CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
August 11, 2025

The Council and Officers of the City of Windy Hills met at Sojourn Community Church East, 2501 Rudy Lane, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Roberts called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

MAYOR	COUNCIL MEMBERS	OTHER CITY OFFICIALS
Dr. John Roberts	Helen Davis	Christine Haner, Clerk/Treasurer
	Kate Greer	Timothy Mayer, Attorney
	Paul Morris	
	Steve Teaford	

MINUTES:

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2025, council meeting; seconded by **Councilwoman Davis**. Having no need for discussion, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilwoman Davis moved to approve the July 2025 Financial Reports which included the Profit & Loss Statement as well as the Balance Sheet: seconded by **Councilman Morris**. With no discussion necessary, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Greer moved to approve the July bills, totaling $55,653.61; seconded by **Councilman Morris.** Having no questions or concerns, the motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Ralph Williams of Indian Ridge Road and **Laura Trachtenberg** of Rudy Lane both signed in to discuss traffic concerns.

Mr. Williams stated that he can turn left when leaving Indian Ridge Road onto Brownsboro Road most of the time. His is concerned about speeding and requests the speed limit on Brownsboro Road be reduced during the construction project by treating it as a construction zone. He has

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also observed that oftentimes only four cars can navigate through the turning lanes of Rudy Lane & Brownsboro in one light cycle, especially when turning towards Prospect.

Councilwoman Davis stated that the residents in Wexford Place have sent daily emails to the Transportation Cabinet hoping the sheer volume of complaints will move the state to action. She agreed the turning lanes are holding too long at the traffic lights at Rudy and Brownsboro.

Councilman Morris also mentioned the additional hazard of illegal U-turns in a few spots in our area.

Mayor Roberts stated he understands that "do not block intersection" signage will be placed at the intersections of Antrim Road and Indian Ridge Road on the roadway of Brownsboro Road. Additionally, it was learned just recently that the waterline project on River Road is temporarily suspended. The Mayor concurred about the struggles with illegal U-turns and has requested access to Brownsboro Center by Stock Yards Bank on the little access area, be cut off. Additionally, making Brownsboro Road from N. Hubbard's Lane all the way to Rudy Lane one lane, would also reduce speeding and force compliance in the construction zone.

Resident, **Laura Trachtenberg**, thanked **Councilwoman Davis** for communicating daily with the state. She requests that a police presence be available at the intersection of Brownsboro & Rudy, especially during peak times like when school starts or is dismissed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Windy Hills Green/City Maintenance/Tree Board liaison - **Councilwoman Greer**:
GREEN: Rudy has a mushroom growing on his shoulder. Apparently, some lacquer has dissolved, allowing moisture to enter his body. He will be cleaned with Chlorox and painted with polyurethane.

KLAUSING: The new contact person, Will Snodgrass, is great. I just relay him early in the week of any unusual problems, and he takes care of them. He is having the bridge on Rudy trimmed this week—on the roadside as well as the walker side. I realize this should be done by Metro, but they don't cooperate.

TREE BOARD: The current Board is great. A lot has been done. Caroline has been busy consulting City residents. If a resident requests her services, the resident pays her. If the City requests it, the money comes from the amount budgeted for her. Her rate is $35 an hour.
A mockup tree map of the Green trees has been drafted. It includes a tree's number, common as well as Latin name, and coordinates. It is being refined.

Arbor Day has been set for Sunday, September 28, from 3-5. Activities include:

- A talk about tree diseases with samples by arborist Josh Ashley

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- A guided tour of the trees on the Green using the new map by Caroline
- Kids' activities by Paul Morris.
- Ice cream
- A possible tree climbing demonstration by Josh Ashley.
- (Sue, if you would like to coordinate this with the art exhibition, it would be great.)

The Tree Board's goal for 2025-26 is to assess all of the trees on the City right-of-way.

GLOW ON THE GREEN: Save the Date of Sunday, November 30th for Glow On The Green.

Public Works Assistant, Youth Engagement – **Councilman Morris**:

The scavenger hunt in July was small but successful! The next kid-centric event will be during our Arbor Day Celebration on Sunday, September 28th from 3-5PM on the Green. The Sun Dial on our Green has been broken for some time. The cost to repair the dial is expensive so I am looking into having the part 3D printed rather than ordered and replaced. We are hopeful to have it fixed.

Public Works – **Councilman Teaford** reported:

- Radar Speed sign on Ambridge was repaired.
- 2025 Paving Project by Libs has been completed satisfactorily. They have been paid, and we are awaiting payment from St. Matthews for their portion of work we completed on their behalf.
- Street signs on Chelsea and Rudy have been replaced.
- Completed sidewalk review with Milestone Engineering. Presented results to Council. Will request 30K to begin project. (These funds included in Budget)
- Request to replace missing No Parking sign at 4318 Foeburn Lane. Need to review.
- "No Climbing" sign for Rudy was delayed by B-Sign Group. Contacted them to get that back on track.

City Clerk/Treasurer – **Christine Haner** reported:
Our auditors have started working on the audit for Fiscal Year End June 30, 2025. They opened a secure portal to collect electronic documents. They will visit City Hall the last week of August.

As of August 2025, five residents owe $19,398 in unpaid property taxes.

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Code Enforcement Officer – **Paul Eitel** reported:

In Mr. Eitel's absence the mayor gave a brief synopsis of Mr. Eitel's Code Enforcement report that follows:

- One Driveway Permit issued.
- North Hubbard's lane. Asked neighbors to trim back overhang growth along the sidewalk in multiple places.
- Worked with another resident of shrubbery overgrowth from their property into roadway. Trimmed back, still monitor.
- Worked with resident that had a large tree down in the (ROW) Right of Way of their front yard for two months. Tree finally removed July 29th.
- Issued four notices for vehicles: 1 - Parking in grass, 1 - Non-Operable & non-Licensed, 1-Parking in the wrong direction on the street. 1 - Parking on a crosswalk and within 30' of intersection and Stop Sign. All successfully resolved.
- Spoke to a resident that had a Wake regarding multiple vehicle parking. Resolved successfully.
- Issued Notice for uncut grass higher than 7 Inches, and large number of weeds. Residents out of town, grass was cut, still working with them on the weeds.
- Made normal City-wide drive throughs, moved (3) renovation signs out of ROW to yard, picked up "Junk Pick up" signs illegally placed.
- Picking up Festival Signs that have already occurred.
- Worked with Mayor & Developer & Issued a Phased Clean up approach for two properties on Brownsboro Rd. Clean up has started. Development with pending City Council to approve, to start this late September, early October.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS – Tim Mayer, Strobo Barkley, PLLC: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Windy Hills Properties – There are currently 14 homes, condominiums and apartments for sale in Windy Hills. More information can be found at Realtor.com. In addition, the property at the end of Chelsea Road has been sold to an individual who intends to build a single-family home on the 3.6 acres. Also, we are told the two properties located at 4490 and 4492 Brownsboro Road will begin development in October. There are now 10 homes planned for the site, down from the original 14. The development will have a setback from Brownsboro Road similar to that at the Turnbridge Wells and Killiney Place developments. Finally, the property at 4305 Westport Road has been listed for sale. This property is near several Westport Road properties in St. Matthews that have been granted conditional use permits, one for a surgical center and another as a daycare site.

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- Traffic Monitoring on Indian Ridge and Ambridge Drive continues. The data shows that the signs have slowed the traffic on both roads to a modest degree. Eighty-five percent of the traffic travels less than 5 miles per hour over the posted 25 miles per hour speed limit on both roads. There are occasional drivers that exceed 40 mph. We will conduct surveys of the residents who live along these roads to determine if the current improvement is sufficient or whether we need to explore other measures to further slow the traffic. One additional, and important, note: the volume of traffic traveling northbound on Ambridge has increased from 4400 vehicles per week in February to 6400 vehicles per week in August. This is presumably due to motorists trying to find alternative routes around the Watterson Expressway and Brownsboro Road construction projects.
- The Brownsboro Road – Watterson Expressway reconstruction project is underway and has caused significant traffic issues, including traffic backups and accidents. The situation has been compounded due to the closure of River Road related to the Waterline project. Fortunately, the Louisville Water Company is now pausing the project and reopening River Road for the month of August. Also, the Kentucky Department of Transportation (KDOT) has made some adjustments to the traffic flow on Brownsboro Road that should make it easier, and safer for residents to safely leave the neighborhoods off Ambridge Drive and Indian Ridge Road. That said, we anticipate additional issues now that Dunn Elementary school is back in session. We have heard many suggestions from Windy Hills residents and have passed them on to Louisville Metro and KDOT. We will continue to closely monitor the situation.
- Policing Report – Lyndon Police provided 80 hours of patrol during the month of July. There were 6 episodes of radar monitoring, 4 on Ambridge, 1 on Indian Ridge and 1 on Rudy Lane at Brookview. Two warnings were issued. We continue to explore the possibility of speed feedback signs on Rudy Lane.
- Road Paving – As Councilman Teaford explained earlier, we have completed the planned road paving in Windy Hills for this year. We are now turning our attention to the many miles of sidewalks we have in the city. Due to finances, we cannot complete all that needs to be done this year so we will be addressing the sites with the greatest trip hazards.
- Some may have seen the article by Mr. Joe Gerth, an editorial writer for the Courier Journal, in the Sunday, August 3rd issue of the Courier Journal. In his article he strongly suggests that we should eliminate all the small, self-rule cities such as Windy Hills. He wrote, “no city with the name ‘hills’ should survive this purge either.” Mr. Gerth wrote a similar article for the Courier Journal on August 23, 2022, calling for the dissolution of

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small cities and stating, “No one wants to be mayor in….Windy Hills, population 2,290.” For me his attitude was a call to arms at the time. I hope his current article spurs interest in many of our residents to run for City Council or the mayor position next year. Mr. Gerth forgets that the best government is of the people, by the people and for the people, regardless of size.

- Metro Councilwoman Paula McCraney will be hosting “Muffins with McCraney” on Saturday, August 16th between 9:30 am to 11:00 am at the Arterburn, 310 Ten Pin Lane. We hope Windy Hills residents can attend. The theme will be “Construction, congestion, and Constituents – Oh My!” A panel of speakers will include:
    - The Honorable Karen Berg, State Senator
    - The Honorable Tina Bojanowski, State Representative
    - Matt Bullock, KYTC Chief District Engineer
    - Bill Bell, Louisville Metro Director of Transportation
    - Kenan Stratman, St. Matthews Public Works Director

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Teaford made a motion to approve repair of the most serious trip hazards on our sidewalks, a Phase I Proposal from Precision Concrete Cutting, not to exceed $30,006.25, to repair 292 repairable sidewalk hazards between ½ inch and 2 inches. The bulk of those repairs in Windy Hills will be in the Windsong and Windhurst areas. This motion was seconded by **Councilman Morris**. The four council members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the project and expenditure. **Councilwoman Davis** added that any grant money available to Windy Hills for this project should be investigated and applied for.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

There being no further business to address nor questions to answer of the Council, **Councilwoman Greer** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Councilwoman Davis**. The motion passed and the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:38PM.

Dr. John Roberts, Mayor

Christine Haner, Clerk/Treasurer