

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS  
 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES  
 For  
 MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016**

A. The monthly meeting of City Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Ben Franklin at 7:00 PM in the Family Life Center of Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

B. **Present:** All Commissioners and staff were present.

**Guests:** Alex Gipe, 3939 Elfin Ave.

B. Minutes for the meeting held July 11, 2016 were reviewed. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion made by: Kirkwood

Seconded: Davidson

**D. Treasurer's Report:**

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 199,520.07 in available funds---  
 \$ 194,979.80 in the General Fund and \$ 4,540.27 in the Road Fund.

Mr. Kirchgessner gave details of the month's expenditures and deposits. He also advised that he has made a slight change in the budget format--- the line item for sidewalk snow removal has been moved from the Road Fund to the General Fund.

2. Annual insurance policy premium payments made.

Mr. Kirchgessner made the following premium payments:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Limit per Occurrence</u>	<u>Annual Premium</u>
General Liability	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Officials Liability	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Business Auto Liability	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 155.00
Worker's Comp	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 606.68

There are no increases from premiums paid in 2015.

3. First Financial report of FY 2016/2017.

Mr. Kirchgessner confirmed that the City is beginning the new fiscal year in excellent financial condition.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Barbour

Seconded: Westfall

**E. City Attorney Report:** Items which require a legal opinion.  
Mr. Jobson had no report.

**F. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Status of blighted property (Miller, 4000 Elfin Ave.). Trash & boat removed from rear yard?**

Mayor Franklin reported that there had been no progress on this situation. He will continue to work with IPL and Metro Councilwoman Leet's office to get some action from Metro IPL.

**2. Revision to City Ordinance No. 9 implementing a new phase of the tree planting program.**

City Clerk Westfall presented a revision to the ordinance authorizing a new program for additional tree planting in the City. Mayor Franklin read the revision. Commissioner Kirkwood made a motion to accept the revision as read; Commissioner Davidson seconded. The Commissioners will vote on the revision at the September meeting.

**3. Status report on Annual Block Party scheduled for Sunday, 9/25/16.**

The party will be from 2-5 PM. City Clerk Westfall will hire the entertainment and get the refreshments. Commissioner Kirkwood will get either LMPD or St. Matthews FD to attend.

**4. 2016 Commissioner elections.**

Mayor Franklin filed election forms for Commissioners Barbour, Davidson, and Westfall. Commissioner Kirkwood will not be running for re-election--- he and his family are moving out of Druid Hills this Fall. Mayor Franklin assured the Commission that even with three Commissioners for the next election cycle, the City can still conduct business since it will still have a quorum.

**H. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Tree removal approvals.**

There following requests were approved this month:  
No requests were received this month.

**2. Request for Plan approvals:**

\* Nancy Vail--- 4016 Druid Hills Road

Mayor Franklin advised that Ms. Vail requested approval to turn her detached garage into a working space with a bathroom and kitchenette. Discussion followed with the Commissioners questioning whether our R5 zoning allowed this type of construction. Could the space be used as an apartment in the future? Druid Hills original deeds specify that only single family residences can be built on the lots in Druid Hills. Without proof that the space would be used as an apartment, the Commissioners approved the plan request.

**3. Community events:**

Mayor Franklin is a member of the 109 Committee, a part of the Jefferson County League of Cities. This group is studying ways to decrease the amount of garbage generated in the County. The goal is to decrease the total amount of garbage by 90%. They don't want Metro Louisville to take control of all sanitation contracts in the Metro area.

**5. Complaint about speeding on Elfin Avenue.**

Mr. Alex Gipe, 3929 Elfin Avenue, requested the Mayor and Commissioners to consider again installing speed humps on City

Streets. He related a recent incident on his street when a "speeding" car almost hit his daughter. He and his neighbors feel that there is a significant number of cars exceeding safe speeds on our streets to warrant speed humps.

Mayor Franklin, Mr. Gipe, and the Commissioners discussed the issue. Mayor Franklin reminded everyone that the previous traffic study did not support speed humps because there was not enough traffic or enough traffic that exceeded the speed limit to justify their installation. Should the City do another traffic study? Put a referendum on a ballot for a vote by the residents?

If a referendum, what should it say?

1. Do another study and follow Metro guidelines?
2. Install speed humps without following Metro guidelines?

Mayor Franklin would support doing another traffic study.

City Attorney Jobson would recommend following Metro guidelines because any action taken by the City would withstand legal challenges. Commissioner Barbour recommended that the City investigate our options further. Mr. Jobson will find out how a referendum or resolution can be added to the November ballot, how it should be worded, and what would constitute a majority of votes to pass.

**6. New walking path @ Broadway Baptist Church.**

Mayor Franklin advised that the Church wants to install a walking path on their property to the left of the building (along Chippewa Rd.).

~~The Commissioners decided to hold this event on Sunday, 9/25/16 or Sunday, 9/18/16 if the 25<sup>th</sup> does not work.~~

**7. Install sidewalks on Brownsboro Road?**

Mayor Franklin is investigating if the State has plans to put sidewalks on Brownsboro Road between Chenoweth Lane and Chippewa Road. Former Metro Councilman Fleming had a "Brownsboro Corridor" beautification plan at one time. Sidewalks were included in that plan. Mr. Franklin will check with Councilwoman Leet to see if the plan is still active.

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- I. **Next Meeting:** Monday, September 12, 2016 at Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.