Metro School System to install surveillance equipment on its property at Percy Priest School.

Mr. Warner Bass, Chairman of the Planning Commission, addressed an issue that was discussed in a previous Board meeting. Metro Parks surveyed the tract of land at the corner of Chickering and Page Roads. That tract of approximately 2.5 acres is part of Warner Park and is located within the City limits of Forest Hills. The Friends of Warner Park have requested that the City of Forest Hills consider including the small, overgrown section of the Park in its Beautification Day, April 28th. This triangle property could also serve as a gateway into Forest Hills, at this intersection.

Motion by Commissioner Coke, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Lovell, the Board unanimously voted to approve a budget of \$8,000 and allow The Parke Company, which serves as City's landscaper and arborist, to clean up the section of Warner Park, located within the city limits of Forest Hills.

There being no further matters to be discussed and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder

Vice Mayor