

**CITY OF DRUID HILLS
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
For
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017**

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 less Commissioner Barbour were present.

Guests: Mark Strebel, 3910 Druid Hills Road, new City Treasurer
Barbara Noland, 3907 Elfin Ave.

B. Minutes for the meeting held July 10, 2017 were reviewed.
No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the Commission meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion made by: Arnold

Seconded: Gipe

D. Treasurer's Report:

See attached spreadsheets for detailed account balances.

1. Monthly financial reports:

The City has a total of \$ 215,510.34 in available funds---
\$ 210,366.79 in the General Fund and \$5,143.55 in the Road Fund.

Mr. Kirchgessner reviewed revenue and expenses incurred by the City since the last Commissioner meeting.

The City had received ~ \$2,400.00 in insurance tax revenue as of Mr. Kirchgessner's report. Since then we have received ~ \$6,000.00 in additional payments

2. City insurance premiums paid.

Mr. Kirchgessner advised that the annual insurance premiums for the City's General Liability, Public Officials Liability, and Business Auto Liability have been paid in full. The Workmen's Comp insurance premium was also paid this month. The Surety bond for the Treasurer, Mayor, and Mayor pro tem are paid in March of each year.

9/14 emailed to Ben for web-site

Mayor Franklin asked Mr. Kirchgessner to research our coverage and make sure that the City is covered by all insurances required by State statute.

3. First Reading of Amendment No. 1 to City Ordinance No. 1-2017 (establishing the City FY 2017/2018 budget), approving a transfer of funds to pay for the repair of the City of Druid Hills stone entrance walls.

Mayor Franklin read the amendment. Commissioner Arnold made the motion to approve the amendment; Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

4. Appointment of new City Treasurer. *Stebel*

Mayor Franklin appointed Mark ~~Stebel~~ *Stebel* as the new City Treasurer effective at the close of this meeting. He thanked Mr. Kirchgessner for his nine years of service to the Commissioners and the City. The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Stebel to the group.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given:

Motion made by: Gipe

Seconded: Westfall

E. City Attorney Report:

City Attorney Jobson advised that the survey letter was ready to mail. City Clerk Westfall will provide mailing labels and envelopes. Responses are due by 9/01/17 and are to be mailed directly to the City Auditor, Charles Veneeman. He will tally the votes and present a spread sheet with the responses for the next Commissioners meeting in September.

Discussion followed again about the survey letter wording and the City's failure to follow established Metro Louisville guidelines for speed hump installation. Ms. Barbara Noland, a former Commissioner and visitor to this meeting, asked for an explanation about why now a push for speed

humps again? She said that several people on Elfin Avenue had complained to her about children playing in the street. If there was not enough speeding traffic in previous studies to justify speed humps why now?

Another discussion point centered around whether the survey should be sent out to all ~~residents~~^{owners} or just to those on Druid Hills Road and Elfin Avenue where the speed humps would be installed. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Jobson to send the survey out to all residents and all voted would be counted. Failure to respond will count as a "No" vote.

F. OLD BUISNESS:

1. Information on costs associated with the installation of speed humps. City Clerk Westfall (paving) and Commissioner Barbour (signage) to advise.

City Clerk Westfall reported that she had gotten the following bids for both the speed hump installation and for the Elan City radar speed signs:

- Hall Contracting--- total for six speed humps (three per street)
\$ 12,900.00

This includes all striping needed but does not include signage.

- Evolis Radar Speed Signs--- \$ 2,500.00 each. Two per street?

She walked the streets with the representative from Hall Contracting and they tentatively located where each speed hump would be located. The Commissioners will wait to see the survey results before they decide to proceed with either option.

2. Status report on JCLC and small cities law suit brought by Metro Louisville Mayor Fischer re: solid waste disposal contracts.

Mayor Franklin advised that they were waiting on responses from all eighty-three (83) small cities to see if they agree with the JCLC position. He will keep the Commissioners posted of future developments.

3. Stone entrance wall repair bids.

City Clerk Westfall advised that the entrance wall repair project has been completed.

4. Annual Block Party scheduled for Sunday, 10/15/17.

City Clerk Westfall confirmed the date with the Commissioners. We will have a cook-out this year. Entertainment to be decided. It will be held on Olympic Avenue. She sent out "Save the Date" emails to residents.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree removal approvals.

There were no requests this month.

2. Request for Plan approvals:

Mayor Franklin received a request from Joshua Bell, 3912 Olympic Ave. Mr. Bell was unaware that he needed a Druid Hills permit for his addition which is already under construction. Mr. Franklin is still reviewing his permit application.

3. Community events:

Mayor Franklin gave a report on the LMPD's "National Night Out" event held at the Peterson Dumesnil House in July.

4. Donation to Broadway Baptist Church's new Prayer Garden.

City Clerk Westfall asked the Commissioners to consider a donation to the church for their new prayer garden. A representative from the church had called her to let the Druid Hills residents know that this garden was open to their use. It is set up as a passive place to pray or meditate. The Church only asks that everyone be respectful of the sanctity of the place.

Mayor Franklin made a motion to donate \$500.00 for the garden. Since the Church does not charge the City to have its monthly meetings there, he thought it appropriate to support them in this effort. The Commissioners agreed and the motion passed.

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I. Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017 at Broadway Baptist
Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.