

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

July 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 John Treitz.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Recent Crime Spree — Lt. Glenn Simpson with Louisville Metro Police was present to discuss the car thefts that occurred in our City on July 9 and 10. Eight unlocked vehicles were rummaged through; two vehicles were stolen due to the keys being in another unlocked vehicle on the property. Lt. Simpson mentioned that residents can help deter criminals by keeping their vehicles, garage doors, and homes locked. In addition, they should lock the door between the attached garage and the house. He also advised residents to keep valuables out of sight, even in locked vehicles. Lt. Simpson said that the Conaem through Regina area is historically a safe neighborhood, with very little crime. Council asked for stepped-up Metro Police patrols. Mayor Chesser drafted a flyer addressing the break-ins and outlining steps residents can take to prevent future thefts. These will be hand-delivered to residents sometime this week, and Mrs. Keefe will post it on our website. Lt. Simpson left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Minutes — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8 meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (5-0).

Treasurer's Report — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of June in the amount of \$8,057.00 with expenditures totalling \$29,848.05, giving a deficit of \$21,791.05. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Interlocal Agreement — Attorney Treitz recapped the proposed interlocal agreement between Watterson Park, Louisville Metro Government, and Google Fiber Kentucky, LLC. Mrs. Welsh gave second reading by title only to Ordinance No. 231, Series 2016, granting a communications franchise and authorizing execution of a uniform franchise agreement. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (5-0).

Mayor Chesser left the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and returned at 7:54 p.m.

Treasurer's and Clerk's Salaries — Mrs. Arnold introduced and gave first reading to an ordinance adopting the City of Watterson Park position classification plan and pay schedule for the salaries of the Clerk and Treasurer; seconded by Mrs. Welsh.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Date — After general discussion, Mr. Frisch introduced and gave first reading by title only to an ordinance amending prior ordinances relating to the establishment of a regular meeting date and location for the City Council, changing the date from the second Wednesday to the second Monday of each month; seconded by Mrs. Welsh.

Resignation of Council Member — Mayor Chesser reported that Mary Ann Liebert turned in her notice of resignation from the City Council effective immediately, which created a vacancy on the Council. Attorney Treitz noted that the Council has to appoint someone to fill the vacancy through the end of Mrs. Liebert's term. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to appoint resident Tiffany Woodson to fill the vacancy; seconded by Mr. Frisch. All present voted yes (5-0). Mrs. Woodson accepted the appointment. She will need to be sworn in prior to participating in an official capacity.

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OLD BUSINESS

Speed Humps/Milldaun Road Paving — Bids for this project were received as follows—Louisville Paving: \$45,220.00; Flynn: \$40,428.30; Mac Construction: \$35,000.00; Hall Contractors: \$29,390.00. After discussion, Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the bid from Hall Contractors in the amount of \$29,390.00; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (5-0). The project is to be completed by August 5. Attorney Treitz will draw up a contract for Mayor Chesser to sign. Mrs. Garrett asked how we will notify the residents on Milldaun that the construction will take place. Mayor Chesser will check with Hall Contractors and insure that proper notice is given to the residents.

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Mrs. Welsh talked with the enforcement officer with Metro Louisville. This inspector looked at only the back side of the fence that faces the business and found it to be in good repair. Mrs. Welsh will meet the inspector to view the side of the fence that faces the residents, as there are boards falling and it is a potential safety hazard.

Regina Lane/Avenue — There is nothing new to report on this. Mayor Chesser has ordered the street sign to say "Regina Avenue," but it can be changed at a later date if necessary.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Potholes —

Mayor Chesser emailed Tim Maier, District Operations Administrator of Public Works & Assets, regarding the potholes on Robards Lane. Metro said that the road is Watterson Park's responsibility, but we never accepted that section of roadway as one we would maintain. Attorney Treitz sent Mr. Maier a copy of the most recent 1993 ordinance which sets forth the streets for which the City has accepted responsibility, and Robards Lane was not listed in that ordinance. Metro has since patched the potholes.

Mayor Chesser contacted Stoll Construction and Paving, and they patched the potholes on Bunton Road and Vineyard.

3301 Stober Road — Mayor Chesser reported that she is still working with Dennis Diemer to set up a meet-and-greet with management at the YUM! Call Center. LMPD said they would like to attend. Mayor Chesser informed Mr. Diemer about the recent break-ins on the abutting residential streets.

STOP Signs/Street Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that she and Andrew Freibert with Saf-Ti-Co drove the streets to assess sign locations. Saf-Ti-Co will contact BUD to check for underground utilities. The sign project should be underway within the next two weeks. Mayor Chesser brought a solar-assisted yellow flashing light that could be installed on the Children at Play signs. Council agreed that it was too large and cumbersome, and the flashing light at night would probably be annoying to the residents. Mr. Frisch will research a less-invasive illuminated sign for the Children at Play.

Excessive Weeds on Stober Road — Mayor Chesser reported that she is working with Brandon Vincent at County Wide on this ongoing project.

Removal of Dead Trees — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Bob Ray again today and was told that they will begin sometime in August.

LMPD 6th Division Neighborhood Walk Initiative — Mayor Chesser reported that this has been scheduled for Thursday, July 21, at 6 p.m. Officers and interested residents will meet at Mayor Chesser's home, 4308 Conaem Drive. Mrs. Keefe will update this information on the City website.

Middle and High School Assignments — Mayor Chesser spoke with Barbara Dempsey, Director of Student Assignment with JCPS, regarding middle and high school assignments for students in our City. Since two JCPS middle schools were closed last year, they are currently dealing with facility issues, so they will not be looking at boundary reassignments at this time. Mrs. Dempsey stated that if anyone has an urgent need to discuss school assignments, please call her. We will follow up with her in mid-October.

Bellarmine University Development Plans — Mrs. Welsh did not have an update at this time.

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Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe reported that the newsletter was mailed out. She also uploaded a PDF of the newsletter to our website.

NEW BUSINESS

Sullivan College Open House — Mrs. Arnold reported that she, Mayor Chesser, Mrs. Welsh and Tiffany Woodson attended an open house on June 23. They met with Executive Director Chris Ernst and were impressed with the facility.

Signature Entrance — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Brandon Vincent of County Wide Lawn & Landscaping regarding the poor condition of the landscaping at our signature entrance. Excessive weeds and grass have taken over. We will probably need to rework this area in the fall.

Colonel Sanders Lane — Mayor Chesser reported that she asked Gary Hubbard with BTM Engineering to check the condition of Colonel Sanders Lane, as we have never done any work to this road. It was determined that it is in need of repair, so we will include it in our paving schedule for next year.

LMPD 6th Division Update — Mayor Chesser attended the July 12 meeting. They discussed the “crimes of opportunity” that took place on our City streets July 9 and 10. They suggested that if anyone is interested in getting pepper spray, a good place to purchase it is Shooters Supply, 8007 Vine Crest Avenue, in Louisville. The National Night Out event is scheduled for August 2 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Target by Jefferson Mall. Newburg Days is scheduled for August 19, 20 and 21 at Petersburg Park; this event is sponsored by Metro Councilwoman Barbara Shanklin.

Kentucky League of Cities Convention — Mayor Chesser would like to attend this convention, which will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, October 4 through 7. Any interested Council members or officers should contact Mayor Chesser as soon as possible so reservations can be made.

Membership in Center For Neighborhoods — Resident Tiffany Woodson would like for Watterson Park to join the Center For Neighborhoods. For over 40 years, this organization has provided outreach, assistance, education, and training to bring together residents, neighborhoods, public institutions, and local government to collaborate for results that benefit the entire community. We will discuss this at the August meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:05 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 Aug. 10, 2016


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken by and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.