

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

## LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

August 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 Jean Hall; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present were Jerry Wild; Attorney John Treitz; and John Aubrey, owner/partner of Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE).

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

**John Aubrey, KLE**— John Aubrey with KLE was present to answer questions and address any issues we have regarding their service. He said Mayor Chesser or Mr. Bourke should call or text him whenever we are concerned about something that is going on. If there is a KLE officer on duty, he will alert that officer. Of course, if it is an emergency, 911 should be called.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023, legislative 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

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For the month of July 2023, Mrs. Hall reported revenues in the amount of \$82,729 with \$44,715 in expenditures, giving a surplus of \$38,014. Mrs. Hall clarified that the amount paid under Legal & Professional goes back to March 2023, where we had a lot of activity in zoning and emergency management. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report; 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.

### OLD BUSINESS

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**1391 Gardiner Lane** — Attorney Treitz reported that they are not aware of any activity on this property.

**1234 Gardiner Lane Truck Parking Issues** — Mayor Chesser reported that she contacted Michele King with the Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) regarding the No Parking sign for this property. Ms. King wasn't aware of APCD being involved. Mr. Aubrey clarified that when semis park on this property with their engines running, his officers can give a documented verbal trespassing warning for the first offence, followed by a ticket for the second offence, then they can be locked up for trespassing with the third offence.

**Speedway/Red Roof Inn Area** — Attorney Treitz said that one of their associates sent in an open records request. Metro is contending that Watterson Park is the responsible party for the driveway going back through Speedway to the Red Roof Inn. Mr. Treitz doesn't agree with this, as we haven't accepted that road as part of our City. It appears that part of it is owned by Speedway, and part of it is easement that was created for the roadway. Mayor Chesser will call the property manager for the Speedway and ask if they will clean up the area.

**Code Enforcement Update** — All should have received the monthly report.

**Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study** — Attorney Treitz reported that Stantec Engineering contacted him and asked for some old construction drawings from when we built Stober Road. He provided them with the drawings but hasn't received any updates from them.

**Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings** — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for August.

**Newburg Road Sidewalk** — Mayor Chesser sent an email to Steve Kurowsky asking for an update but hasn't received a response from him.

**Robards Lane** — Mr. Treitz will run a title on the property to be sure that this particular section isn't owned by someone else before we can assume responsibility for it.

**KYTC Fence** — Mayor Chesser reported that the fence by Resurrection Lutheran has been replaced and the area cleaned up. She sent an email to Representative Daniel Grossberg thanking him for addressing this issue. She received a response from Representative Grossberg stating that at the in-person transport budget meeting, he pleaded with the Chair of the Transportation Committee and the Transportation Cabinet to make the repair of this fence one of the top priorities in the district.

**Speed Humps on Larkmoor Lane** — Craig Mount met with Steve Fortwengler, Marlene Welsh, and Mayor Chesser to discuss the speed hump project for Larkmoor Lane. Mr. Fortwengler reported that the engineers said the street is 1200 feet long, and it is up to us to decide how far apart we want the speed humps. He feels like two speed humps will be sufficient. Mayor Chesser received a Work Order and Contract from Mr. Mount, which she will sign and return to him so we can move forward on this project.

**Resurrection Lutheran Meet Your Neighbor Night** — Mrs. Welsh has not heard from the pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church regarding this event.

**Ethics Board** — Mayor Chesser nominated Helen Arnold, Tom Wood, and Randy Catlett to serve on this Board for the next two years. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the nominations; 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.

**Watterson Park Major Event or Catastrophe Planning/Reach Alert System** — Ms. Ewan reported that Mr. Weber will attend our September meeting to discuss this service.

**Emergency Contact Form** — There was nothing to report this month.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Committee Reports** — Mrs. Welsh said she hasn't heard from Resurrection Lutheran Church regarding the Meet Your Neighbor Night.

**Mayor Greenberg Zoom Meeting** — Mayor Chesser reported that Mayor Greenberg is planning to hold quarterly Zoom meetings with the Mayors of the small cities in Jefferson County. She participated in the first of these meetings, which was held on July 24. Joining Mayor Greenberg was LMPD Chief Jackie Gwinn-Villaroel.

- Mayor Greenberg is trying to reach out to all Mayors in Jefferson County. He wants to attend small city events as his schedule permits. He reported that his first budget included funds for paving in all 26 Council Districts. There is a big focus on affordable housing. He reported that LMPD is still down 290 officers.
- Chief Gwinn-Villaroel reported on LMPD's recently added Nonfatal Shooting Squad and House Bill 380, which lowered the age to 20 for new hires to attend basic training if they will be 21 by the conclusion of the training. She stated that a third of all shootings in Louisville Metro are targeted and gang related. Flock cameras, short-term rentals, and Public Works were also discussed.

**Louisville Comprehensive Review Commission Meeting** — Ms. Ewan reported that she and Mayor Chesser attended this July 25 meeting. This Commission was created by the Kentucky General Assembly to review the merger between the City of Louisville and Jefferson County and to review the duties and roles of the Louisville Mayor, Metro Council, and the suburban cities regarding the distribution of governmental services. City mayors introduced themselves and talked about their cities. Ms. Ewan reported that Mayor Chesser spoke positively about Watterson Park and touted our many accomplishments as well as the services we provide our residents and businesses.

**LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting** — Mayor Chesser attended the July 13 board meeting, where Major Rivera reported that there were 23 auto thefts the prior week. Non-fatal shootings were down 23 percent; homicides were down 80 percent. In addition, she received a message notifying her that Major Rivera is transferring to the Major Crimes Division and is being replaced by Major Mindy Vance.

**Charter Communications** — Everyone should have received a letter from Charter Communications regarding a rate increase.

**New Business** — Mayor Chesser reported that American Floor Source is opening at 4601 East Indian Trail.

**Welcome Baskets** — Mayor Chesser reported that Watterson Park has new residents on Annshire Avenue who will be given welcome baskets.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. 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 8:13 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Linda Chesser, Mayor

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Aggie Keefe, Clerk

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