

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
June 10, 2024

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 Protem Davis called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

MAYOR PROTEM

Helen Davis

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kate Greer

Marianne Rademaker

Suzanne Spencer

Steve Teaford

Julie Theiler

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Christine Haner, Clerk

Timothy Mayer, Attorney

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, council meeting; seconded by **Councilwoman Rademaker**. Requiring no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the May 2024 Financial Reports which included the Profit & Loss Statement as well as the Balance Sheet; seconded by **Councilwoman Rademaker**. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Rademaker moved to approve the May checks, totaling \$53,301.50; seconded by **Councilwoman Greer**. No discussion was necessary; the motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Denise Traylor, a resident of Kinglan Road, signed in to discuss the bridge and guard rail over the creek on Rudy Lane. They are rusty and unattractive which makes them stand out among surrounding beauty. **Mayor Protem Davis** replied that the bridge and guardrails mentioned are

the responsibility of Metro Louisville. Metro Councilwoman Paula McCraney will be contacted to see if an improvement to the eyesore can be made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

The Green is a mess as LG&E is working on utilities and new utility poles. LG&E was contacted as they had not submitted an Encroachment Form to the City about their work. Ultimately, the Form and accompanying maps was received on June 6th. There is a potential soil compaction concern from all the heavy equipment but oftentimes it takes about two years to show up if there is a problem.

We renewed our contract with Klausung Group to continue their mowing and landscaping services. There are some areas where mulching is still needed.

The Tree Board is wrapping up recommendations to revise our Ordinances related to trees. The Tree Board will donate a \$100 gift certificate to the July 4th Picnic & Parade event to benefit one lucky winner from Windy Hills.

The landscaping project at the Hubbard's Lane Recycling Center is complete. Trees Louisville planted several trees. The bank has been stabilized but more plants are needed to round it out.

Metro Louisville / MSD cleared the vegetation in the ditch on Rudy which blocked the view of drivers on the side streets.

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

Welcome to Windy Hills: There were seven new residents in May.

Health and Fitness: Windy Walkers walked the residential streets of Windy Hills and as the spring developed, we all discussed how especially beautiful April was this year – from the Redbuds to the daffodils, to the early bulbs and perennials. Also – how remarkably well many neighbors throughout the City maintain their yards and homes. We could not resist sharing their efforts with you and thinking of them as award-winning GOOD NEIGHBORS. Please check this month's E-Breeze and be sure to send your email address to City Hall if you are not already receiving our monthly communications.

I placed small colorful signs recognizing the GOOD NEIGHBORS, and you may have all seen the homes in Julie's E-Breeze sent last month. We cannot walk until late June as several of our walkers are out of the city. I will send Julie notes on a new date and another short explanation of our small signs.

Commemorative plaques on the Green: We still have several paid-for trees available to accept plaques and I will be working on a new "map" of trees on the Green. 37 plaques are already taken but we have more available. The "map" of trees will be completed in full after construction affecting our Green is concluded.

Public Works – Councilman Teaford reported:

The contract with Libs Paving has been signed by both parties and work should begin on June 17th. Notices have been provided to residents on Antrim Road, Foeburn Lane, Windygo Court and Windrow Place.

The bid to install a drinking fountain on the green came in much higher than anticipated at \$33k. A second bidder is being sought out. Additional permits will also be necessary, raising the cost.

The Coach Gate condo HOA's have withdrawn their request for WH to participate in the cost of repair to the North Gate.

There has been a resident request to investigate the use of speed radar signs. Initial research into solar-powered signs estimates to be around \$13K for 4 signs. This does not include the cost of posts and installation. After the road paving is complete, further investigation will be done.

Regarding the resident request for a walking lane on Coach Gate Wynde, it was found to be a safety issue and not practical. The lane width of the street is not wide enough to accommodate a walking path.

Remarkably the City did not suffer significant damage during the May 25th storm. No City funds were expended for cleanup. Rumpke was consulted about a special pickup of storm debris but a street survey showed that virtually all of the debris could be picked up with yard waste and a special cleanup run was not necessary. We are aware that a few residents did have downed trees.

Snow and Ice Removal Bids are being sought and will be formally opened on Monday, June 17th.

Newsletter, Windy Hills Breeze, Communications, Social Events – **Councilwoman Theiler** reported:

The 4th of July Parade & Picnic Celebration is coming together. We are still looking for volunteers and additional raffle prizes. Please send in your contact information if you would like to help.

Code Enforcement – **Don Ryan**:

In Mr. Ryan's absence the City Clerk shared there were two warnings of uncut tall grass issued in May. Please cut your grass appropriately. Signs, especially for graduates are still an issue. Please remove the signs as soon as possible. Inspections of Rental and Vacant homes are moving along.

City Clerk – **Christine Haner** reported:

City Hall and Suite 110 will be closed on July 4th and July 5th.

The audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, has been scheduled for the last week of August.

Other municipal cities that touch Windy Hills continue to see high crime rates involving vehicle vandalism and theft, and theft related to using garage door openers or pre-programmed buttons within an open vehicle to access homes. In some instances, as the culprits are fleeing, often in a stolen car, they toss out items onto the roadway as they leave. I have a list of a few folks who contacted City Hall recently looking for lost or stolen items. We can't stress enough to lock your vehicle, stow any valuables in your home, and secure your garage door opener elsewhere when you are not in your vehicle. I have been working with other City Clerks and Police to reunite items to area residents.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

City Attorney, Tim Mayer, shared that he reviewed some contracts for the City, responded to a Civil Summons regarding a delinquent tax lien matter, and has been supporting the Mayor and Council by responding as matters arise.

MAYOR REPORT by MAYOR PROTEM DAVIS:

Tomorrow (Tuesday, June 11th), Councilman Teaford, the City Clerk, and I will be meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Metro Louisville to discuss our Vacant Home Ordinance. It is being used as a model by Metro for legislation for Metro Louisville as they seek to work on the Vacant Home issue.

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second Reading of Ordinance 1, Series 2023/2024 Ad Valorem Taxes for 2024:

Councilwoman Greer made a motion to have Ordinance 1, Series 2023/2024 regarding the Ad Valorem Taxes for 2024 read into record. **Councilwoman Spencer** seconded the motion. Requiring no discussion, it passed unanimously. City Clerk, Christine Haner, read the summary of Ordinance 1, Series 2023/2024 into record:

ORDINANCE NO. 1 Series 2023-2024, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1; seconded by **Councilwoman Spencer**.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilwoman Greer – Yes
Councilwoman Rademaker – Yes
Councilwoman Spencer – Yes
Councilman Teaford – Yes

Councilwoman Theiler – Yes

Ordinance 1 passed and was officially adopted.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2, Series 2023/2024 Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025:

Councilwoman Greer made a motion to have Ordinance 2, Series 2023/2024 regarding the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 read into record. **Councilwoman Theiler** seconded the motion. Having no discussion, it passed unanimously. City Clerk, Christine Haner, read the summary of Ordinance 2, Series 2023/2024 into record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2 Series 2023-2024, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

Councilwoman Rademaker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2; seconded by **Councilwoman Greer**.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilwoman Greer – Yes
Councilwoman Rademaker – Yes
Councilwoman Spencer – Yes
Councilman Teaford – Yes
Councilwoman Theiler – Yes

Ordinance 2 passed and was officially adopted.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE: None

There being no further business to address nor questions to answer of the Council, **Councilwoman Greer** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Councilwoman Rademaker**. The motion passed and the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:20PM.

Helen Davis, Mayor Protem

Christine Haner, City Clerk

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