

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

July 11, 2022

Appointment of Chairman of Council — Since Mayor Chesser will not be at tonight's meeting, Ms. Garrett made a motion to appoint Marlene Welsh as Temporary Chairman of the Council; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present was Attorney John Treitz and Deputy Rob Skaggs from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022, meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported revenues for the month of June 2022 in the amount of \$15,534 and expenses in the amount of \$34,928, giving a deficit of \$19,394. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Order 2022-001 — Attorney Treitz presented signed Executive Order No. 2022-001, whereby Mayor Chesser appointed Clerk Aggie Keefe to perform non-legislative functions of the Mayor during such time as the Mayor is unable to perform the duties of the Mayor's office or in the Mayor's absence from the City, in order to provide for the orderly continuation of the function of the City government.

Executive Order 2022-002 — Attorney Treitz presented signed Executive Order No. 2022-002, whereby Mayor Chesser delegated Mayoral authority to Councilwoman Marlene Welsh to approve ordinances and promulgate administrative procedures during such time as the Mayor is unable to perform the duties of the Mayor's office or in the Mayor's absence from the City, in order to provide for the orderly continuation of the function of the City government.

OLD BUSINESS

Code Enforcement Contract — Attorney Treitz reported that we now have a code enforcement contract in place with Louisville Code Enforcement & Mediation. Ms. Ewan reported that a tractor-trailer used the circle at the end of Regina Lane as a turn-around, damaging the tree in the circle to the point that it needs to be taken down. There has been other semi-truck activity on the street lately as well. She reported this to George Stewart and also gave him

pictures of the truck and the damaged tree. Regina Lane currently has a “No Outlet” sign at the top of the street that is hard to see until a vehicle has actually begun turning onto the street. At Mayor Chesser’s request, Ms. Ewan contacted Andrew at Saf-Ti-Co to inquire about putting up a “Dead End” sign on the opposite corner at Gardiner Lane and Regina Lane. The possibility of this being a double-sided sign so as to be visible from both directions was discussed. Mr. Bourke made a motion to authorize the City to install a traffic sign on Gardiner Lane at Regina; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Ms. Ewan will contact Andrew at Saf-Ti-Co to get the process started. Attorney Treitz will contact Mr. Stewart to discuss this in more detail. Attorney Treitz distributed copies of the citation form Mr. Stewart will use for violations in our City. Mr. Johnson volunteered to drive the City streets with Mr. Stewart to familiarize Mr. Stewart with our City boundaries.

KLC Conference — Ms. Garrett reported that Mayor Chesser reserved hotel rooms for this conference. At Mayor Chesser’s request, Ms. Ewan registered Mayor Chesser, Ms. Garrett, and herself for the conference, which will be held September 20-23.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) — Attorney Treitz reported that we have received the second tranche of money.

Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study — Mr. Johnson said there is nothing new to report on this.

KYTC MOU – Poplar Level Road — Attorney Treitz said there is nothing new to report on this.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Mrs. Welsh reported that everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for June. Deputy Skaggs reported that there continues to be a problem with drag racing on Jennings Lane.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mr. Bourke reported that there hasn’t been a meeting since our June legislative meeting, but one is scheduled for tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports — Ms. Ewan reported that the tree at the end of Regina Lane that was damaged by the tractor-trailer needs to be removed. At Mayor Chesser’s request, Ms. Ewan obtained a bid from County Wide Lawn & Landscaping in the amount of \$1,950 to remove the tree, grind the stump, remove chips, add topsoil, then seed and straw the removal area. A second bid from County Wide was presented in the amount of \$800 to remove the dead tree next to the All-State Ford Truck Sales property, grind the stump, add topsoil, then seed and straw the removal area. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve both bids from County Wide Lawn & Landscaping; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. Mr. Wild asked if the trucking company that damaged the tree will be held liable for costs incurred to replace the tree. Ms. Ewan clarified that several neighbors have requested that the tree be removed and not replaced, and that a resident on Regina said he will plant flowers and maintain the area. Council agreed to not replace the tree. Attorney Treitz said we will pursue getting the trucking company that did the damage to pay for the tree removal. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Homeless Encampment — Ms. Ewan reported that Mayor Chesser received an email from David at YUM letting her know that their security team had witnessed a recent influx of homeless individuals on their campus at Stober Road. One person was seen attempting to gain access to their building through an exterior locked door. Mayor Chesser forwarded the email to the Louisville Office of Resilience and Community Services, who sent a Homeless Encampment Advisor to that area. They didn’t locate any established encampments, but they will continue to monitor the situation. Geoff Wohl (Councilman Mulvihill’s office), Major Rivera (LMPD 6th Division), and Amber Ross (LMPD District Resource Officer) were notified. YUM was informed that they need to have a trespass waiver on file before anyone can be removed from their property.

Ms. Ewan reported for Mayor Chesser that there has been an uptick in illegal dumping on Jennings Lane. Mayor Chesser contacted Geoff Wohl and also made Metro aware since it is a Metro road. Metro will see if they have a camera available that can be installed in that area. Ms. Garrett said she contacted the Seven Counties Coalition for the Homeless and made them aware of the homeless situation on Poplar Level Road. The Coalition reported that they talked to the homeless people at that location to see if they are interested in finding housing and relocating.

Bank Signatory — Mr. Wild and Mrs. Keefe will work together to set up Mrs. Keefe at the Stock Yards Bank as a signatory on the Watterson Park account.

Audit — Mr. Wild questioned how he should handle this fiscal year's year-end financial statement if we are not doing an audit. Attorney Treitz suggested that we do an audit every year, even if we aren't required to do so. Ms. Garrett said that at one of the conferences she attended, it was recommended that we change auditors every few years. Attorney Treitz will send Mr. Wild the names of three firms that perform city audits. Mr. Fortwengler said that he has the names of two firms we can check out. Mr. Treitz suggested that Mr. Wild could possibly do a lower-level financial review for this fiscal year. Mr. Wild will contact John McIntyre to get his input.

County Wide Bids — Mrs. Keefe was instructed by Attorney Treitz to contact County Wide Lawn & Landscaping and let them know their bids were approved. She will also make County Wide aware that the removal of the tree on Regina Lane should take precedence over the tree at the Ford truck facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0 and meeting adjourned at 7:54 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 _____.

Linda Chesser, Mayor

Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe from notes and audio recording.