

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

January 13, 2016

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

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Steve Fortwengler, Scott Frisch, Gina Garrett, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney Wade Hendricks.

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

Mayor Chesser called for a moment of silence in memory of former Louisville Metro Council President Jim King, who passed away on January 14, 2015.

Minutes — A motion was made by Mrs. Welsh and seconded by Mrs. Arnold to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2015, legislative meeting as received. All present voted yes (5-0).

Councilman Patrick Mulvihill, District 10 — Councilman Patrick Mulvihill along with his aide, Geoff Wohl, were present. Mr. Mulvihill updated Council regarding several projects in the works:

- Regarding the vacant home on Bantam Court: Mr. Mulvihill will make Metro Council aware that it is going on the auction block on Tuesday; perhaps they will bid on it. Mayor Chesser reported that it has been boarded up and there doesn't appear to be any additional graffiti.
- Councilman Mulvihill will hold his first District 10 Advisory Board meeting on January 20. Mayor Chesser is planning to represent Watterson Park.
- Reported that there will be a Naloxone training on January 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.; he invited all to attend. Mrs. Keefe will put this information on the Watterson Park website.
- Talked about Brightside District 10 Partnership Opportunities; they are looking for our input.
- Reported on his plan to file an ordinance regarding abandoned shopping carts.
- Reported that the new Metro Council President is David Yates.
- Reported that the old Cinemas property on Bardstown Road has been purchased by Costco; they are in the process of obtaining all of the necessary sign-offs.
- Mayor Chesser asked Mr. Mulvihill if he could give us a bigger picture of the Bashford Manor Corridor Plan sometime in the future, which he agreed to do as more information becomes available.
- Ms. Garrett expressed concern about the recent incident involving unruly juveniles at the Mall St. Matthews and the possibility of the same thing happening in our area, especially once Costco is built. Mr. Mulvihill said a state law is needed in order to give police officers any power to arrest or detain juveniles. At the present time, they cannot do so unless the juvenile is committing a felony.
- Tiffany Woodson, a resident from Annshire Avenue, expressed concern that our schools are no longer providing vocational training for our students. She would like to see our school system address those students who are not college bound to get them adequate training for the manual or practical trades.

Mr. Mulvihill and Mr. Wohl left the meeting at 7:45.

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Treasurer's Report — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of December in the amount of \$34,346.66 with expenditures in the amount of \$22,229.77, giving a surplus in the amount of \$12,116.89. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the report as read; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Lab Corps Property (4500 Conaem Drive) — Mayor Chesser reported that she knows one of the new owners of the Lab Corps property. She spoke with him about our concerns regarding potential traffic on the adjacent residential streets and about the possibility of changing the address to Stober Road. She invited him to attend an upcoming Council meeting to go over the plans for the property. Mr. Frisch suggested, and Council agreed, that we should meet with him as soon as possible, preferably the February meeting. Mayor Chesser will extend the invitation to the owner to attend the February meeting.

STOP Signs/Damaged Street Sign Post — Mayor Chesser reported that our project meets the AASHTO guidelines, but there is an additional requirement mandating that the STOP signs be mounted on break-away posts. Since the area we are looking at is a Metro controlled intersection, Watterson Park would be required to sign a document assuming liability if a vehicle jumps the curb and hits the posts. Mr. Hendricks will research and let us know whether or not it will be in our best interest to proceed with the project.

Mrs. Welsh mentioned a street sign on Larkmoor Lane that was damaged recently, causing the post to lean. Mr. Fortwengler will try to straighten it.

School Clusters — Mayor Chesser reported that she sent an email to Lisa Willner, our School Board Representative, to set a date for a meet and greet.

No Parking Signs on Regina Lane — Mayor Chesser reported that a Metro Louisville Resource Officer spoke with the residents at the circle on Regina Lane and explained the difficulty the sanitation trucks have maneuvering the circle when cars are parked on it. The residents were very receptive to the officer.

Vacant Home at 3915 Bantam Court — The property will be auctioned off on January 19. Mr. Wild asked if we need to file a lien for unpaid property taxes. Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Wild will check into it further.

Vacant Home on Newburg Road — Mr. Fortwengler mentioned that there is an abandoned house on Newburg Road close to Larkmoor Lane. He will supply the address to Mr. Hendricks, who will determine if it is being foreclosed on or if there is any other action on the property.

City-Sponsored Trip/Tree Program — Mrs. Welsh suggested that we go to Bernheim Forest for the spring Tree Program trip. Everyone agreed. Mrs. Welsh will contact Bernheim to find out the ideal time in the spring for viewing the foliage and will also check into lunch options.

Assistance for the Treasurer — Regarding the Lock Box for receiving property tax payments: Mr. Wild reported that he contacted Stock Yard Bank but hasn't received a response. He also contacted PNC Bank and has a meeting scheduled with them on February 3. Once he gets information from both banks, he will report back to us. Mr. Frisch and Mrs. Welsh again offered their assistance to Mr. Wild.

Sam's Club Membership — Mayor Chesser went to Sam's Club and transferred ownership from Norm Liebert to herself. She also requested that Council members or officers who don't use their Sam's card to relinquish it so we can stop paying the membership fee.

Phones — Mayor Chesser reported that the City's land line phone number has been transferred to a mobile device with the same phone number, 502.458.7613.

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Credit Card — Mayor Chesser reported that she applied for and received a new credit card with Capital One that has no annual fee. It does earn reward points, which can be applied toward the balance.

Signatures — Mayor Chesser reported that she has completed the necessary signature cards with Stock Yards Bank. She and Mr. Wild are now the only persons with check-signing privileges on the City's accounts.

Equipment — Mayor Chesser reported that Norm Liebert would like to retain the copy machine. Mr. Wild called Duplicator Sales and Service as well as our CPA and was told that the copier has no monetary value. Mr. Hendricks suggested that we draft a resolution designating the copier and camera as surplus. We could then sell the copier to Mr. Liebert for a nominal amount; Mr. Fortwengler agreed to take the camera to a shop on Bardstown Road and see if they will buy it. Mr. Hendricks will draft the resolution and bring it to the February meeting.

Resident in Attendance — Mayor Chesser recognized Tiffany Woodson, a resident from Annshire Avenue. Mrs. Woodson initiated the idea and was very pro-active in addressing the elementary school assignment for Watterson Park, which had a positive outcome.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Disclosure Statement — Mr. Hendricks distributed the annual Financial Disclosure Statements to the Mayor and Council members to fill out and sign. They turned them over to Mrs. Keefe, who will scan them and send to Mr. Hendricks for filing.

Resolution — Mrs. Welsh read Resolution No. 1, Series 2016, by which the City of Watterson Park authorizes the deposit and investment of City funds with Stock Yards Bank. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0).

Uniform Communications Services Franchise Interlocal Cooperation Agreement — Mr. Hendricks reported that we were asked to sign an Agreement with Metro Louisville regarding the granting of franchises, but he recommends that we not sign it at this time. He will investigate further and report back to us.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe distributed copies of the winter newsletter draft for everyone's review and approval. She would like to get this delivered to residents and businesses by the end of January.

Business Cards — Mrs. Keefe will check into having business cards printed for the Mayor and members of the Council.

Time Warner Cable Rate Increase — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of a letter from Time Warner Cable indicating that there will be a rate increase effective March 19, 2016.

Crime Tips — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of Home Burglar Prevention Tips supplied by the LMPD Sixth Division and asked Mrs. Keefe to put it on our website.

Contracts — Mayor Chesser wants us to begin work on obtaining sanitation bids, establishing the 2016-17 budget, and securing the audit. Mr. Wild reported that he hasn't been able to get any information from Blue & Company for the audit and that maybe we should check into hiring a different CPA firm. Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Wild will work together on the budget. We will address sanitation services specs at a future meeting.

Bluegrass Mobile Home Park — Mayor Chesser reported that the owner of the Bluegrass Mobile Home Park asked her if we can pay for *additional* dumpsters for the mobile home park. Since we don't provide dumpsters in the first place, we should check to make sure Republic is picking up cans at the trailer park, per the contract, and not providing dumpsters. Mr. Wild will check for a breakdown on our sanitation statements; Mayor Chesser will check the contract and also call Mike Patterson at Republic to make sure they are following the terms of the contract.

Snow Removal — Mayor Chesser reported that she contacted Brandon Vincent at County Wide Lawn & Landscaping and received a quote of \$320 to plow and treat Stober Road, Wattersonn Park Road, and Robards Court. Since we are encouraging businesses to use these roads instead of our residential streets, she authorized County Wide to treat and plow them during the recent snow storm and also added them to the list of City roads to be treated in the future.

Removal of Dead Trees — Mayor Chesser spoke with Brandon Vincent about several dead trees in our City. He thinks now is a good time to cut them down. Ms. Garrett disagreed, recommending that we wait until spring so we can determine which trees are actually dead. Council agreed with Ms. Garrett, and Mayor Chesser will notify Mr. Vincent of Council's decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment — Mrs. Garrett made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:11 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 2-10-16.



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe