

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

April 10, 2023

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

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present were Attorneys John Treitz and Duncan Crosby; consultant Jean Hall; and residents Michael O’Shea and John Jones.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. 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. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023, special meeting as received; seconded by Ms. Garrett. 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

For the month of March 2023, Mr. Wild reported revenues in the amount of \$26,969 with \$47,164 in expenses, giving a deficit of \$20,196. Mrs. Welsh 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.

OLD BUSINESS

1391 Gardiner Lane Property — Mr. Treitz reported that we hired Diane Zimmerman, the traffic engineer, to do the traffic study that was discussed at our April 3 special meeting. He also hired Bowman Consulting Group to perform a drainage study. Craig Mount with Bowman will look at the possible impact of this type of development on our current drainage problems. Mr. Treitz also spoke with a zoning lawyer and would like to meet with him if he passes a conflict check. We don’t have a date and location for the second neighborhood meeting. Mr. Treitz talked with Jon Baker, attorney for the development. He told Mr. Baker that we have definite opposition and that we could mount a serious campaign against the development. He proposed to Mr. Baker that we come to an understanding regarding the size and nature of the project.

Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Geoff Wohl at Councilman Pat Mulvihill’s office and expressed our concerns regarding the project. She requested through Mr. Wohl that Councilman Mulvihill attend the next neighborhood meeting to hear his constituents’ concerns. Mayor Chesser will also contact Councilwoman Barbara Shanklin to see if she can round up some support for us for the next neighborhood meeting.

Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study — Mr. Treitz reported that Joe Exely informed him that MSD finished the pipe project. Mr. Exely said that Stantec, the engineering firm they employed for this project, is looking into a water diversion plan for the location. Mr. Treitz will press him on the issue. Mayor Chesser reported that YUM! and Precision Collision didn’t have any flooding from the recent storms.

Mr. Treitz left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Code Enforcement Update — Everyone should have received a copy of the March Field Report.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) — Mr. Crosby reported that we are close to finalizing the draft report. Mr. Wild, Jean Hall, and Mr. Crosby are working together to ensure that everything is in agreement between the records and what we are submitting.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Mayor Chesser reported that everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for April. There were still a number of open shifts.

Newburg Road Sidewalk — Mayor Chesser reported that she received an email from Steve Kurowsky, an engineer with Louisville Metro Government, stating that he is still getting all needed Local Public Agency (LPA) documents approved from KYTC before they can put the project out to bid.

Robards Lane — No updates at this time.

New Mailing Lists for Residents and Businesses — Mrs. Keefe is waiting until we are close to mailing our next newsletter before ordering these updated lists.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe reported that this is in the design stage.

NEW BUSINESS

Yard Waste/Large Trash Pickup — Mayor Chesser contacted Todd Preher to let him know that the City's yard waste was not picked up as scheduled. Mr. Preher will talk to the Operations Manager and let Mayor Chesser know when it will be rescheduled. Mayor Chesser mentioned that April 14 is our semi-annual large-trash pickup.

April 5 EF-1 Tornado and Storm Damage — Mayor Chesser reported that due to damages incurred as a result of the recent severe weather, she signed an Executive Order authorizing the City to provide assistance to remove debris from our City streets. She hired County Wide Lawn & Landscaping to clear trees and debris from several blocked streets and to cut down damaged trees for which the City is responsible. We delivered a flier to residents notifying them that beginning April 11, we will pick up storm debris that is placed at the curb as long as the debris meets designated criteria.

Committee Reports —

Mrs. Welsh reported that she called the Botanical Gardens but couldn't get through. She will try again.

Mr. Johnson reported that there is a sinkhole on Conaem Drive that needs to be filled. Mayor Chesser will call Stoll Paving to check it out and take care of any needed repairs.

Mr. Fortwengler said he would like to have speed humps installed on Larkmoor Lane. Mayor Chesser said that as a courtesy, we poll the residents on the affected street to get a consensus and then make a decision. She will supply Mr. Fortwengler with the form he needs to obtain signatures from the residents.

Sgt. Jeff Christopher, the officer on patrol provided by Kentuckiana Law Enforcement, arrived at the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Ms. Garrett said as a city, we need to know what to do when there is a major event or catastrophe. She was told that we default to Metro Louisville in the case of a major event or catastrophe. At the League of Cities Conference last fall, Mayfield's Mayor suggested that we have a binder with contact information and an outline of appropriate steps to take. Ms. Ewan said that ReachAlert offers a service that will alert residents and businesses via text, voice, or email. The cost is \$2 per house or business in our City and is based on the tax rolls. Mr. Crosby will check into the service his HOA uses so that we can compare services. Ms. Ewan agreed to do more research on an alert service. Mrs. Keefe suggested having a dedicated phone line for City events and emergencies where one can call and access a pre-recorded message addressing the event. Ms. Garrett said we need to determine what our responsibilities are during a crisis and find out what Metro

Louisville takes care of. We need a primary place and an alternate place for our City Council to meet to address emergencies. Ms. Ewan clarified that through ReachAlert, our designated administrator could send notifications on a number of issues, including sanitation delays, weather alerts, a boil-water advisory, road repairs, and road closures. It would be up to our residents and businesses to sign up for the service. Council agreed that we need to develop an emergency plan. Mr. Crosby said the firm will be glad to work with us on this.

Mayor Chesser said that after the March 3 weather event, JCLC's newsletter or minutes mentioned that home rule cities could receive reimbursement from Metro Government for restoration and clean-up related to the event. She will check to see if they offer reimbursement for the April 5 event.

Mrs. Keefe distributed printouts of bios from our website and asked to be notified of any updates.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser said the upcoming meeting of this Board will probably be canceled.

Update on Progress of City Treasurer Training — Mr. Wild feels comfortable that Jean Hall is ready to assume the full responsibilities as City Treasurer, so he read his resignation letter to be effective immediately. He will be available to assist Mrs. Hall if needed. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept Mr. Wild's resignation; 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.

Mayor Chesser appointed Jean Hall as Mr. Wild's replacement as City Treasurer. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jean Hall as City Treasurer; 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.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to enter into a consulting agreement with Jerry Wild until such time that it is deemed that his services are no longer needed; 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; 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 and meeting adjourned at 8:31 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.