

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

June 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called by the Clerk. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Absent was Councilman Steve Fortwengler. Also present were Attorneys John Treitz and Duncan Crosby.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021, legislative 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, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported revenues for the month of May 2021 in the amount of \$56,607 and expenses in the amount of \$31,644, giving a surplus of \$24,963. Mr. Wild said we don't expect to receive any insurance tax money this month. Mr. Bourke made a motion to approve the report as presented; 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, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Ordinance — Mr. Treitz explained that we will have more money left than we had anticipated, which is why we increased the Estimated Fund Balance under Resources Available, General Fund from \$6,856,000 to \$6,895,000. This in turn increased the amount under Total Available Resources under the General Fund from \$7,649,500 to \$7,688,500. The amount under Excess of Resources over Appropriations and Estimated Fund Balances End of Fiscal Year under Appropriations, General Fund increased from \$6,609,500 to \$6,648,500. These were the only revisions since the first reading of this ordinance. Ms. Garrett gave the second reading in full with delineations of Ordinance No. 257, Series 2021, adopting the City of Watterson Park annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, making a motion to adopt the ordinance; 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, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Stober Road Flooding — Mayor Chesser reported that there was another flood event on June 3. The businesses did not incur water damage this time, but the water covered Stober Road along the area behind the Post Office Annex. Mr. Treitz reported that he asked Craig Mount with BTM to write a note to Mayor Chesser stating that there are several places on Stober Road near Norfolk Southern where the rip rap had moved apart and needs to be fixed. Mr. Treitz forwarded that note to Joe Exely with MSD and asked if one of his work crews could perform this repair. He reminded Mr. Exely that the flooding problem has not been eliminated by the work that was done. Mr. Treitz went on to say that Watterson Park spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to construct Stober Road and have had it in place for 20 years. Up until the past three years, we haven't had any flooding problems. Mr. Treitz asked Mr. Exely if MSD can ascertain where the extra water is coming from. He also asked Mr. Exely to have his engineers work with BTM to assist in getting to the bottom of the problem. Mr. Exely responded that MSD is allocating funding in their next budget year to have an outside engineering firm perform a study of Watterson Park to get to the

source of the flooding. Mr. Treitz recommended, and Council agreed, that we task BTM to perform a study to see where the extra water is coming from. Mr. Bourke proposed Resolution No. 2, Series 2021, authorizing Craig Mount with BTM to do a study of the cause of the flooding on Stober Road; 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, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

American Rescue Plan — Mayor Chesser reported that Watterson Park's allocation is \$264,202. We were required to have an active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) and the DUNS number previously issued by Dun & Bradstreet. All of this had to be completed prior to submitting the budget certification form to the Department of Local Government (DLG). Mayor Chesser enlisted the help of Attorney Crosby in navigating the process. Mr. Crosby reported that we should be receiving the first half of the money soon. The other half will come next year. American Rescue Plan funds can be used for a COVID-related shortfalls, water, sewers, and broadband development, among other things. He and Mayor Chesser will be attending a JCLC call where one of the topics will be about use of the funds for sanitation and water-related issues. DLG received the money on May 28. They have 30 days from receipt to distribute the money, but they can get extensions if needed. The money we receive needs to be spent or committed by December 31, 2024, and all money needs to be spent by December 31, 2026. There are annual reporting requirements. The first report is due by October 31 of this year, then subsequent reports will be due by October 31 of each of the following years. Mr. Wild will look at ways to invest the money, possibly in short-term Certificates of Deposit. Mr. Treitz suggested that we keep the money in a separate account, which would make it easier to track. Mr. Crosby informed Council that all the necessary paperwork has been submitted. Mayor Chesser said that Mr. Crosby is taking the lead on this project.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Mayor Chesser reported that everyone was provided a copy of the monthly shift postings for June. She did notice that there were several open shifts on the schedule, so she contacted John Aubrey to ask if this is due to vacations or the shortage of officers. He said it is a combination of both.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports — Mr. Johnson reported for the Public Works Committee that the owner of the Murphy Company Heating & Cooling on Pinewood Road called him to ask if his business is in our city, as they have been having some issues with drag racing on Pinewood Road. Mr. Johnson informed him that they are not in Watterson Park.

Hodel Road Sinkhole — Mayor Chesser reported that on June 1, she was notified by someone from American Gas & Welding located at 1300 Hodel Road about a cave-in on Hodel Road. MSD was called and they covered the area with a metal plate. Craig Mount with BTM Engineering reached out to Matt Bullock, the Chief District Engineer with the Department of Highways – District 5, and they determined that a band on a pipe had come off and the released water was causing the road to wash out. It has now been repaired by KYTC.

Homeless Camp — Mayor Chesser reported that a homeless camp has been set up in the area behind the chain link fence that runs behind the Public Storage facility near the I-264 East ramp. At Mayor Chesser's request, Brandon Vincent took a picture of the camp and forwarded it to Mayor Chesser. Mayor Chesser talked to KYTC and sent a picture of the camp to them. The state cuts the grass in that area only two to three times per year. Mayor Chesser asked KYTC if we can get a Memorandum of Understanding from them so we can maintain that area. KYTC will notify us once the camp gets cleared out. She asked Brandon Vincent to give us a cost for mowing that area once a month after it is cleared out. She would also like to get a cost estimate from Mr. Vincent to mow the area on the corner of Newburg Road and Bishop Lane in front of the Watterson Plaza, as it is never mowed by the state. We would need to get another Memorandum from KYTC for that area. Mr. Treitz reported that the JCPS Board of Education will be building a new facility, and their building at the corner of Newburg Road and Bishop Lane will be sold. As our signature entrance is located on their property, Mr. Treitz said we will need to send a note to the JCPS Board of Education, asking them to notify the new owners of our agreement and to make sure the new owners will honor that agreement.

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser reported that the Citizens Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15. The meeting will be held at the Sixth Division Headquarters. Mr. Bourke attended the May meeting and reported on the car break-ins on Regina Avenue. Mr. Bourke will not be able to attend the June meeting but is interested in attending future meetings.

General Updates — Mayor Chesser reported on the following:

- *Courier-Journal Letter to the Editor* – The Past President of the National Association of Letter Carriers located on Poplar Level Road sent a letter in response to Mayor Chesser’s letter to the Editor. Attorney Treitz and Mayor Chesser prepared a response. The Council was provided with a copy of both letters. We will keep our response on file for future use.

Arbor Day Celebration — Mayor Chesser reported that she held Watterson Park’s Arbor Day celebration on May 26 at the Lillian Wild Walking Path.

Paving Projects in Watterson Park — Mayor Chesser supplied Council with copies of a paving legend she received from BTM outlining the condition of our streets and highlighting the paving projects they have overseen over the years. This legend was done in 2019, so she would like to get Craig Mount with BTM to update it.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bourke made a motion to adjourn; 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, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:18 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.