

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

December 11, 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, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present was Attorney John Treitz.

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

MINUTES

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (5-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of November 2017 in the amount of \$223,530.52 with expenditures in the amount of \$19,786.01, giving a surplus of \$203,744.51. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Champions Trace Paving Project — Attorney Treitz distributed copies of both email correspondence and a sketch he received from Nathan Chappell related to the revised plan BTM submitted to KYTC. Mr. Chappell reported that KYTC approved the sketch. Mr. Chappell, Mayor Chesser, and Mr. Treitz decided to leave the stop bar as is, as moving it would mean grinding the existing stop bar and KYTC would cut in new loop detectors. If there are any issues after the construction is complete, we can bring it up with KYTC at a later date. BTM is assuming the cost for these modifications; Watterson Park will pay for the grate.

House Bill 246 — Mr. Treitz reported that there has been nothing filed by the Court. All parties are waiting on an answer from the judge.

Off-Duty Police Officers — Attorney Treitz distributed copies of quotes he received for insurance coverage for off-duty police officers patrolling our City. Kemi.com submitted a quote for workers compensation in the amount of \$2,343.69 per year; P&G Brokers submitted a quote for a one million dollar umbrella liability policy at a cost of \$3,449.00 per year. Mr. Treitz suggested that we increase the liability coverage, so he will obtain additional quotes for three, four, and five million dollars.

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Mrs. Welsh reported that all brush and tree work is completed, but work on the fence has not begun. Mr. Treitz reported that CDRE told him the work on the fence will begin on December 14.

Tribute to Norm Liebert — Mayor Chesser reported that she is working with Best Stamp Company to design a plaque in honor of former Mayor Norman Liebert. She should have a sample to share with the Council at the January meeting. The plaque will be installed on the park space at the Lillian Wild Walking Path on Gardiner Lane. After discussion, Mr. Fortwengler read Municipal Order No. 1, Series 2017, honoring the legacy of former Mayor Norman Liebert by naming this park space the Norman Liebert Green. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the Municipal Order; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (5-0). Best Stamp Company will install the plaque once it is designed and approved. Attorney Treitz suggested that we might want to design a certificate to present to Norm.

Increase in Salary for the Mayor — Mayor Chesser recused herself from the meeting at 7:28 p.m. so Council could discuss raising the salary of the Mayor. The Mayor is currently paid \$845 per month. However, the Mayor's duties have increased significantly over the years, so Council members feel like an increase is

justified and warranted. After discussion, Council agreed to increase the salary of the Mayor to \$1,250 per month. Mayor Chesser returned to the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Mrs. Arnold introduced and gave first reading in full to an ordinance increasing the salary for the Mayor to \$1,250 per month beginning January 1, 2019.

Mr. Treitz left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Boundary Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that boundary signs have been ordered from Saf-Ti-Co. In addition, she ordered ten street signs, six posts, and five stop signs. The signs will be installed on 3" square black posts and will replace the current signs on Bunton Road, Bunton Court, Hodel Road and Watterson Park Road, Stober Road, and Robards Court.

Spectrum Franchise Agreement – Mayor Chesser is waiting for an update from Finn Cato, the attorney handling the franchise agreement for Watterson Park.

Forestry Trip for 2018 – Mrs. Welsh reported that she has contacted Cincinnati Zoo to get information for our 2018 trip. We need to establish a date for the trip, as our usual May date conflicts with other activities in 2018. Ms. Woodson suggested June 2, and Council concurred. All agreed that we should allow more time at the Zoo than we have in the past. Ms. Woodson will work with Mrs. Welsh on this project.

Regina Avenue Speedhumps – Mayor Chesser reported that with the majority of Regina Avenue residents approving the speed humps, the project should begin in spring of 2018.

Permissive Left Turn Signals – Mayor Chesser reported that KYTC has granted approval to change the protected-only left turn signal heads on Poplar Level Road at Gardiner Lane to flashing yellow left-turn arrows. These arrows will flash between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. weekdays and all day on Saturdays and Sundays.

Also, in December, Public Works will submit an operational change request to KYTC to change the protected-only left-turn signal on Newburg Road at Gardiner Lane to flashing yellow left-turn arrows. The decision to approve or deny is up to KYTC since Newburg Road is a state-owned road.

Regarding the Eastbound I-264 exit ramp to Newburg Road, KYTC has not yet responded. They generally review the crash history at an intersection. Brandon Shelley with Public Works will follow up with the State on this request.

Newsletter – Mrs. Keefe reported that she submitted the winter newsletter files to United Mail. The newsletter should be mailed out within a week to 10 days.

Tree City Application – Mayor Chesser reported that Attorney Mary Garris will be submitting our application along with supporting documents to the Arbor Day Foundation for certification as a Tree City. If approved, this will be our fifteenth year as a Tree City USA.

NEW BUSINESS

Committees – Mayor Chesser would like Council members to review the various committees to see if any changes need to be made. Lanette Douglas's resignation from the Council left a vacancy on the committee that handles lawn maintenance, tree work, forestry (Tree City USA), and Arbor Day, leaving Ms. Garrett to handle all of those items. We will discuss further at the January meeting.

Tree Removal/Trimming – Mayor Chesser reported that she met with David Hartlage from Bob Ray Company and approved a contract for some tree work. Bob Ray will be removing a large ash tree, including the stump, in the easement on Stober Road and will elevate five trees on Gardiner Lane between Annshire Avenue and Conaem Drive. Also, a sweet gum tree at the intersection of Bunton Road and Bunton Court is overgrown and blocks the view of traffic when turning from Bunton Court onto Bunton Road; this tree will be trimmed back. In addition, three tree stumps on Champions Trace will be ground out. Bob Ray submitted a quote of \$1,770, and work will begin on December 12.

Louisville Metro Police Foundation for the Christmas Outreach Project – Mayor Chesser reported that she made a donation for Watterson Park in the amount of \$300 to this foundation, which is a private, independent, nonprofit organization and is the only organization authorized to raise funds on behalf of LMPD. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the \$300 donation to this foundation; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler; all present voted yes (5-0). The Christmas outreach project will be held on December 12. Mayor Chesser will join participants, who will shop at Meijers, wrap the gifts, and deliver them to Regis Woods Care & Rehab on Lowe Road.

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting – Mayor Chesser isn't sure if there will be a meeting of the Board on December 12 due to the Outreach project. If there is, she will be attending it and asked if anyone has any items they would like her to address.

Crime Study – Mayor Chesser distributed copies of crime statistics for Watterson Park that she received from LMPD for the period January 1 through November 27, 2017. She asked members of the Council to take the study home and prepare for discussion at the January meeting.

Champions Trace Speed Humps – There was a traffic fatality on Champions Trace Lane on November 25; the driver hit a fire hydrant and a tree, causing the road to be shut down for several hours. Mayor Chesser has received numerous calls from residents in the area regarding vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed. Mr. Fortwengler would like to have speed humps installed on Champions Trace to help deter speeding. We will check into the matter.

Buechel Fire Protection District – Mayor Chesser reported that Chief Jones of the Buechel Fire Protection District sent her a request for a Certificate of Need to establish a Class 1 ALS/BLS Ground Ambulance Service. They are asking communities in the surrounding areas for a letter of support to be submitted to the Buechel Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. They will serve the cities in and surrounding the Buechel Fire Protection District and limit the response time for service. Mayor Chesser sent a letter in support of the CON.

Sams Club Memberships – Mayor Chesser will be renewing the Sams Club memberships for Council members and officers.


Hilliard Lyons Investments – Mr. Wild would like to send another \$200,000 to Hilliard Lyons for investment, and Council concurred.

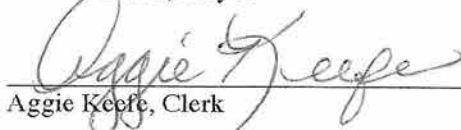
January Meeting – Mrs. Keefe mentioned that she will be unable to attend the January 2018 meeting, as she will be out of town.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Garrett. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:28 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 1-8-18.


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.