

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

June 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**Minutes** — Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11 meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

**Interlocal Agreement** — Mayor Chesser attended a special meeting of the Jefferson County League of Cities on May 25, where they discussed the high speed internet fiber service. She reported that if Google comes to Louisville, there will be 11 huts installed throughout the City, with each hut serving 40,000 homes. It will be a 20-year agreement, with Louisville Metro as the administrator of the Agreement. Different ordinances are okay; however, Google needs to have only one agreement signed by Mayor Fischer. Attorney Garris reported that our attorneys reviewed the proposed Uniform Franchise Agreement and made some modifications to their model ordinance to meet our standards. Mrs. Welsh introduced and gave first reading in full to an ordinance granting a communications franchise and authorizing execution of a uniform franchise agreement.

Attorney Garris left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report** — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of May totalling \$89,880.57 with expenditures in the amount of \$20,195.70, giving a surplus of \$69,684.87. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

## OLD BUSINESS

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**Sanitation Contract** — Mayor Chesser reported that Attorney Treitz prepared and sent the contract for sanitation services to Mike Patterson at Republic Services of Kentucky. We are waiting for the signed contract to be returned to us.

**Regina Lane/Avenue** — There is nothing new to report at this time.

**Fence on Larkmoor Lane** — Attorney John Treitz informed Mayor Chesser that since the property owner has failed to maintain the fence, and since they have not responded to our requests for upkeep of the fence, we will proceed with the prosecution of the action via the Planning Commission. An enforcement officer will be assigned to investigate, and we have been given a service request number. Mrs. Welsh will contact the Planning Commission to find out when they plan to investigate so she can meet with the officer.

**Robards Lane Pothole** — Mayor Chesser sent a follow-up email on May 11 to Tim Maier with Public Works regarding the pothole. Metro has not responded regarding who is responsible for the section of Robards Lane from Gardiner Lane to Gardiner Point Drive. The pothole has not been repaired.

**3301 Stober Road** — Mayor Chesser reported that Dennis Diemer, the property owner, is meeting with YUM management this week and will try to confirm a time for a meet-and-greet with management at the Call Center. Mayor Chesser and one or two Council members will attend.

**Business Cards** — Mrs. Keefe received the business cards she ordered from Vistaprint and distributed them to Council members and officers.

**STOP Signs/Street Signs** — Mayor Chesser reported that Saf-Ti-Co made several sign repairs/replacements on June 6. They are currently working on our decorative signs and posts; they plan to begin that project within a few weeks. Since Milldaun is going to be paved in late July or early August, that street sign will be installed but the decorative posts for other signage on Milldaun will be installed upon completion of the paving project.

Mayor Chesser reported that we need to replace the “Welcome to the City of Watterson Park” sign on Robards Lane at the railroad crossing. The cost will be approximately \$130 for the sign and post. Council agreed; Mayor Chesser will contact Saf-Ti-Co to do the job. Resident Tiffany Woodson suggested and Council agreed that they place the sign on a longer post down in the ditch to prevent it from being knocked down. Mrs. Woodson also asked that we place a “Children At Play” sign at the end of Annshire where vehicles exit the YUM Call Center facility; Mayor Chesser responded that this sign is already in our plans. Mr. Fortwengler suggested that we put some type of flashing light on the “Children At Play” signs throughout our City; Council agreed. Mayor Chesser will check with Andrew Freibert at Saf-Ti-Co to see if this is possible.

**Signage for Stober Road 90° Curve** — Mayor Chesser reported that the rest of the guardrail markers were installed on June 6. This project is now complete.

**Trip to Bernheim Forest** — Mrs. Welsh reported that the trip was enjoyable and very informative. She submitted an article regarding the trip to Mrs. Keefe to be included in our June newsletter. We’re hoping to have another trip in 2017 and get even more participation from our residents.

**Speed Humps/Milldaun Road** — Mayor Chesser reported that she met with Gary Hubbard and Nathan Chapel at BTM Engineering on June 1 regarding the Milldaun Road paving project. They estimate the project to cost \$24,195, but they suggested that we allow up to \$30,000 to cover any additional costs. Council agreed. Mayor Chesser will contact Mr. Hubbard to give approval to proceed. BTM will advertise in the *Courier-Journal* on June 15, 16 and 17; sealed bids will be due July 6; bids will be opened at BTM at 2 p.m. on July 6. Mayor Chesser will attend the bid opening. We will review the bids at our July meeting and award the contract. The project should be completed by August 5.

**Excessive Weeds on Stober Road** — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Brandon Vincent at County Wide Lawn & Landscaping regarding the tall grass/weeds on Stober Road. He informed her that they will begin spraying and cleaning the area within the next week or two. Mayor Chesser drove by the area today and noticed that the work has already begun.

**Walk with a Cop** — Mayor Chesser reported that due to the events in the City with the passing of Muhammad Ali, the neighborhood Walk with a Cop initiative that was scheduled for June 9 was cancelled. Officer McElroy has several to reschedule and will contact Mayor Chesser with a new date.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

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**Newsletter** — Mrs. Keefe distributed copies of the draft for our summer newsletter for Council members and officers to review. She would like to get this to our printer by the end of the week.

**State Government Contacts** — Mayor Chesser said that Councilman Pat Mulvihill is pulling together contact information for departments in the state government for District 10. He will include this information in his on-line newsletter.

**LMPD 6th Division Update** — Mayor Chesser will attend this meeting on June 14.

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**2016 Neighborhood Summit** — Mrs. Arnold reported that she, Mayor Chesser, and resident Tiffany Woodson attended the 2016 Neighborhood Summit at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center on June 4. They were able to take advantage of scholarships that provided their admission for free. They attended several very informative workshops. Metro Councilman Pat Mulvihill was also in attendance. Jason Roberts with Better Block Foundation was one of the speakers. The next Summit will be held in the fall of 2017.

**Removal of Dead Trees** — Mayor Chesser reported that we have 14 dead or dying trees that need to be removed; we also have several river birches that need to be limbed up. The project involves removing two golden rain trees, one river birch, ten ashes, and an additional small tree; grinding the stumps; removing all debris; and filling in with top soil as needed. Bob Ray Tree Service submitted a bid of \$6,040. Since receiving the bid, Mayor Chesser found two additional red bud trees that need to be removed that will add to the cost. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve up to \$10,000 for Bob Ray to remove and/or trim the trees mentioned; seconded by Mrs. Garrett. All present voted yes (6-0). Mayor Chesser will contact Dave Hartlage with Bob Ray with approval to begin the project.

**City Insurance Renewal** — Mayor Chesser met with Bradley Stewart at Nelson Insurance Agency to review the general liability insurance policy for the City. For \$1,000,000 general liability coverage with \$1,000,000 umbrella coverage, the premium is \$4,974.70, which is an increase of \$163.37 over last year. Attorney Treitz reviewed the policy and agreed that it is sufficient coverage for our needs.

**Parking Issue** — Mayor Chesser reported that she contacted Officer Richard McElroy with 6th Division Metro regarding parking issues at the intersection of Jennings Lane and Bishop Lane at Bryant Heating & Cooling. Officer McElroy spoke with management at Bryant regarding the situation, and they informed him that they are going to move their call center in a month. This will provide additional parking spaces, and the street parking should no longer be an issue. However, Officer McElroy continued to receive complaints, so he turned the matter over to Public Works, who installed "No Parking" signs along the street at the intersection.

**Potholes/Road Hazard** — Mayor Chesser will research to find someone to fill the two potholes on Bunton Road. Tiffany Woodson reported that whoever installed the fiber optic cable left an open hole at Annshire and Vineyard. The company started to dig the hole and then stopped, leaving the hole unfilled. Mayor Chesser will inspect it and contact them to take care of the matter.


**Treasurer's and Clerk's Salaries** — Mayor Chesser spoke with Attorney Treitz regarding increasing the salaries for the Treasurer and Clerk. Mayor Chesser feels they are not being adequately compensated for the hours they work. Attorney Treitz will need to draft ordinances for reading at the July meeting.


**ADJOURNMENT**

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**Adjournment** — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:25 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 7-13-16.

  
Linda Chesser, Mayor

  
Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken by and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.