

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

January 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Steve Fortwengler, Brandon Paul, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present was Attorney Mary Garris.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Audit — John McIntyre from McIntyre & Wooldrige PSC was present. He has been working closely with Mr. Wild and Mayor Chesser in recent weeks to compile all data needed to perform the City's audit. Mr. McIntyre distributed a draft of the City audit for fiscal year July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017. He went over the key components of the audit, explaining various line items and offering suggestions for future accounting practices. He said there are no compliance issues at this time. Mr. McIntyre will e-file the audit and send a copy to Attorney Treitz. Once she receives the final document, Mrs. Keefe will take care of having the audit printed and mailed out to our residents. Mr. McIntyre left the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

MINUTES

Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Paul. All present voted yes (5-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of December 2017 in the amount of \$70,590.58 with expenditures in the amount of \$48,475.41, giving a surplus of \$22,115.17. Included with the report were current statements from our Stock Yards Bank checking account, investment accounts and CD statements, and a current statement from Hilliard Lyons. Mr. Wild will be including these documents with future Treasurer's Reports, per a recommendation from our auditor. Mr. Wild said he doesn't know how to place a lien on personal property and asked Attorney Garris to assist him. In addition, Attorney Garris will have Stephen Sherman, a tax attorney with Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC, call Mr. Wild to discuss possible collection procedures on unpaid real estate taxes. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Off-Duty Police Officers — There are no updates at this time.

House Bill 246 — Mayor Chesser reported that the courts ruled in favor of Metro. However, there is always a possibility of an appeal.

Increase in Salary for the Mayor — Mrs. Arnold gave second reading in full to Ordinance No. 241, Series 2018, increasing the salary for the Mayor to \$1,250 per month beginning January 1, 2019. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to adopt the Ordinance; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0).

Tribute to Norm Liebert — Mayor Chesser reported that she is working with JC Speagle at Best Stamp Company to design a plaque in honor of former Mayor Norman Liebert. She should have a sample to share with the Council at the February meeting. JC recommended an 18" x 24" bronze cast sign that will include the City seal. Best Stamp Company will provide the pole and the installation.

Attorney Garris left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Champions Trace Paving Project — Mayor Chesser reported that BTM forwarded to KYTC the plan they put together for the contractor. KYTC does not stamp plans; however, BTM does have an email from KYTC approving the revision to the area. EZ Construction will be the contractor, and the total cost for improvements is \$7,818. BTM will be responsible for \$3,261, which covers removing the existing curb, flume, sidewalk drain, etc.; Watterson Park will be responsible for \$4,557, which covers the inlet box and concrete behind the curb. BTM is not charging Watterson Park for engineering fees associated with resolving this issue.

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Mr. Fortwengler showed pictures of the completed fence, which differs significantly from the fence proposed by CBRE. The slats provide only limited privacy. Mayor Chesser suggested that they might need to put in another layer of slats. Mayor Chesser will bring the matter up with Attorney Treitz when he gets back in town.

Boundary Signs — There was no update at this time

Pedestrian Caution Signs/Light on Gardiner Lane — Mr. Paul reported that he has been unsuccessful in contacting Geoff Wohl with Councilman Mulvihill's office but he will keep trying. Mr. Paul contacted David Weihe at YUM! about putting in a cross-walk between the YUM! building and Conaem Drive; Mr. Weihe is very interested in the idea. Mr. Paul will continue to research some kind of cautionary signal or markings at the Gardiner Lane and Regina Avenue intersection. At the LMPD Citizens Advisory Board Meeting on January 9, Mayor Chesser will ask if Metro Police can put up a speed detector and/or use radar and issue speeding tickets.

Spectrum Franchise Agreement — There are no updates at this time.

Forestry Trip for 2018 — Mrs. Welsh reported that she has contacted Cincinnati Zoo and is expecting to receive information on admissions and lunches for the June 2 trip. The trip will be advertised in our spring City newsletter.

Regina Avenue Speedhumps — There are no updates at this time.

Champions Trace Speed Humps — Mr. Fortwengler would like to have additional speed humps installed on Champions Trace; Council agreed. We can have them installed concurrently with the speed humps on Regina Avenue. Mayor Chesser will discuss it with Attorney Treitz to insure there are no legal issues involved.

Permissive Left Turn Signals — Mayor Chesser reported that there is no update from KYTC on the requested signal change at Newburg Road and Gardiner Lane. The requested change at Gardiner Lane and Poplar Level Road has been approved by the state.

Crime Study — At the December 2017 meeting, Mayor Chesser distributed copies of crime statistics for Watterson Park that she received from LMPD for the period January 1 through November 27, 2017, and asked Council members to take it home for review. Mr. Paul commented that data indicates Metro Louisville is the 11th deadliest city in the country.

NEW BUSINESS

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser will be attending this meeting on January 9 and asked if anyone has any items they would like her to address. She also encouraged any interested Council members to attend.

St. Regis Park Tree Program — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of a letter that was published about St. Regis Park's tree program. The St. Regis Park Tree Board reported that they plant trees on residential properties and even help to cover the cost of maintaining the trees. Mayor Chesser will discuss it with Attorney Treitz, as this might be something we can provide for our residents as well.


Yard Waste – Mr. Paul suggested that we increase the number of collections for yard waste during high-volume months. Sanitation services are scheduled to be bid this spring; perhaps this is something that can be addressed in the specifications. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

Assistance Needed — Mayor Chesser reported that she will be having foot surgery sometime this month, which could prohibit her from attending some very important upcoming meetings. She asked for assistance from Council members to attend in her stead. Ms. Woodson, Mr. Fortwengler and Mrs. Welsh volunteered to attend the JCLC special meeting on Google Fiber on January 29; Mrs. Welsh and Mr. Fortwengler can attend the JCLC meeting regarding House Bill 246 on January 18.

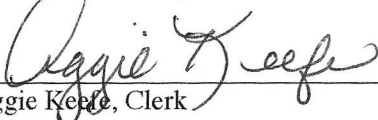
ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:50 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 2-12-18.



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.