

# City of Douglass Hills

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## MINUTES Council Meeting August 1, 2024, Page 1

A Special Council meeting of the Douglass Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Bonnie Jung at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2024. Members of the Council in attendance were Jeff Riddle, Denise Scarpellini, Bill Middleton, Patti Eubanks, Neil Sandefur (via Zoom), Matthew Nelson, City Clerk Clay Porter and City Treasurer Holly Sanford, City Attorney John Singler, Public Works Director Burke Davis were also in attendance.

**OFF DUTY POLICE-** Mr. Darrell Spurgeon reported that Off Duty Police Services be working on a safety plan for the opening of Crosby Middle School.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **July 2, 2024**, City Council meeting were put on the table. Mr. Middleton made a **motion** to accept the minutes; Mrs. Scarpellini seconded by. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Riddle moved to accept the **June 2024** Treasurer's report; seconded by Mr. Middleton. The **motion** passed unanimously 6-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** Burke Davis reported that the Public Works Department has been cleaning up fallen trees from the recent storms.

## GUEST SPEAKERS-NONE

**SAFETY COMMITTEE-** Mr. Jerry McGraw stated that the Off Duty Police Services contract will be renewed through 2025. Mr. McGraw reported that LG&E will be installing four new streetlights in Douglass Hills, one on Selkirk Lane at the dead end, one on Wenlock Court, and two at the new playground in Warren Walker Park. He also reported that the crosswalks and rumble bars on Gatehouse Lane will be repainted soon. Mr. McGraw reported that the Safety Committee is evaluating the parking situation at Crosby Middle School before school starts this fall. Mr. McGraw reported that Douglass Hills had a report of a blue Ford Mustang speeding and fishtailing in the city. He will be reviewing the Flock Camera footage to try to determine the license plate number of the blue Ford Mustang.

**TREE COMMITTEE**- NONE

**EVENT COORDINATOR**- Mrs. Jennie Norfleet spoke about Thunder in the Hills firework show. She stated the Events Committee will be adding three additional food trucks and more porta johns for the event next year. Mrs. Norfleet reported that July 12, 2024, will be food truck Friday in Warren Walker Park. The Fall Festival will be on Sunday September 15, 2024, from 11:00am to 3:00pm in Warren Walker Park. Movie Night in the Park will be on October 5, 2024.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**- Jennifer Bippus commented that the city newsletter has too many ads and not enough content about major projects in the city. She believes that the newsletter needs to be used for a higher level of communication.

**MAYOR JUNG'S REPORT**-

- Mayor Jung reported the National Night Out will be held in Warren Walker Park on August 6, 2024, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

**OLD BUSINESS- CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #8, SERIES 2024 A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION 3 OF CASE NUMBER 16ZONE1076, THE ENCLAVES SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS.** Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to accept as amended to repair crack in curb and sidewalk in front of 1288 Conservatory Lane the **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER #8, SERIES 2024 A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION 3 OF CASE NUMBER 16ZONE1076, THE ENCLAVES SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS** Mrs. Scarpellini seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

**- CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER # 9, SERIES 2024 A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO THE BINDING ELEMENT 17 OF CASE NUMBER 16ZONE1076, THE ENCLAVES SUBDIVISION CONNECTION TO FARMINGHAM ROAD IN THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS.**

Ken Melhorne stated he believes Farmingham Road should be open to the rest of the city.

Carole Schneider commented that she believes Farmingham Road should be open but due to lots of traffic there needs to be a stop sign exiting The Enclaves.

Laurie Shields commented that she believes Farmingham Road should be open but there needs to be a stop sign exiting The Enclaves.

Rick Moreschi stated that he thinks Farmingham Road should be open for connectivity to the City of Douglass Hills.

Tony Springate stated that when he bought his house Elite Homes told him that Farmingham Road would be opened to the City of Douglass Hills. He thinks Farmingham Road should be open to the rest of the community.

Heather Wallace does not believe that Farmingham Road should not be opened due to traffic and children playing in the streets. She thinks that the city should put up an emergency crash gate. If opened there should be a stop sign and/or speed bumps.

Mr. Riddle made a **motion** to approve the **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS MUNICIPAL ORDER # 9, SERIES 2024 A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO THE BINDING ELEMENT 17 OF CASE NUMBER 16ZONE1076, THE ENCLAVES SUBDIVISION CONNECTION TO FARMINGHAM ROAD IN THE CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS.** Mr. Middleton seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed with a 5-1 vote. Mrs. Scarpellini was a Nay vote.

**NEW BUSINESS- FIRST READING CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE # 5, SERIES 2024 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE POLICY FOR CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE # 5, SERIES 2024 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE POLICY FOR CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.** Mr. Nelson made a **motion** to accept the **CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE # 5, SERIES 2024 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE POLICY FOR CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS ORDINANCE # 5, SERIES 2024 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE POLICY FOR CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES** Mrs. Eubanks seconded the **motion**. The **motion** passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

**DISCUSSION OF GATEHOUSE LANE PARKING** Engineer Marv Bloomquist gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Gatehouse Lane parking and MSD ditch line. Mr. Bloomquist advised the City of Douglass Hills to convert the nine shortest spaces to compact car parking. Keep handicap spots as they are currently. Convert all other spaces (excluding existing parallel spots) to 45-degree angled spaces.

Jennie Norfleet raised concerns about a portion of the new parking along Gatehouse Lane. Specifically, many of the spots do not meet minimum safety standards for length, 18.8 feet. She believes that is why parents are routinely forced to unload strollers and wagons while standing in the street; why cars parked in the area are unable to see oncoming traffic while backing up; and, why our youngest residents on bikes are in danger as they ride with the flow of traffic. Mrs. Norfleet stated that Louisville Metro does not allow new parking in the style we have around Gatehouse Lane (outside of alleyways) due to safety concerns. Mrs. Norfleet read several affidavits from concerned citizens regarding the safety of the Gatehouse Lane parking project.

Mrs. Paige Williams reiterated Mrs. Norfleet's concerns regarding the safety of the Gatehouse Lane parking project.

Mr. Tate Mason asked questions about liability for the City of Douglass Hills.

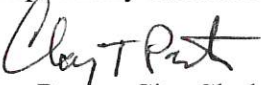
Mr. Darren Utsey commented that his family was opposed to the Gatehouse Lane parking project from the beginning of the proposal.

Mrs. Jennifer Bippus asked why the brick columns in the Warren Walker Park were not removed to extend the parking area. Mrs. Bippus asked Mr. Bloomquist if his Error and Emissions Insurance covered any mistakes he made designing the Gatehouse Lane parking project. Mrs. Bippus was also concerned that the Douglass Hills newsletter does not have enough information about projects that are being discussed by the City Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Middleton moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Riddle. The vote was 6-0 unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Clay Porter, City Clerk

  
Bonnie Jung, Mayor