

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Jefferson County Farm Bureau • 4200 Gardiner View Avenue • Louisville, Kentucky 40213

August 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Brandon Paul, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney John Treitz.

Pledge of Allegiance — All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

Off-Duty Police Officers — John Aubrey from Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE) was present to answer any questions regarding a potential contract with KLE for off-duty police officers to patrol Watterson Park. Attorney Treitz asked if KLE has liability insurance to cover the patrolling officers. Mr. Aubrey clarified that KLE's insurance doesn't cover the officers but that the police department where the officer works historically covers the officer. Council told Mr. Aubrey that we would like to hire officers from Louisville Metro only, and that we would like to use the same officers, if possible. We would also like to see the activity reports after each shift. Mr. Aubrey said that we should submit a list of priorities on which the officers should focus, such as break-ins, speeding, and graffiti. There is a three-hour minimum per shift. Mayor Chesser told Mr. Aubrey that we will check into liability insurance and discuss a schedule, then get back with him to draft a contract.

Ms. Garrett asked Mr. Aubrey what police officers do when a juvenile commits a crime. Mr. Aubrey told her that unless it is a felony offense, there is nothing they can do. He suggested that we ask the District Resource Officer to attend an upcoming meeting to give us some ideas on what we can do as a small body of government to deter juvenile crime. Mr. Aubrey left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Council members discussed possible times for patrolling, including Gardiner Lane during rush hour, in the mornings while children are being picked up for school, and early evening by the Red Roof Inn. We budgeted for 24 hours per week.

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the hiring of off-duty police officers to patrol our city through Kentuckiana Law Enforcement for up to 1,250 hours per year; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0). Mayor Chesser will put together a spread sheet of hours and days and submit to Council members for their approval; Attorney Treitz will check on liability insurance.

MINUTES

Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017, special meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

House Bill 246 — Attorney Treitz reported that summary judgement motions were filed and hearings are coming up in the next two weeks.

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Attorney Treitz reported that the fence repair has not yet begun. We will send another letter to CBRE to find out the status of the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Spectrum Franchise Agreement – Since Attorney Treitz’s law firm represents Spectrum, they cannot represent Watterson Park in this matter, as it would be a conflict of interest. Mr. Treitz will introduce Mayor Chesser to another attorney to handle it.

King Spa – Mayor Chesser reported that King Spa, located at 3331 Red Roof Inn Place across the street from Red Roof Inn, had a grand opening on August 9.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of July 2017 totalling \$111,124.14 with expenditures in the amount of \$24,350.35, giving a surplus of \$86,773.79. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Paving Projects — Mayor Chesser reported that because we are waiting on Kentucky Transportation to finish some work on Champions Trace and Newburg Road, Flynn Brothers Paving will not be able to meet the August 14 deadline. Once Kentucky Transportation is finished, however, Flynn Brothers is ready to proceed with the paving project.

Audit Report – Mr. Wild has collected all of the old audits that were requested by Blu and will turn them over to them. Mr. Wild will contact John McIntyre, another CPA firm, to possibly do next year’s audit. Mrs. Keefe reported that it cost \$682.18 to print and mail out the audit through United Mail versus over \$11,000 that it would have cost to publish it in *The Courier-Journal*.

Street Lights — Mayor Chesser reported that the installation of lights on Chefs Way is on hold until the road work is completed.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe will be designing the fall newsletter to be mailed out in September. Included will be the article on being a good neighbor from Ms. Garrett; information from Mrs. Woodson on the next Brightside clean-up; and tips on leaf collection and snow removal. Mrs. Keefe needs any newsletter articles by the end of August and will bring a draft of the newsletter to the September meeting. We will again print it in color.

Boundary Signs — There is nothing new to report at this time.

Red Roof Inn and Speedway Properties – Mayor Chesser and Mr. Paul will be meeting with Michael Murphy, Regional Vice President of Operations for Red Roof Inn, and Tom Posz, District Manager of Speedway, on Monday, August 21. This will be a meet-and-greet and a discussion on what may help to make the area more appealing and safe.

Churchill Downs Development Project – Mr. Paul reported that he reached out to John Asher, spokesperson for Churchill Downs, but hasn’t heard back from him. He also reached out to another person who will try to get Mr. Paul the project manager’s contact information. We want to find out how the new facility will affect traffic flow and any other possible issues that could adversely affect our City. Mrs. Woodson reported that the grass has been cut on this property and the sign is gone. Mr. Paul reported that the Arby’s on Poplar Level Road has been sold and there is some work going on with that property. Mr. Paul also noticed that there is something going on with the building next to the old Louisville Downs. Mayor Chesser will contact Pat Mulvihill to see if he can give us any information regarding the project.

Tree Maintenance – Mayor Chesser reported that the Bob Ray Company has started removing the dead trees and, in doing so, are finding additional trees that will probably need to be removed.

City Promotional Products – Replacement pens were received and promotional items are being distributed to Watterson Park residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Jefferson County League of Cities Dinner – Mayor Chesser reminded everyone that the annual dinner will be held on November 16 at the Jeffersontown Community Center. Mayor Chesser will reserve a table for ten. Mrs. Welsh will order two baskets that we will contribute for the raffle.

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting – Mayor Chesser reported that she attended the meeting on August 8. She met Lieutenant Arnold Rivera, who is new to the Sixth Division and will serve in the role of Administrative Support. At the meeting, Pat Mulvihill's Legislative Assistant, Geoff Wohl, suggested that we warn our residents that there are people knocking on residential doors asking to use the phone and then pushing their way inside.

Proposed Housing Development at Newburg Road and Shepherdsville Road – Mr. Paul, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Welsh, Mrs. Woodson, and Mayor Chesser attended a meeting regarding the rezoning of the property at 5300 Garden Green Way from R-4 Single Family Residential and C-1 Commercial District to R-7 Multi-family Residential District. Along with the property located at 5002 Shepherdsville, the proposed development is for 144 affordable housing units. We will continue to monitor the project and attend any upcoming zoning hearings.

Resurrection Lutheran Church – Mayor Chesser reported that Dale Oilker with Resurrection Lutheran Church called her to see if we would be interested in a "meet your neighbor" event some evening at the Lillian Wild Walking Path. Mr. Oilker and his wife, Tonja, established Love the Hungry, Inc. (formerly Kids Against Hunger–Louisville) in 2012. This organization is supported by volunteers. They would provide food and beverages; residents would bring chairs. On Mr. Treitz's advice, Mayor Chesser checked with our insurance agent, who said we are covered for this. Mayor Chesser suggested that Council members look at the Love the Hungry website and we will discuss at a later date.

New Residents – Mayor Chesser reported that welcome baskets have been delivered to new residents at 4306 Annshire Avenue and 4312 Conaem Drive.

Annual Yard Sale – Mayor Chesser reported that Resurrection Lutheran Church holds an annual yard sale on the Saturday after Derby each year. Since we have had very little traffic at our fall yard sales, we could possibly increase our traffic if we schedule the Watterson Park yard sale on the same day. Council agreed, and we will forego the fall yard sale and hold it on May 12, 2018, instead.

Kentucky League of Cities Annual Conference – Mayor Chesser reported that this year's conference will be held in at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, Kentucky, October 3 through 6, 2017. Registration for a KLC member is \$359 and for a first-time attendee is \$259. Hotel prices range from \$134 to \$159 per night. Early registration is important. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 for registration and hotel for Mayor Chesser, Ms. Garrett, Mrs. Woodson, and Mr. Paul to attend the conference; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0).

Letter from Bill Dieruf – Mayor Chesser distributed copies of a letter received from Bill Dieruf, Jeffersontown Mayor and JCLC President, regarding the benefits of a JCLC membership.

Forestry Trip for 2018 – Mrs. Welsh mentioned that she is checking on a new destination for the 2018 Forestry trip. She obtained information on Conner Prairie, an interactive history park in Fishers, Indiana, which was very interesting. She will contact them to find out if they have any programs related to forestry.

Little Free Libraries Program – Mr. Paul brought some information on this program and would like to build a library and install it on the Lillian Wild Walking Path. We would need to pay a one-time fee of \$40 to join the program. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve \$40 to pay the one-time joining fee; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (6-0). Mayor Chesser will register and pay the fee. Mr. Paul will construct the library and install it.

Bantam Court – Mayor Chesser reported that while working with Bob Ray Company on what trees to remove along Champions Trace Lane, she met a few Bantam Court residents. County Wide Lawn & Landscaping will be spraying and cleaning the curbing along Bantam Court. The residents are pleased with the improvements we will be making to their area, which includes the curbing along Champions Trace from Newburg Road, the removal of a few trees, and the clean-up of the curbing.

Complaints – Mr. Fortwengler reported that a resident at the top of Larkmoor Lane complained about excessive weeds and brush behind his house. This is something the resident will need to take care of. Mrs. Welsh will call Metro 311 about a downed tree limb on Larkmoor Lane as well as trash in the back yard of the property next door to the downed tree.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Woodson. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m. All those persons noted as being present at the beginning of this meeting, unless otherwise indicated, remained throughout.

Approved at the meeting of the City Council held on 9-11-2017.



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.