

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK SPECIAL MEETING

Boardroom, Sullivan University Gardiner Point Residence Hall
4004 Gardiner Point Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40213

May 8, 2017

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, Gina Garrett, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; and Clerk Aggie Keefe.

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

MINUTES

Minutes — Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017, special meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Street Lights —

- Mayor Chesser reported that Mike Gray with LG&E checked the location of the newly-installed transformer and third light on Jennings Lane and determined that this was the only pole available for the installation. In addition, we will not be able to install a pole and fixture beyond the blue line on Jennings Lane going toward Indian Trail as it would be outside the Watterson Park boundary.
- Mayor Chesser reported that 400-watt fixtures have been installed on Bunton Road and Watterson Park Road, which should provide much improved lighting on those roadways. The fixture on Gardiner Point Drive has been changed out to a 250-watt fixture.
- Mayor Chesser reported that she met with Mike Gray and Jim Pierson with LG&E Outdoor Lighting regarding the installation of street lights along Chefs Way. Currently, there are no street lights on this road. The lights would have to be installed on the Louisville Plate Glass side of the road and it would require installing two poles at a cost of \$6.84 each per month, plus two lights at a cost of \$18.61 each per month. This area would require a transformer, which Watterson Park would purchase, at a cost of approximately \$403. Two poles and fixtures would be an additional \$50.90 per month. Mrs. Woodson wants to insure that the new lights will not shine in residents' windows.

Attorney Treitz arrived at 7:06 p.m.

House Bill 246 — Attorney Treitz reported that there was an injunction hearing, and we are waiting for the judge to decide. He expects an appeal from one of the two sides in the case. Since we are in agreement with the Kentucky League of Cities, we will let them take care of it.

Lanette Douglas arrived at the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Affirmation of Motions Made at March and April Meetings — Since the notices for special meetings were not properly placed for our March and April special meetings, we need to affirm any motions made during those meetings. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to affirm, ratify and confirm any matters that were discussed and voted on at the March 2017 and April 2017 meetings; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Budget — Mrs. Welsh gave first reading by title to an ordinance adopting the City of Watterson Park budget for fiscal year July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. Ms. Garrett asked if the \$50,000 under Public Safety would cover the cost of hiring off-duty police officers and was told that it should be sufficient.

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Mayor Chesser reported that CBRE Management Group, which handles the J J Carter property, talked with Code Enforcement about the brush next to the fence. They were concerned that it might upset the residents if they remove the brush. However, the brush is on the J J Carter property so it will not affect any of our residents.

Off-Duty Police Officers — Lt. Glenn Simpson was present to answer questions regarding using off-duty Metro Police officers to patrol our City. He said our area typically has a very low crime rate, so officers don't patrol it as frequently as they do high-crime areas of Metro Louisville. The recent incidents on Regina Avenue have residents upset and anxious. A police presence would reinforce our commitment to public safety for our residents and businesses. He said that the majority of burglary and theft crimes are committed after 10 p.m. and suggested that we have a police presence at that time. Lt. Simpson clarified for Attorney Treitz that the off-duty officers are covered by insurance in case there is an incident. Attorney Treitz is still reviewing the contract from Kentuckiana Law Enforcement and will report to us at the June meeting.

Attorney Treitz left at 7:53 p.m.

Mrs. Woodson asked if the off-duty officer could also run radar, as she is concerned about speeding vehicles on Gardiner Lane. Lt. Simpson replied that they can; he also stated that he would try to get more radar on Gardiner Lane by on-duty officers as well. Lt. Simpson left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Fortwengler suggested that we invite John Aubrey with Kentuckiana Law Enforcement to attend an upcoming meeting to answer any questions we might have. It was decided that we should wait until Attorney Treitz finishes reviewing the contract before taking any action.

Street Lights on Walking Path — Council agreed to move forward with this project to install six 100-watt acorn lights. Mayor Chesser will call for a BUD locate and sign the contract to get the project started.

Road Construction Projects —

- Mayor Chesser reported that a geotechnical company core drilled three places along Chefs Way, and if the base is good, we will not have to tear it out and replace it. BTM will let us know the results of the drilling. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the \$2,000 expenditure to core drill; seconded by Mrs. Douglas. All present voted yes (6-0).
- Mr. Fortwengler reported that he and Gary Hubbard with BTM met with Robert Rogers of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to discuss the road improvement at the corner of Champions Trace and Newburg Road. Since Newburg Road is a state road, approval from KYTC is needed prior to proceeding with any improvements to the corner. Mr. Fortwengler reported that we will need to take out the sidewalk where it crosses Champions Trace, and a drain culvert needs to be moved back as well. BTM will take care of all needed modifications.

Trip to Indianapolis Zoo — Mrs. Welsh reported that there are 46 adults and 10 children signed up. Lunches have been ordered and all fees have been paid.

JCPS — Mrs. Arnold and Metro Councilman Pat Mulvihill attended the recognition ceremony at the JCPS School Board meeting on April 25 at the George Unselde Early Childhood Center.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe reported that United Mail failed to deliver the spring newsletters to the Bluegrass Mobile Home Park. Mrs. Keefe spoke with her representative at United Mail, who assured her that it was an oversight on their part and that they have put steps in place to insure that it won't happen again.

Mrs. Keefe needs pictures and articles for the June newsletter. In the letter from the Mayor, Mayor Chesser will talk about keeping up one's property; Mr. Fortwengler submitted an article regarding residents' legal obligations regarding the upkeep of their property and typical violations; Mrs. Woodson will submit pictures and a recap of the Operation Brightside spring clean-up; Mrs. Welsh will submit pictures and an article from the trip to Indianapolis Zoo; Mrs. Douglas will submit a brief summary of our Arbor Day celebration. All articles are due prior to the June meeting.

Operation Brightside — Mrs. Woodson reported that 26 volunteers participated for our City in the spring clean-up on April 15. We added Schmidt Avenue to the streets cleaned. The fall clean-up is scheduled for October 21.

Arbor Day — Mayor Chesser reported that the Arbor Day proclamation was signed and read on Saturday, April 15, at the Lillian Wild Walking Path. She will send Mrs. Keefe a scan of the proclamation for posting on our website.

Boundary Welcome Signs — Saf-Ti-Co submitted boundary signs in two sizes: 36" x 24" and 24" x 18". Council decided on the 24" x 18" size, which would require one post for mounting. Mrs. Keefe suggested and Council concurred that we should add the word "Welcome" in a script font to the upper left-hand corner of the sign. Mrs. Keefe will work with Andrew Freibert regarding the revision. Mr. Fortwengler drove the City streets and came up with suggestions for placement of our boundary signs. He passed out copies of his suggested list. We will place both of the preliminary signs, but we will need to check on the location of the larger 36" x 24" sign to make sure it is on Watterson Park easement, as this sign will be installed closer to the ground and would require two poles.

Meeting Location — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Barbara Mays at Jefferson County Farm Bureau and was told that their offices may not be ready until July. She has scheduled the Boardroom at the Sullivan Residence Hall for the months of June and July.

City Promotional Products — Mayor Chesser will give Mrs. Woodson the needed credit card information so the promotional products can be ordered.

Walking Path — Mayor Chesser reported that County Wide Lawn & Landscaping has installed the trash receptacle on the path and we have provided doggie waste bags as well.

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting/Crime — Mayor Chesser reported that she will be attending the next meeting on May 9. There have been two domestic incidents on Larkmoor Lane in recent weeks. We will ask LMPD to schedule a Neighborhood Walk on Larkmoor Lane.

NEW BUSINESS

Lanette Douglas Resignation — Mrs. Douglas will be moving out of the City of Watterson Park; therefore, she will be resigning from the Council. The date of her resignation is yet to be determined but should be within the next two months. Mayor Chesser asked everyone to be thinking of a replacement for Mrs. Douglas.

MSD — Mrs. Arnold reported to MSD a stopped-up ditch on Conaem and they have since removed the debris. She reported a stopped-up drain on Gardiner Lane, but MSD checked it and said as long as there was any water flow, they would not do anything. Mrs. Arnold also reported to MSD a sinkhole on Jennings Lane.

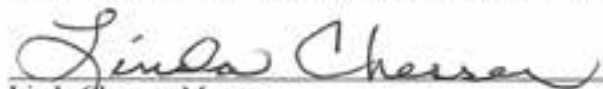
Sullivan University Students – Mayor Chesser reported that she received an email from Lauren Kelly at Sullivan Residence Hall stating that the Gardiner Point Resident Life staff would like to be involved with the Watterson Park community. Ms. Kelly mentioned gardening, cleanup, or any other projects for which we could use their assistance. Mrs. Woodson mentioned that they could participate in our Operation Brightside clean-ups, or possibly do clean-ups at other times of the year. Mayor Chesser will ask for the school schedule so we can work something out.

Audit Report – Mayor Chesser passed out copies of the Audit and asked members of the Council to take it home, review it, and be ready to discuss at the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Douglas. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:25 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 6-12-17


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.