

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK SPECIAL MEETING

Boardroom, Gardiner Point Residence Hall • 4004 Gardiner Point Drive • Louisville, Kentucky 40213

March 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Lanette Douglas, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, 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.

Mayor Chesser reported that we will be unable to meet at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau until further notice due to a sewer issue at that building.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Minutes — Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0).

Treasurer's Report — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of February 2017 totalling \$31,575.58 with expenditures in the amount of \$19,258.07, giving a surplus of \$12,317.51. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mrs. Douglas. All present voted yes (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Attorney Treitz reported Chris Robinson from the Department of Codes and Regulations looked at the fence and didn't see any damage. Mrs. Welsh said he apparently looked at the wrong side of the fence. Mr. Robinson will be calling Mrs. Welsh to set up a date and time to meet so she can show him the damage that is in question. We will let his Department handle the issue going forward.

Off-Duty Police Officers — Mrs. Woodson received a quote from Kentuckiana Law Enforcement for \$40 per hour, 3-hour minimum shifts, to have our City patrolled. References were provided. Off-duty police officers, primarily Louisville Metro Police, would be doing the patrolling. Among other issues, Council raised concerns about liability and exposure. Attorney Treitz said we would need at least a \$5 million liability policy. Mayor Chesser mentioned that we have a great rapport with LMPD and Sixth Division Officers. After discussion, it was decided that Mrs. Woodson will check references provided by Kentuckiana Law Enforcement; Mayor Chesser will check into the cost of a \$5 million liability policy. Mayor Chesser will talk with Lieutenant Simpson with LMPD to get his opinion on the matter.

Delinquent Taxes — Mr. Wild hasn't received any new payments for delinquent taxes. He did, however, receive a notice from the Kentucky State Treasurer that we have some unclaimed property. Attorney Treitz will have a paralegal from his firm check into it.

Chefs Way — Mayor Chesser reported that BTM has completed the field survey and will now begin work on the construction drawing. Copies of the survey drawings were distributed to Council members. The Watterson Park boundary is south of the railroad tracks where Chefs Way and Abernathy Road intersect. Attorney Treitz will call the engineers to discuss the project, and Mayor Chesser and Mr. Fortwengler will meet on Chefs Way with the engineers to assess what needs to be done. Before the project begins, Mayor Chesser and Mr. Fortwengler will talk with the affected businesses to make them aware of it. We have the funds allocated in the current budget for this paving project. If the project is not completed until after June 30, we will need to include funds in the new budget to cover the construction.

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

Jennings Lane Street Lights — Mayor Chesser reported that two of the three lights have been installed and are working. We are waiting on the contract from LG&E Legal Department so we can move forward with the installation of the transformer, which is needed for the third fixture. Mayor Chesser will check into the cost of another utility pole.

JCPS — Mayor Chesser spoke with Metro Councilman Mulvihill regarding changing the middle school assignment for our students. With the current bills regarding school choice and charter schools at the state government level, it may be awhile before JCPS is able to address our request. We will stay in contact with JCPS.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe distributed copies of a draft newsletter for Council's review. LMPD crime prevention tips, a home security survey, information on the Indianapolis Zoo trip, and reminders of the large trash pickup on April 15 and Brightside spring cleanup on April 15 are included in the newsletter. Newsletters will be mailed out by the end of March.

Operation Brightside — Mrs. Woodson encouraged all Council members and officers to participate in the annual spring clean-up on April 15. Mrs. Keefe will include information on our website.

City Promotional Products — Mrs. Woodson received quotes for the writing pens and the 4"x6" notepads totalling around \$566. We will place a notepad and pen along with Mayor Chesser's business card in envelopes, which we will need to purchase. We will then deliver them to each resident. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to allocate up to \$625 for the notepads, pens, and envelopes; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (6-0). Mrs. Keefe will send a JPEG of the City seal to Mrs. Woodson to be used on the notepads.

Business Meet and Greet — Mrs. Woodson has scheduled a meet-and-greet at United Mail on Friday, March 24, at 3:30 p.m. All Council members and officers were encouraged to attend.

Trip to Indianapolis Zoo — Mrs. Welsh reported that we have made a deposit on the coach for our May 13 trip, with the balance to be paid by April 30. She will order box lunches once we receive trip response forms from our residents. We will leave from the Church of Christ on Gardiner View Avenue at 9 a.m. and return around 6:15 p.m.

Stober Road — Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Vincent with County Wide Lawn & Landscaping is planning to start cleaning up the easement area on Stober Road behind the Verst property within the next few weeks.

Bunton Road — Mayor Chesser reported that after researching, she discovered it was the Louisville Water Company who did the work at the corner of Poplar Level Road and Bunton Road. The area in question has now been paved.

Republic Services/Larkmoor Lane — Mrs. Welsh spoke with the resident at the end of Larkmoor Lane and informed him that several years ago, we poured the extra-heavy concrete apron at the end of his drive so sanitation trucks could use it to turn around. The resident wasn't aware of this but agreed to not block his driveway on sanitation pick-up days so the trucks can use it to safely turn around.

New Development — Mayor Chesser reported that Marrilla Warehouse Rental is requesting a change in zoning from R-4 to C-M for the property located at 4819 Poplar Level Road. This property is 1.47 acres and the proposal is to construct four warehouse buildings, associated parking and/or courtyard, and an on-site detention basin. Mayor Chesser attended a February 22 meeting where the proposal was discussed before filing a final application. There were no objections raised at the meeting, so they will move forward with the zoning request.

Welcome Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that Andrew Freibert with Saf-Ti-Co is working on some designs for the Watterson Park boundary signs.

NEW BUSINESS

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting/Crime — Mayor Chesser will be attending the meeting on Tuesday, March 14.

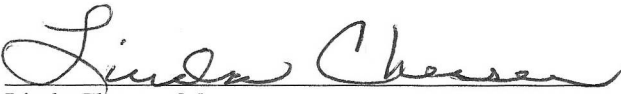
Street Lights — Mayor Chesser met with Mike Gray from LG&E to check out the street lights on Bunton Road, Watterson Park Road, and Gardiner Point Drive. Currently, there is a 175 op bottom on Bunton Road, which will be replaced with the newer 250W fixture; they will install an additional 250W fixture. The fixture at the corner of Watterson Park Road and Hodel Road will be changed from a 175 op bottom to a 400W fixture since it is the only street light in that area. The fixture on Gardiner Point Drive will be changed to a 250W fixture, or a 400W fixture if the 250 is not bright enough. Mayor Chesser will check into the cost of installing decorative lights around the Lillian Wild Walking Path.

Arbor Day — Mrs. Douglas reported that we will be reading the Arbor Day Proclamation on April 15 at the Lillian Wild Walking Path prior to the Operation Brightside Spring Cleanup. Mayor Chesser will supply the proclamation. Mayor Chesser has our most recent Tree City USA decal indicating that we have been a member of Tree City USA for 14 years. We will place it on the post under our Tree City USA sign.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Garrett made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:08 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 4-10-17.


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.