

# City of Douglass Hills

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## MINUTES Council Meeting—June 1, 2023, Page 1

A Council meeting of the Douglass Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Bonnie Jung at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023. Members of the Council in attendance were, Patti Eubanks, Matthew Nelson, Jeff Riddle, Bill, Middleton, Denise Scarpellini, City Clerk Clay Porter, City Treasurer Holly Sanford, City Attorney John Singler, Public Works Director Burke Davis were also in attendance. Neil Sandefur was absent from the meeting.

OFF DUTY POLICE SERVICES Darrell Spurgeon, of Off Duty Police Services, was absent from the meeting.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **May 2, 2022**, Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Middleton made a **motion** to accept the minutes; Mrs. Scarpellini seconded by. The **motion** passed 5-0.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Riddle moved to accept the April **2023** Treasurer's report; seconded by Mr. Scarpellini. The **motion** passed unanimously 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Mr. Burke Davis reported that Public Works has been mulching plant beds, trimming shrubs, and cutting grass. Public Works has been preparing the swimming pool to open for the summer. Mayor Jung stated that the next mowing contract bid will be divided between several companies to handle Douglass Hills mowing needs. Mr. Jerry McGraw asked if the speed machine was working properly. Mr. Davis stated that it was and that the speed machine was on Rothbury Lane. Also, Mr. Jerry McGraw asked if the dash cameras were working well on the new Public Works trucks. Mr. Davis stated that they worked great. Mr. Riddle stated that that the new Public Works trucks are being equipped with reverse alarms as well.

## GUEST SPEAKERS-NONE

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS- The proposed development is extensive and vastly different from the previous complexion of Douglass Hills and will have a drastic impact on the operation of the city government, the quality of life and community standards. In addition to being a significant increase in resources through property and insurance premium taxes for the city, it will likely make many demands for additional services. As an example, with in excess of 600 apartments it is likely to produce approximately 2000 additional potential users for the swim and tennis facilities, the parks and other city resources. Attendance at Crosby School will likely increase as will traffic throughout the city. Apartment dwellers tend to be more transient than homeowners and this will have its own form of impact on local resources.

City officials have a duty and responsibility to balance protecting the overall community, lifestyle and resources; however, they must recognize that change is inevitable and that the proposed development will likely be the most significant change to have occurred in the 50 years.

that Douglass Hills has been in existence, and likely the most significant change in the next 50 years: thus, city officials have a monumental challenge ahead.

Douglass Hills will have final zoning authority on any development plans; however, the approval by Douglass Hills will follow action by Louisville Metro. Douglass Hills has a series of ordinances in Chapter 80, Zoning Code, which provides direction on how the city must proceed in zoning matters.

As the Douglass Hills City Council considers its 2023/24 budget, it includes a budget allocation to support the employment of an attorney who concentrates on the practice of zoning issues. Such an attorney can guide the city in implementation of its own zoning ordinances, its due process requirements but also will be familiar in detail with zoning plans and how to use them in this process. Such an attorney may well be able to work with the developer and the Metro Louisville Zoning Board to acquire many of the binding elements and other desired objectives prior to the matter coming to the Douglass Hills Council for a decision.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**- Mr. Jerry McGraw stated that the Safety Committee discussed stop sign violations at the corner of Finchley Road and Gatehouse Lane next to the new playground in Warren Walker Park. The Safety Committee discussed parking issues that have occurred in the new parking areas around Gatehouse Lane. The Safety Committee talked about dashboard cameras for the new Public Works trucks. Also, extending the contract with Flock cameras at a cost of \$7,500 per camera for a three-year period. Mr. McGraw spoke about the Bike Rodeo

being successful. He confirmed that over 100 bike helmets were given away to children in Douglass Hills. Mr. McGraw asked that the speed sign be moved to Blankenbaker Parkway next to collect move speed data. Mr. McGraw asked that the City Council let the Safety Committee review bids for the next police contract in Douglass Hills.

**TREE COMMITTEE**- Morgan Herndon reported that eight trees have been planted in the common area between Bell Rock Court to the north and Bowmore Court to the south. Mr. Hendon stated that these trees need to be watered twice a week.

**EVENT COORDINATOR**- Jennie Norfleet was absent from the Council meeting. Mayor Jung reported that the Douglass Hills city-wide yard sale is on June 10, 2023. Thunder in the Hills will be on July 1, 2023, with a rain date of July 2, 2023. Douglass Hills will be hosting National Night Out for local law enforcement on August 1, 2023, in Warren Walker Park. Also, Douglass Hills 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be held in October.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**- NONE

**MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT-**

- Mayor Jung gave kudos to City Clerk Clay Porter and City Treasurer Holly Sanford for their hard work in getting the pool opened and end of the fiscal year.
- Mayor Jung announced that the swimming pool is open.
- Mayor Jung spoke about the improvements to Bill Lile Park including the playground and rectifying drainage issues.

**OLD BUSINESS-** -SECOND READING OF CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE NO. #4, SERIES 2023 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AD VALOREM TAX ASSESSMENT FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS, KENTUCKY, LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2023. Mr. Riddle made a **motion** for the City of Douglass Hills to approve CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE NO. #4, SERIES 2023 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AD VALOREM TAX ASSESSMENT FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS, KENTUCKY, LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR 2023 at a rate of .134 per \$100 of assessed valuation. No one seconded the **motion**. The **motion** failed on the table.

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**NEW BUSINESS** - CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #7 SERIES 2023

A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING A ZONING COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS. Mrs. Eubanks made a **motion** for the City of Douglass Hills to approve CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #7 SERIES 2023 A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING A ZONING COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS appointing Mr. Riddle, Mr. Nelson, and Mrs. Scarpellini. Mr. Riddle seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

**FIRST READING CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE NO. #5, SERIES 2023 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET AND ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.** Mr. Riddle made a **motion** for the City of Douglass Hills to approve **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE NO. #5, SERIES 2023 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET AND ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024.** Mrs. Scarpellini seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

**SET A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR SECOND READING OF BUDGET**

The City Council decided on June 22, 2023 @ 5:30pm for a special council meeting.


**EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810(1)(C) POTENTIAL LITIGATION** Mr. Middleton made a **motion** for the City of Douglass Hills to close the regular city council meeting and open **EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810(1)(C) POTENTIAL LITIGATION** Mr. Nelson seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

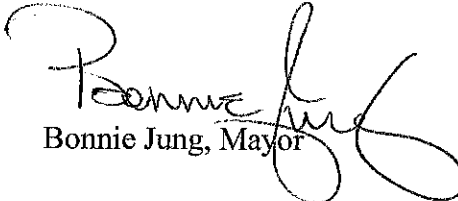
**EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810(1)(C) POTENTIAL LITIGATION** Mr. Middleton made a **motion** for the City of Douglass Hills to close **EXECUTIVE SESSION KRS 61.810(1)(C) POTENTIAL LITIGATION** and open the regular city council meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Middleton moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. The vote was 5-0 unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clay Porter, City Clerk

  
Bonnie Jung, Mayor