

**Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills**  
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**Date:** June 17, 2025

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

**Citizens Present:** 3 plus 2 Independence Bank representatives

**Derby City Protection:** 1

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

The Mayor, Commissioners, City Clerk and Attorney introduced themselves to our visitors.

**Minutes:** The May 2025 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Beville to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Recendez. Vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** The May 2025 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 Beville and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous

**Expense Review:** The cover sheet of June 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

**Independence Bank:** Louis Straub, President; and Genny Wenta, Treasury Department; introduced themselves and gave their presentation on Investment Options. Provided a handout and explained 3 different options. Our 3 funds are:

- Investment
- Road
- Operating

They are not licensed agents so they can not advise us on options.

- Trust Department – available options
- Enhanced Cash Options
- CD Rates – no fees – very fair – very competitive

Different structures

- Trust Department could build portfolio
- Brokerage Desk

Investment Policies

- Sample City
- Sample County

Fraud Products available – no fees – both businesses and consumers

**Legal**

- Rumpke – not consistent with pickups at the dumpsters. Mayor Stonum is aware and watching and documenting issues. Plus there has been illegal dumping. Commissioner Beville is concerned with the location of new dumpsters.
- Mayor Stonum knows of incoming texts to commissioners' personal phones. He can advise how each one can set up their phone.

- The 2 problem residents who have been putting their “business” yard waste into our Rumpke bins have stopped doing so.
- The go-cart issue in our city seems to have disappeared.
- Citizens’ Concerns:
  - o Chris from Lunenburg Drive asked if a decision has been made yet on the remuneration program. Mayor Stonum explained that the issue has not yet been voted upon. He also explained the 5 possible tiers. COWH expects the hired officers from Derby City Protection to “work”.
  - o Vernita from Bay Run Drive – she is having dog issues. Not on leashes. Not staying in their yards. Doesn’t feel safe when dogs are loose plus not safe for the dogs either. Attorney DeWees will send letter to the dog owners and explain about the leash law and how it can be enforced.

#### **Old Business:**

- COWH Laptop – Quote of \$2,779.98 from Transitional Technologies. New laptop would be purchased after July 1, 2025 to be in new budget. Old PC will be used for radar sign reports. New PC would be used by City Clerk Lush. VC3 requires city laptop to update to Windows 11. After no one had any questions, motion to proceed with new laptop purchase was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.
- 2026 Budget updates:
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> read of the 2026 Budget Ordinance by Mayor Stonum.
  - o Updates were discussed
  - o Motion to accept the 2026 Budget was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Roll Call Vote was taken. Mayor Stonum – yes; Commissioner Metcalf – yes, Commissioner Recendez – yes; Commissioner Maupin – yes, and Commissioner Beville – yes.
- Property Tax Bill mailing: Tax bills should be received on Friday June 20. To be delivered to United Direct Solutions on Friday June 27 or Monday June 30.
- Bike to Beat Cancer – no update
- Welcome Committee information on website – No changes. No update.
- Commissioner Metcalf advised Channel 5 for radio check tonight.
- No further input from commissioners.

#### **New Business:**

- Discussion regarding the light poles that need to be painted. If done, it will benefit COWH residents because they could be a safety hazard. Property owner asked that COWH use tax money to paint, but poles belong to LG&E. Mayor Stonum emailed Chris Johnson at KLC for his advice. If the only pole that would be painted was for the property owner who requested it as opposed to all residents, this could be challenged by other residents of spending COWH tax money. Attorney DeWees agreed there could be an issue with other residents. Mayor Stonum advised there are three tests to pass for an expense to qualify to use COWH tax money. Commissioner Maupin spoke with Outdoor Lighting Department at LG&E. They will send out a representative to evaluate the conditions and respond back to her. If poles are replaced, no charge to COWH.
- Commissioner Beville mentioned that HB 546 passed. It states that the state will match funds to improve street conditions. She will apply for said funds by October 1, 2025. However, only so much money in that matching funds account. New legislative body starting in January would be the ones to approve. She will be working on this.
- Commissioner Recendez is awaiting quote from Maximus Lawncare on downed tree. Mayor Stonum explained to Commissioner Recendez that she is able to get quotes from other contractors.
- Detective Mason from Derby City Protection arrived and explained his contract for 2025-2026. Same as the 2024-2025 contract. Rates changed 2 years ago. Mayor Stonum read the new contract. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Metcalf and seconded by Commissioner Recendez. Vote was unanimous.
- Remuneration Program – Sample Document. Mayor Stonum read the document and there was some discussion. Detective Mason confirmed that LMPD has agreed to this as long as there is no quota involved. Mayor Stonum hopes to finalize this at the July meeting. It would require a Municipal Order. He suggested that everyone think about this and bring any concerns/additions to the meeting.

- Mayor Stonum asked Detective Mason about any training LMPD has provided on the new medical cannabis issue. None per Detective Mason. Just a flyer with a copy of the medical card. All marijuana tickets for less than 8 ounces will be dismissed per State Attorney.

### **Commissioner Reports:**

#### **Road Commissioner Beville**

5/27/2025 – Participated in the New Road Aid Program seminar sponsored by KLC – [House Bill 546](#) establishes the Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) to provide an additional option for cities to secure funding to help local governments address key transportation needs, including bringing existing roadways back to their original condition.

6/01/2025 – Received a text message from the homeowner at 12400 Bay Run Drive asking about Airbnb guidelines. I provided the homeowner with the link to Metro's ordinance and also advised them to contact Property Commissioner Recendez if they had other questions or concerns. I emailed Commissioner Recendez about the text message.

6/06/2025 – Reviewed the Derby City Protection activity reports

6/10/2025 – Participated in the Ethics for City Officials seminar sponsored by KLC

6/11/2025 – Participated in the Legislative Update Webinar sponsored by KLC

6/13/2025 – Reviewed the Derby City Protection activity reports

6/16/2025 – Read all the reports sent by Mayor Stonum and Bev in preparation for tonight's meeting.

#### **Utilities Commissioner Maupin:**

- 5-23-25 Call from Mayor Stonum stating that the dumpster at 11921 Tazwell Dr – Treis Condos, had not been emptied. I emailed Christopher Pierce with Rumpke and he replied saying that Rumpke had not been there yet, but would be.
- 6-2-25 Drove city for street light check
- 6-3-25 Replied to email that I was copied on regarding the street light poles on Bay Run being painted.
- 6-14-25 Streetlight out at 4121 Pacelli Place
- 6-16-25 Reported street light out 4121 Pacelli Place. Drove city for street light check. Street lights were out at 11921 Tazwell, 11909 Tazwell and 11905 Tazwell.
- 6-16-25 Observed streetlight poles without paint at 4415 Bays End Court, 11018 and most poles on Bay Run Dr
- 6-17-25 Reported street lights out to LG&E. I spoke with Cindy Curtis in Outdoor Lighting about the street light poles. She asked for the street addresses of the poles. I will gather addresses and email to her. She said that she will send someone out to evaluate. Stated that the poles are not painted and would have to be replaced. If replaced, the city would not be charged.
- Read June emails.
- Attended city meeting and will participate in radio check.

***Property Maintenance Commissioner Recendez:***

- On May 21st, Harold said that the tree service guy is busy because of the storms. He knows about the downed tree in the greenspace and he will send us a quote when he is ready.
- On May 28, I received an email alert about a voicemail, but no message was left.
- On June 2nd, I called Evergreen to let them know that the water department would unlock the meter lid at our Westport entrance on June 3rd. I also confirmed that an Evergreen technician would check the system on June 4th.
- On June 2nd, I emailed the homeowner who had a question about Airbnb guidelines. They replied, "You people run the city! You should know if there are Airbnbs within WH!" Later, the homeowner emailed again about a property issue, suggesting we paint the light poles in the easements. I replied back to let them know I will bring this concern to our City Meeting on June 17th.
- On June 5th, a homeowner contacted me about her damaged backyard fence caused by nearby trees. After reviewing her photos, I emailed Mayor Stonum, who stated that the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) is responsible for the area. I advised her to reach out to MSD directly.
- On June 10th and 11th, I participated in the KLC webinars.
- On June 12, I reported a break-in to my car in my driveway, resulting in stolen personal items.
- On June 16, I received a voicemail about a property with an unkempt backyard. Today, I received some pictures and sent them to the property management company to resolve the issue.

***Safety Commissioner Metcalf:***

- Drove City at various times.
- On 5/29/25 issued parking permit to 4703 Rustburg Pl.
- On Tuesday 6/3/25 Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O. and storage area.
- On Tuesday 6/10/25 Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O.
- On 6/13/25 Mayor Stonum and I went to Dan Small's office.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to P.O. each Friday.
- Mayor Stonum and I went to Independence Bank.
- After last city meeting I conducted radio checks using channel 4. Tonight 6/17/25 will use channel 5.
- Received a voicemail from a resident at 12101 Bay Run Dr. Returned call on two occasions. I left a voice message due to no answer.

***Mayor Stonum Report:***

- None

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm with a motion by Commissioner Maupin and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf.*

***Signatures:***

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

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

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

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