

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date, April 16, 2019

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Carol Campbell Dan Small
 Steve Schwager Linda Beville Dawn Eichenberger Bev Lush

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stonum with a motion by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Campbell. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Citizens Participation: There were 9 citizens present with questions & concerns about garbage cans left at curbside, welcome packets to include ordinances, garbage collection schedule, etc for new city residents, and research the ordinance that prohibits Christmas trees in house windows. Attorney Schwager said that the garbage cans fall under nuisances so if he is provided with addresses, he will send letters.

Guest Speaker: Councilman Scott Reed. Gave his personal and business background and experiences. Holds positions on 3 Metro Committees – Budget, Government Accountability Oversight, and Planning and Zoning. Upcoming expenditures include the paving of part of Murphy Lane. Now is the time they will start preparing budget for next year. The \$35 million shortage includes \$10 million in the self-insured healthcare plan that METRO offers its employees. Discussed the Insurance Tax issue and assured we have no reason to worry that public safety budget won't be cut. Feels that each department should take a 10% cut; then see how that helps with the bottom line. Councilman Reed feels that the 2 upcoming months isn't enough time to find the savings and to balance the budget. Feels it would take a year or more. Other items discussed includes: Bike lanes, Churchill Downs paying taxes, Restricted road funds, YUM Center bond issue, and did Jefferson County abide by the 4% tax increase ordinance when homes were reassessed a few years ago. Councilman Reed took away a few questions from Mayor Stonum to ask at his next council meeting.

Guest Speaker: Stephen Triplett from All Terrain Paving was introduced by Commissioner Campbell. Average life of asphalt is 10+ years. Micro-surfacing lasts approximately 7-10 years. A road 35 feet wide, 50 feet long and 1 ½ inches deep with asphalt would cost roughly \$15,000. The same road using micro-surfacing would cost roughly \$6,700. 55% savings to our city. It was suggested by Mr. Triplett that COWH handles their pothole situation quickly and clean up cracks. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to move forward with repairing cracks and potholes. Seconded by Commissioner Beville. Voting was unanimous.

Minutes: A couple commissioners didn't realize that the minutes for March 19, 2019 were posted on COWH website for reading so they were not ready to approve. It was suggested that the approval be postponed until May 21 meeting.

Financial Report: The Financials were posted on COWH website for the Commissioners to read. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Eichenberger and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Voting was unanimous.

April Expense Review: The spreadsheet of April invoices along with the cover sheet was passed around for the Commissioners to review and initial. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. Voting was unanimous.

Presentation by City Attorney:

Renters' Registration – Attorney Schwager discussed the created form. Noted that if not registered, there is a fine. Will make the registration process simple on-line task for property owners. Not sure that COWH can do rental inspections, but if the property is Section 8, US Government is allowed. Attorney Schwager expressed desire that Commissioner Beville and Mayor Stonum meet with him at his office to knock this out soon.

Code Enforcement Board – COWH has a code enforcement ordinance, but no enforcement board is in place at this time. Need to bring this up in the May meeting to get members picked for this board and discuss when and where they would have the appeal hearings.

Colemans' SUI hearings – Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf met with Attorney Schwager. Their claims were approved, but both decisions were reversed. The Colemans appealed, but due to misinformation given to COWH, the telephone conference for Mr. Coleman was postponed and Mrs. Coleman's was continued because Attorney Schwager was involved in a court trial.

CLOSED SESSION: At this point in the meeting, Mayor Stonum requested a closed session for a discussion with only the Commissioners and Attorney Schwager in attendance. There was a motion made by Commissioner Eichenberger and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. The rest of the attendees left the room. After the discussed, attendees were invited back in. Reconvening motion made by Commissioner Eichenberger and seconded by Commissioner Campbell.

Motion made by Commissioner Beville to hire Transitional Technologies and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

Meeting location - Mayor asked for any ideas. Sylvia LaPorte will contact Chancey Elementary. Mayor Stonum will meet with Mr. Patel at Holiday Inn and see if COWH can use their meeting room on a month-to-month basis. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger.

Girls Scouts project update - They are getting started on Boynton Court and have done a great job.

Reminder that April is Beautification Month.

Storage unit and files - Mayor Stonum will email the retention schedule to Commissioners and Clerk so it will be understood what to keep and what to shred. It was suggested to begin first with sorting by year into boxes; then organizing each year.

New Business:

Street signs – Commissioner Campbell contacted Saf-T-Co regarding new street signs. She provided COWH with a quote of \$1,050. Ed Lush suggested that we add 3 signs to the city – “No On-Street Parking” at each of the 3 entrances. After discussing, commissioners thought that was a good idea, and to have those 3 signs added to the quote. Approval/Purchase motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. Voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Eichenberger and Harold Hall rode the city. Noted that yellow stones have been permanently removed from the Westport Rd entrance, there is a shrub in the Bays End Court island that has been damaged and needs to be removed/replaced, and open space trees are down and the stumps will be taken care of. Also came up with a list of improvement items including:

Turn on sprinklers and check back flow

Weed prevention and fertilizer

Electrical panels at the flag island and on Boynton Court need to be fixed/replaced. \$350.00 each

Community Garden area in the open space. Use mulch from downed trees, 4 raised beds, buy trees in the fall when stores have them on sale, watch for date when METRO is giving away bare root trees, paint tables to cover graffiti.; however, these tables seem to attract riff-raff.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to rebuild Boynton Court electrical panel and arrange for weed control. This was seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. Vote was unanimous.

May meeting will discuss budget.

Parking on street issue will be discussed again once COWH has a Code Enforcement Board in place.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Property Maintenance: Commissioner Eichenberger

Received update from Harold Hall of Maximus Lawn Care that the islands of Boydton Ct., the flag pole and front entrance have been trimmed and cut back. Beds have been cleared of leaves and mowed.

Per Harold, we do have an issue with Boydton Ct. where we may require additional police patrols as he said when cleaning up the areas, there were several beer cans and condoms littering the beds. Also, someone has driven up on the curbing as well.

Per Mayor Stonum via a phone call, he approved to move forward with the Tree Care contract since I was out of town. Tree removal officially started in the city on 4/8/19 in the green space.

The yellow bricks at the front entrance have permanently been removed.

Followed up with email regarding 4515 Micklenburg Court

Followed up with email regarding 4513 Micklenburg Court.

Sent email regarding low hanging tree limbs at 4419 Bays End Court.

Sent email regarding 11916 Queen Anne's Court.

Met with Harold Hall and walked the open green space and drove the city and looked at the islands.

Safety: Commissioner Metcalf

Drove City on multiple occasions

Received a call from resident at 3609 Lunenburg about a car facing wrong direction making it difficult to back out of driveway

On 3/21/19, Mayor Stonum and I attended a meeting at Middletown City Hall concerning insurance tax increase.

Received an email from Commissioner Beville about a resident at Treis Condominiums 11917 #2 using charcoal grill on a wooden patio. I called Worthington Hills Fire Marshal, Metro Louisville Fire Prevention, and Tate Mason of Derby City Protection to do a door knock and talk with resident. Informed Attorney Stephen Schwager.

Derby City Protection Action Report : 3/19/19 to 4/13/19

Citations 4

Warnings 4

Traffic Stops 11

Checked on teens at main entrance waiting for rides

Received a call of gun shots. Found an 18 year old shooting a .22 pistol in the air. Charged accordingly. (No injuries)

Utilities: Commissioner Beville

Because of concerns that several of the courts in Worthington Hills have inadequate or no street lighting, in February Commissioner Metcalfe and I met with Jim Pierson, an LG&E Outdoor Lighting rep. We walked the areas along Queen Anne's, Heathville, Micklenburg, Luray and Boydton Courts. Mr. Pierson informed us that LG&E was in the process of switching over to LED lighting in street lights and that it would be around the end of May before the more cost-efficient lighting would be available. He also said that we would need the permission of some home owners to route the wiring for new lighting through their yards.

I did a preliminary inquiry into the cost of ten LED street lights and was given the amount of \$23,500.00. This did not include installation. Mayor Stonum indicated the Utility budget did not allow for the complete cost of installing new lighting, so I sought out funding through a grant. The AARP Community Challenge 2019 grant program is part of a nationwide [AARP Livable Communities](#) initiative that helps communities become great places to live for residents of all ages. The program is intended to help communities make immediate improvements and jump-start long-term progress in support of residents of all ages. I applied for a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Did light checks throughout the month and reported the light at 12106 Bay Run Drive was not working on 3/12, 3/17 and 3/24. Contacted Jim Pierson and he told me he would send out a crew to check the wiring. The light fixture at 11923 Tazwell Drive was dislodged during the high winds and was reported on 3/17. It was repaired on 3/19/2019.

Road Maintenance: Commissioner Campbell

Harold Campbell and I drove the entire city and I documented all signs found in COWH.

I also participated in/worked on the following items:

4-2-19 Finalized the specific signs needed at this time and their location.

4-3-19 Met with Andrew Friebert of Saf-Ti-Co and presented the list of signs needed, their locations, as well as a stop sign post that is leaning and needs to be reset.

4-12-19 Arranged for a representative from All Terrain Paving to be at our monthly meeting to answer questions concerning their quote for work to be done on the streets of COWH.

3-26-19 and 4-9-19 Made mail runs with Bev Lush, City Clerk

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM with a motion by Commissioner Eichenberger and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf.

Sign:

City Clerk: _____ Date: _____

Mayor: _____ Date: _____