

*Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills  
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**Date:** May 19, 2026

**Present:** Robert Stonum                      Dennis Metcalf                      Susan Maupin                      Cristina Recendez  
Linda Beville                      Dan Small                      Rob DeWees                      Bev Lush

**Citizens Present: 2**

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

*Introductions were made for our visitor: Mayor, Commissioners, Treasurer, City Clerk and City Attorney*

**Citizen's Concerns:** None

**Proposal on Front Island Landscaping:**

*Daniel Santos advised to keep some of the current plants plus add some new ones. Some discussion was held about:*

- Small plants
- Minimum maintenance plants
- Irrigation

*He can start in 2-3 weeks. Mayor Stonum advised that COWH would need him to start by June 30, 2026 to include the cost in 2026 budget. Motion to accept Proposals #2&3 was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. A roll call vote was taken. Mayor Stonum voted yes; Commissioner Metcalf voted yes; Commissioner Recendez voted yes; Commissioner Maupin voted yes; and Commissioner Beville voted yes. Former Commissioner Carol Campbell was in attendance at the meeting and voiced her opinion that she was very happy that COWH was moving ahead to improve the entrance island.*

**Minutes:** *The April 2026 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Beville to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous.*

**Financial Report:** *The April 2026 Financials had been distributed to the Commission for review and posted on COWH website prior to the City Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Metcalf and seconded by Commissioner Recendez. Vote was unanimous.*

**Expense Review:** *The cover sheet of May invoices along with invoice copies were passed around for Commissioners to review and initial. No approval motion was needed since Commissioners had already initialed and approved*

**Legal:**

- As Attorney DeWees prepared to do the second reading of our 2026-2027 Tax Ordinance, there was some discussion.
  - o 86% of COWH property owners pay their property taxes prior to August 1 to take advantage of the 2% discount.
  - o Mayor Stonum advised he feels we should increase our tax rate by 4%. FYI – some of our city services' costs will increase during the next Fiscal Year.

- After more discussion, Commissioner Beville made a motion to increase our tax rate by 3%, which equals .14875. This motion was seconded by Mayor Stonum. A roll call vote was taken. Mayor Stonum voted yes; Commissioner Metcalf voted yes; Commissioner Recendez voted yes; Commissioner Maupin voted yes; and Commissioner Beville voted yes.
- Mayor Stonum did the first read on the Budget Ordinance using the numbers on the Worksheet.

### **Old Business:**

- Commissioners' input:
  - Commissioner Beville will get updated proposal to include 2 speed bumps.
    - Mayor Stonum made a motion to use Flynn Brothers (once the proposal is updated) since they did the Lunenburg paving and did a great job. They have a good reputation. Commissioner Beville seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mayor Stonum voted yes; Commissioner Metcalf voted yes; Commissioner Recendez voted yes; Commissioner Maupin voted yes; and Commissioner Beville voted yes.
    - Mayor Stonum did advise the City Commission later in the meeting that COWH should publish a bid posting, since this repaving project cost exceeds \$40,000.
- Mayor Stonum advised the pricing he received with a very detailed proposal for a 50', 60' and 70' flagpole from Louisville Flagpole Company. Our City Commission agreed we should move forward with a 50' flagpole project to commemorate our country's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.
  - Louisville Flagpole Company proposal of \$9,000. This would include installation off 50 foot pole, 10x15 foot flag, and a gold ball on top of the pole.
  - Maybe we should get a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/911 Memorial flag.
  - Some discussion on re-designing the flag island using Daniel Santos. Have the walkway to be flat and 48 inches wide. Commissioner Beville suggested a Veterans' dedication.
  - Motion was made by Commissioner Metcalf to move forward on new pole and flag. Commissioner Maupin seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mayor Stonum voted yes; Commissioner Metcalf voted yes; Commissioner Recendez voted yes; Commissioner Maupin voted yes; and Commissioner Beville voted yes.
  - Louisville Flagpole Company advised it would take 3 days to install and there was discussion on having new pole and flag in place by July 4, 2026.
  - June 16<sup>th</sup> COWH meeting, we will vote on the Landscaper's updated contract to include flag island.
- Mayor Stonum spoke about the FY 2026 Annual Budget Worksheet
  - At the June meeting, we will do any adjustments on the costs of tax bills prepared by PVA. Some discussion by Mayor Stonum. No questions, so Mayor Stonum will update the numbers by next month.
- No update to Welcome Ambassador.
- Commissioner Metcalf advised radio check would be on Channel 16 tonight.

### **New Business:**

- 2026 Tax Bills
  - United Direct referred our project over to Derby City Litho. They gave us a project quote of a few dollars less than last year's costs, but USPS postage cost has increased. It was approved last month to use outside service to mail bills.
  - Proposal already approved and signed by Mayor Stonum. Need to move forward.
- Commissioner Maupin is still awaiting response from Ecotech on the prorated charge on the April bill.
- Mayor Stonum spoke about Bike to Beat Cancer. September 18, 2026. He is concerned over some of the problems from September 2025 including bikers running the stop sign at the intersection of Halifax and Lunenburg Drives. It was understood when COWH agreed to allow the bikers to ride through our city that they would follow traffic laws. They didn't even slow down at stop sign. He has spoken with the charity contact that they must provide safety. If same problems arise this year, it won't be approved for 2027. If someone was hurt, it could possibly turn into a lawsuit.

### **Commissioner Reports**

**Utilities Commissioner Maupin:**

**Road Commissioner Beville:**

- 4/23/2026 – 4/30/2026 – checked emails daily
- 5/1/2026 – Reached out to Councilman Marcus Winkler and requested that he contact Public Works and request No Parking on the Street in 11704 - 11756 block of Tazwell Drive. Vehicles are parking on both sides of Tazwell which creates a danger to motorists and the children walking from the bus stop at Murphy Lane and Tazwell Drive. He had already contacted the department after he was in the area campaigning and noticed the vehicles.

**Property Maintenance Commissioner Recendez:**

- April 24 – received an email about a broken mailbox, replied
- April 27 – received an email about yard sale questions, replied
- April 29 – Emailed Turn Tenders LLC about landscaping estimates and received a reply. No response from previously contacted companies.
- April 29 – received a compliant about an unkept property
- May 3 – received Harold’s invoice
- May 8 – Met with Commissioner Metcalf at the post office to collect mail
- I drove around the city on several occasions.

**Safety Commissioner Metcalf:**

- Drove the city at various times.
- Went to the P.O. each Tuesday and Friday with Cristina or Bev.
- Bev and I went to storage area to pick up yard Sale Signs.
- I place the signs around the city.
- On 5/16 26 went to Dan Small’s office to get checks signed.
- On 5/1/26 issued parking passes to 3902 Northumberland and 12007 Rustburg Ct.
- On 5/2/26 issued parking permit to 4721 Lunenburg Dr,
- On 5/18/26 I picked up Yard Sale signs from around the city.
- After last city meeting, conducted radio checks using channel 15. Tonight we will use channel 16.

**Mayor Stonum Report:**

- Bid request for paving. Commissioner Beville will double check about posting bid in Courier Journal with KLC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm with a motion by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf.

Signatures:

City Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_