

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

March 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Brett Ashley, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney John Treitz. Absent was Helen Arnold.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Newburg Road Sidewalk Project — Present at the meeting to discuss the specifics of this project were Steve Kurowsky, Project Engineer with Metro Public Works; Jonathan Albers, Transportation Engineer with HDR Inc.; and Brandon Jones and Trey Guyton with BTM Engineering, Inc. Also present was Geoff Wohl on behalf of Louisville Metro Councilman Pat Mulvihill. Copies of the Newburg Road Sidewalk Concept Plan were presented for Council's review and discussed at length. Mr. Albers said we are trying to avoid piping the ditch, and we don't want to move any utilities. No waterline relocation will be required. However, the Water Company will eventually need to replace the dated water lines under the proposed sidewalk. We will try to coordinate with the Louisville Water Company to see if they can replace the old water line before we install the sidewalk. We will not be responsible for the cost to replace the water line. Mr. Kurowsky suggested that we find out when the state will be repaving this area and coordinate with them also. Mayor Chesser reported that Bob Zimlich with Bellarmine University told her that it will be close to five years before they begin construction on their Newburg Road property. Mr. Kurowsky said this wouldn't pose a problem for the sidewalk project. In response to a question from Attorney Treitz, Mr. Albers said that electric utilities would not be involved. Mr. Kurowsky will let TARC decide whether or not they will install benches for any TARC stops along the sidewalk.

Mr. Kurowsky expects that we will receive preliminary approval for the TAP funding for which both Metro and the City have applied in November of 2020. As far as a timeline, the first step is to make application as soon as possible. There would then be a call to project (application acceptance) sometime in July. Within 60 to 90 days from the call to project, we should receive notice of approval from KIPDA, which is the State agency responsible for administering the federal TAP program. Based on this timeline, they would need our money in October, as local match must be shown. We're looking at approximately one year from notice to proceed to the design stage.

Ms. Garrett asked about whether the cost of the project would go up if we are delayed by the Water Company line replacement. Mr. Kurowsky said that they padded the estimate to offset any increase in materials and/or labor. Mr. Albers clarified that if the Water Company's plans to replace their line will be too late, we could go ahead with the sidewalk installation. Then when the Water Company replaces the water line, they would need to repair whatever damage they might do to the sidewalk.

Mr. Kurowsky said that the cost of environmental studies as well as project management are both included in the bid.

Mr. Kurowsky, Mr. Albers, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Guyton left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Speed Machines — Geoff Wohl talked about radar speed signs, also known as driver feedback signs, which are traffic calming devices designed to slow speeders down by alerting them of their speed. Mayor Chesser said she checked into the cost of such devices. Depending on the device, Saf-Ti-Co sells them for \$3,000 or \$3,500. The \$3,000 device shows speed only; the \$3,500 device provides driver feedback (SLOW DOWN, etc.). Mayor Chesser asked Mr. Wohl if Councilman Mulvihill could cover the cost for one to be put up on Gardiner Lane. Mr. Wohl suggested that Mr. Mulvihill could possibly get \$3,500 from District 10 CIF funds for this purpose. Mr. Wohl will share more information with us when it is available. Mayor Chesser said that she has asked for a speed machine from LMPD, but they are in high demand and one is not yet available.

Mr. Wohl left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

MINUTES

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Johnson. All present voted yes (5-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of January 2020 in the amount of \$83,894.45 with expenditures in the amount of \$28,015.24, giving a surplus of \$55,879.21. Mr. Wild noticed that he had \$253.60 listed under Room Rental under General Government and said that it was placed in the wrong category. He will check into it and clarify at the April meeting. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. There was no further discussion. All present voted yes (5-0).

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of February 2020 in the amount of \$74,507.15, with expenditures in the amount of \$30,879.83, giving a surplus in the amount of \$43,627.32. Ms. Woodson made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mr. Johnson. There was no further discussion. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Stober Road Flooding — Mayor Chesser reported that Joe Exley, MSD Project Dri Program Administrator, has agreed to attend our meeting on April 13 to discuss the flooding problem on Stober Road. Brandon Jones with BTM Engineering will also be at this meeting.

Sanitation Specs — Sanitation specs were approved. Because we will be discussing the Stober Road flooding issue at this meeting, Mayor Chesser will notify any bidders that we will not be opening bids until after the flooding is discussed.

Active Day of Watterson Park — This adult day care center at 1920 Goldsmith Lane is not within our City boundaries. Mayor Chesser sent info to Mr. Treitz, who determined that it appears to be a franchise and that the way they are using their name is okay. He doesn't think anyone would be confused that this entity is a functioning part of our City services, especially since the signage on their building does not mention Watterson Park.

2020 Election Forms — A notice of instructions to 2020 candidates from the state was distributed to all Council members.

Labeling Trees on Walking Path — Mayor Chesser showed Mr. Treitz a sample of the brick that Council wants to use to mark and label the trees on the Lillian Wild Walking Path.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Workers Compensation — Mr. Wild received a bill for Workers Compensation insurance that included coverage for County Wide Lawn and Landscaping. Mr. Treitz clarified that the policy would cover Council members and officers for any medical expenses. County Wide would be covered under their own policy, Mr. Wild will notify Nelson Insurance Agency to remove County Wide from our policy.

Planting and Labeling Trees — Council made suggestions for the brick color, and the majority selected the Majestic grey color. We estimate the need for 21 bricks inside the walking path and for 21 outside the walking path. Council decided to put the common tree name in large print at the top of the brick, with Watterson Park at the bottom, and, if space is available, the Tree of Life design in the center. Mayor Chesser will check to see if there is an upcharge to use the tree design and if there is a set-up fee for the engraving. Mayor Chesser will arrange a time to meet with Cindi Sullivan at the walking path to determine how many trees will be labeled and the names to be used, and will notify Ms. Woodson and Mrs. Welsh so they can attend the meeting. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 for the tree identification bricks; seconded by Ms. Garrett. There being no further discussion, the matter was brought to a vote. All present voted yes (5-0).

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings/Activities Report — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of the most recent Monthly Shift Postings and the Small City Activity Sheet. The question was asked at last month's meeting about citations and warnings and why more citations are not written. John Aubrey said it depends on the offense and the decision is at the officer's discretion. When the officer looks at the license, he or she sees the address. But if the offense warrants a citation, the drivers gets one.

City Trip — Mrs. Welsh reported that Bernheim Forest will be able to accommodate us for a trip in the fall of this year. The Forest Giants will still be on display. Ms. Woodson suggested the possibility of going to Cave Hill Cemetery, which offers wagon tours of the cemetery. She doesn't know if they have an actual tree program and whether or not they have a facility to accommodate us for lunch. She will check into it further and bring additional information to the April meeting. In the meantime, Mrs. Welsh will notify Bernheim Forest that we will give them our decision after our April meeting.

Street Signs — Ms. Woodson checked throughout Watterson Park and found several streets that need street name signs as well as STOP signs. Mayor Chesser will do a drive-thru of the City with Saf-Ti-Co, after which she will order the necessary signs.

Pegasus (former R&R Limo) — Mayor Chesser reported that due to the Newburg Road sidewalk project discussion at tonight's meeting and the Stober Road flooding issues to be discussed with MSD at the April meeting, she asked Carey Fieldhouse with Pegasus if she would be able to attend the May meeting. Ms. Fieldhouse agreed. They are planning to be open for business on March 23, but their official grand opening celebration is scheduled for June 12.

NEW BUSINESS

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — This month's meeting has been canceled.

Pegasus Parade — Ms. Woodson is working with Metro's Office of Women and is in charge of finding elected female officials to walk in the Pegasus Parade on April 30. Metro Police, Fire, EMS, and several other groups will be represented. If anyone is interested, please let her know.

Boy Scout City Government Presentation — Mayor Chesser reported that she was asked to speak to a group of Cub Scouts at St. Raphael Catholic School regarding city government. This was a group of 10- and 11-year-olds. KLC has a program called Municipals, and they donated some booklets, pencils, bookmarks, and keychains to hand out at the presentation. After a short introduction and explanation about small cities in Jefferson County, Mayor Chesser moved on to how to draft an ordinance. She felt that the Cub Scouts' teamwork in writing the ordinance and their presentation was outstanding.

Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Service Open House — Mayor Chesser attended this open house on March 4 and was impressed by the great job the organizers did.

Newsletter — Council agreed that we will forego a spring newsletter and publish one for the summer that will include sanitation, sidewalk updates, and possible trip information.

Stober Road Tree Stump Removal — Ms. Woodson asked about the progress on this project. Mayor Chesser reported that much of the work has already been done and the project should be completed shortly. It appears that Stober Road and Hodel Road will need to be paved this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Woodson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:17 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.

