

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
January 9, 2023

The Council and Officers of the City of Windy Hills met at Sojourn Community Church East, 2501 Rudy Lane, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor John Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Mayor Roberts welcomed those who were present and said a few words to encourage citizens to participate in various ways within Windy Hills.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

MAYOR

John Roberts

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Helen Davis

Kate Greer

Marianne Rademaker

Suzanne Spencer

Steve Teaford

Julie Theiler

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Christine Haner, Clerk

Attorney Timothy Mayer

Don Ryan, Code Enforcement

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022, Council meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilwoman Davis moved to approve the December 2022 Financial Reports; seconded by Councilwoman Greer. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the December bills, totaling \$177,064.32 and was seconded by Councilwoman Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Grant Wallace, a resident of Royal Coach, signed in to discuss recycling and the City contract with Ecotech. Per Mr. Wallace in November 2022, Ecotech told Royal Coach to throw glass in the trash as they no longer collect glass. Mr. Wallace produced a copy of Louisville Metro Ordinance No. 44-2005, approved 4-19-2005. He referred to:

Chapter 51 SOLID WASTE, Section 51.300 WASTE HAULERS, Item (C) License to operate. (3) To obtain and maintain the license, waste haulers collecting putrescible waste operating within the county must offer a basic service package to all residential customers. The basic service offered must consist of once-a-week curbside collection of household waste; a minimum of once every other week seasonal collection of yard waste; and a minimum of once every other week collection of recyclables. Other alternative collection service scenarios may be used if approved by the Board. Haulers must provide for the collection of the following recyclable materials at a minimum: newspaper; aluminum and steel cans; clear, green and brown container glass; HDPE and PETE plastic bottles and jugs.

Mr. Wallace believes Ecotech is in violation of the City contract and in violation of the Metro Ordinance. For about 2 ½ years Ecotech used separate glass receptacles to retrieve glass prior to the change in November 2022 to combine glass with the trash. He requested the City look further into the violation.

Joyce Bridge, a resident on Coach Gate Wynde, also signed in but her topic of concern was the same as Mr. Wallace so there was no further discussion. Mr. Wallace left the meeting.

Mayor Roberts and Councilman Teaford will investigate the matter.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Roberts reported that on December 30th the new Mayor and Council was sworn in by City Attorney Tim Mayer. The Special Minutes for that meeting will be approved at the next Council Meeting.

There were 96 hours of police support for December. Patrols and radar occurred on many days of the month. There was one verbal warning for speeding and two warning citations for on-street parking. No tickets were issued during December as we had many visitors over the holidays.

The VA Hospital blasting is still on hold. Concrete walls are going up for the North Parking lot. Mid-January sewer tie-ins will begin along Calimar Lane, which is the back entrance to the hospital.

The Reach Alert system has been renewed for one year. Mayor Roberts will meet with Reach Alert to learn how Windy Hills can better utilize the system to inform residents and encourage residents to sign up for this free service.

Mayor Roberts' report was briefly interrupted by **Mr. Grant Wallace** who walked back in to share that Mr. Bobby Lee, owner of Ecotech, is on the Advisory Board with Waste Management and for that reason should know about the Metro Louisville Ordinance regarding glass recycling.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Financial Advisor/ARPA Committee Co-Chair/Mayor Pro Tempore – Councilwoman Davis:

No report.

Windy Hills Green/City Maintenance/Tree Board liaison - Councilwoman Greer reported:

The lights are still up on the big tree but the decorations on the smaller trees and shrubs were taken down with the help of Councilwoman Theiler. On Victoria Place there are shrubs that were mauled or damaged somehow. These are in the garden/island area. It will be addressed. The fence on Merrifield Road needs to have the mildew removed when the weather is mild. This will be done by Councilwoman Greer.

ARPA Committee Co-Chair - Councilwoman Rademaker:

To recap from last month, up to \$200,000 was approved by the Council for use of the Green including the adding of parking spaces, electricity, the new walking path, and adding a water fountain. Some ARPA funds will also be used for replacing or refurbishing City street signs. Bids will need to be collected in compliance with formal proposal procedures for use of ARPA funds.

Community Caring/Health & Fitness/Welcome to Windy Hills – Councilwoman Spencer:

Welcome to Windy Hills: There were three new residents in December, not four.

The Council has heard my comments for some months that I feel that Business First real estate reports are not as complete as they once were, and if I remain in place as welcome person for Windy Hills, I will be exploring another avenue to receive those reports.

Caring Community: Councilwoman Spencer expressed her desire to renew efforts in the area of Aging in Place since 53% of our residents are over age 50 according to census data.

Health and Fitness: No report for this area.

Mayor Roberts mentioned the Welcome Packet is being updated and he wishes to see more community engagement. We will be looking at demographics to help determine next steps.

Public Works – Councilman Teaford:

At Ambridge Drive and Rudy Lane there is a reflector that will be addressed.

Councilman Teaford will be taking an inventory of signs in Windy Hills. He has identified 15 that need repair so far. There are over 200 Windy Hills signs. This will be a continuing project.

There were recently several complaints regarding three street lights that are out. In some cases the poles may need repair, as well.

On Thursday Councilman Teaford will meet with the City Engineer, Mr. Mark Madison, to go over streets that are in need of repair and to learn more about that process and determination.

Print Newsletter/The Breeze digital newsletter – Councilwoman Theiler:

Councilwoman Theiler has volunteered to work with Councilwoman Greer to head up the 2023 Fourth of July Parade and Picnic, as well as the 2023 Glow on the Green. Other community engagement opportunities may follow.

Conversations will be had in regards to Facebook.

Councilwoman Theiler met with former Councilwoman Marcia Myers to transition to the Newsletter role. The deadline for the January digital issue will be Wednesday, January 11th, at Noon.

The caterer for the Fourth of July event has already been contacted and reserved.

Code Enforcement – Don Ryan reported:

The political signs are all gone. It did take awhile to catch them all. As Mr. Ryan has been making his rounds for Code Enforcement, he regularly sees Lyndon Police patrolling and often shooting radar.

The 2023 Rental Registry Forms and payments are coming in. March is the month when inspections of rental properties begin.

City Clerk – Christine Haner reported:

The City received a few holiday cards and thank you cards. The Summit Executive Suite 110 receptionists appreciated the gift card(s) from Windy Hills. We also received a note from LAL Computers thanking us for our business as the web designer.

Ultimately, there are 32 delinquent 2022 property tax bills. Letters will go out early January with the new amounts due including penalties and interest.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

City Calendar:

The months of April and May for 2023 may have a scheduling conflict with our normal Caucus Meeting dates because of Good Friday and Oaks Day. It was determined by City Attorney Tim Mayer that a City Ordinance will likely need to be changed before we can officially change the dates of any Caucus or Council meetings, which is perfectly fine for us to do. It is expected that the first reading of the new Ordinance will be February, the second reading will be read and adopted in March, and the date change will be created at that time.

Swearing In of Code Enforcement Officer:

Councilwoman Davis made a motion to re-appoint Don Ryan as Code Enforcement Officer for 2023. This was seconded by Councilwoman Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan was sworn in by City Attorney Tim Mayer.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

None

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

Councilwoman Spencer asked a question related to the Ethics Board / Financial Disclosure Form but was instructed that since her question was personal, it should be discussed after the meeting.

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Councilwoman Greer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38PM; seconded by Councilwoman Davis, and the motion passed unanimously.

John Roberts, Mayor

Christine Haner, City Clerk