

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

## LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

July 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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; Attorney Duncan Crosby; and Deputy Sheriff Rob Skaggs, the officer on patrol provided by KLE.

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 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. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023, special 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.

### APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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For the month of June 2023, Mrs. Hall reported revenues in the amount of -\$93,459 with \$40,245 in expenditures, giving a deficit of \$133,704. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the report as presented; 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. Mrs. Hall clarified that the \$112,000 loss in Change in Fair Market Value represents our losses since inception, and they are unrealized losses. We expect to see that loss go down because we will hold the CDs until maturity.

**Legal Counsel** — Mr. Treitz mentioned that he doesn't see the need for both him and Mr. Crosby to be at every Council meeting. He asked if we could move forward on items on which he has some special knowledge, and then he will leave the meeting.

### Executive Session —

At Attorney Treitz's request, Mayor Chesser called for Executive Session to talk about potential litigation. Ms. Ewan made a motion to go into Executive Session; 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 Council went into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. Mr. Bourke made a motion to come out of Executive Session; 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 Council came out of Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. No action was taken by the Council during Executive Session.

### OLD BUSINESS

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**Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study** — Mayor Chesser reported that she received a call from Dennis Diemer, who told her that after the recent heavy rains, they had severe flooding on their property at the end of Conaem. She suggested to Mr. Diemer that he should start calling MSD when he has flooding issues, as doing so might get their attention. Mr. Treitz reported that he attempted to contact Joe Exely but was unsuccessful. Mr. Diemer will send pics of the recent flooding to Mayor Chesser. She will send the pics to Mr. Treitz, who will forward them to Joe Exely.

**Speedway/Red Roof Inn Area** — Mr. Crosby brought a satellite map of the area where the Red Roof Inn and the Speedway are located. There is a section of land that no one maintains, which is rife with tall grass and weeds. It is still unclear whether or not the right-of-way was created by the Commonwealth. Once we determine the owner, we can force them to maintain the property.

**Robards Lane** — Mr. Treitz mentioned that we have previously talked about the possibility of making the portion of Robards Lane between Gardiner Lane and Gardiner Pointe a City road so that we can maintain it. Before proceeding, we need to check into it further to make sure we have permission from whoever owns it.

**Ethics Board** — Mr. Treitz reported that we have an Ethics Board that is comprised of three members who each serve for two years. The terms have expired, so we need to re-appoint three members. We will contact the three members whose terms have recently expired to see if they are interested in serving for another term. We should also come up with replacements in the event any or all of these previous members do not agree to serve.

Mr. Treitz left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

**Abandoned Car and Truck** — Mayor Chesser reported that the abandoned truck, car, and construction equipment located by the Speedway have been removed. She emailed Major Rivera and found out that he worked with IPL at Metro to resolve this issue. They tagged the vehicles and Metro towed them away.

**1234 Gardiner Lane Truck Parking Issues** — Mayor Chesser reported that KLE officers continue to run the semis off of this property. A resident on Milldaun found a sign in his yard that apparently blew off the fence during the recent storm. He took the sign to Mayor Chesser. The sign stated that semis were not allowed to park and run their engines on the property. It appeared to have been supplied by the Air Pollution Control Board. Mayor Chesser will contact Air Pollution Control to see if they can supply more signs.

**Code Enforcement Update** — All should have received the monthly report. The house at Gardiner Lane and Annshire had the damaged pine tree removed. The yard at 3356 Newburg Road still needs to be mowed.

**Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings** — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for July. Mayor Chesser reported that Allstate installed their electric fence. Mayor Chesser reported that a resident texted her about a homeless person on Bunton who had a cart in the street. Mayor Chesser checked it out and felt like the person possibly needed help. Out of concern, she called the police.

**Newburg Road Sidewalk** — There were no updates.

**KYTC Fence and Encampment** — Mayor Chesser reported that she told the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that we are not interested in installing a fence at this time, but to please keep us on the list for fence repairs.

**Speed Humps on Larkmoor Lane** — Mr. Fortwengler reported that out of 32 residences, they have obtained 20 in favor and 7 against the installation of speed humps on Larkmoor Lane. Since the majority want the speed humps, Mayor Chesser will check with Mr. Treitz to find out how to proceed.

**Resurrection Lutheran Meet Your Neighbor Night** — Mrs. Welsh reported that she spoke with the pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church but hasn't heard back from him. Their church had a lot of damage from the recent tornado, so the pastor hasn't had time to work on this event.

**Watterson Park Major Event or Catastrophe Planning/Reach Alert System** — Mr. Crosby doesn't have any updates. Ms. Ewan spoke with Ken Weber, the owner of Reach Alert. Ms. Ewan clarified that if we do go forward with this, the cost is based on the total residents in the City, not just those who choose to participate. She said it could possibly apply to businesses as well. Mr. Crosby said that his neighborhood utilizes Reach Alert and he thinks it is very useful. Mayor Chesser asked Ms. Ewan to invite Mr. Weber to an upcoming meeting.

**Little Library at Walking Path**— Mayor Chesser reported that an anonymous person repaired our Little Library structure. She would like to find out who did the repairs so we can thank him or her.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Emergency Contact Form** — We will work on this and bring it before the Council at an upcoming meeting.

**Committee Reports** — Someone reported that eight to ten lights were out on Gardiner Lane at the curve at Gardiner View. Officer Skaggs will check them out on his next late-evening shift.

**LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting** — Mayor Chesser plans to attend the meeting on July 12.

**Dead End Sign** — Mr. Fortwengler said a neighbor on Larkmoor Lane mentioned that people are turning onto Larkmoor Lane because their GPS is erroneously telling them it is a thru street. The neighbor asked if we can put up a Dead End sign. Mayor Chesser asked Ms. Ewan to contact Saf-Ti-Co to order the sign and have it installed.

**Stray Cats on Regina Lane** — Mayor Chesser reported that she contacted Louisville Metro Animal Services (LMAS) regarding cats on Regina Lane. LMAS traps the cats, spays/neuters them, has them chipped, then returns them to the same street.

**Unrestrained Dog on Regina Lane** — A pit bull on Regina Lane has been running loose on the street, chasing people and lunging at them. Mayor Chesser contacted Metro Animal Services, who visited the owner and educated them about the repercussions of not restraining their dog.

**KLC Annual Conference** — Ms. Ewan reported that registration is open for the KLC Conference in September 2023 in Lexington. Full registration for members is \$399. Ms. Ewan and Ms. Garrett would like to attend; Mayor Chesser isn't sure if she will be able to. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve up to \$1,000 per person to attend the 2023 Kentucky League of Cities Conference; 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**

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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 8:36 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.