

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

June 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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; Officer Rob Skaggs; and Alex Longino, a resident from Annshire Avenue.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 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.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

For the month of May 2023, Mrs. Hall reported revenues in the amount of \$143,910 with \$39,933 in expenditures, giving a surplus of \$103,977. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report as presented; 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

1391 Gardiner Lane Property — Attorney Treitz reported that as of today, there has been no indication of continued operations with regard to the YUM! property at this location. He talked with the Planning Commission, and they told him they haven't had any further activity. He spoke with Counsel for the developer, who said that he had not heard from his client since the meeting, so he didn't know what the status is. Mayor Chesser said we all should have received a letter from the engineering firm, who concluded that there are no drainage issues with the development plan. She hasn't heard anything about the traffic study. Mr. Bourke asked if the application for zoning change expires, to which Mr. Treitz replied that at a certain point it does, but they have quite a bit of time beforehand. Mayor Chesser thanked Mr. Bourke for the map he made for her to use to keep track of zoning and developments within our City.

Code Enforcement Update — All should have received the monthly report provided by Mr. Stewart. Mayor Chesser spoke briefly regarding an abandoned truck and an abandoned car on Bishop Lane.

Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study — Mr. Treitz called Joe Exeley at MSD regarding the study that is supposed to be conducted by the engineering firm. Mr. Exeley responded that he is out of town on vacation, but as soon as he gets back he'll try to get us an update. They are supposed to be looking at alternate options for us. Council directed Mr. Treitz to contact Stantec Engineering Firm to get updated information.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for June. Mayor Chesser reported that John Aubrey said he would max out the pay for the weekends and see if he can get any takers for the unfilled shifts. Discussion ensued regarding a recent drag-racing incident on Annshire Avenue.

Newburg Road Sidewalk — There were no updates.

KYTC Fence and Encampment — Mayor Chesser reported that Ryder and Enterprise already have electric fences around their properties. Randy Harrison with Allstate said their next step is to set an electric fence inside the existing fence on their property. Mayor Chesser requested and obtained information from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regarding a fence replacement permit and agreement, should we wish to go that route. There are criteria that need to be met before that can happen. She asked Mr. Treitz to go over the information and give us his opinion on the matter. Mayor Chesser expressed concern that homeless people might start camping at our walking path. Mr. Treitz will check into how we can keep that from happening.

Speed Humps on Larkmoor Lane — Mr. Fortwengler and Mrs. Welsh surveyed the residents on Larkmoor Lane regarding the possible installation of speed humps. The results were 16 yeas, 7 nays, and 9 who were not home. Mayor Chesser instructed Mr. Fortwengler and Mrs. Welsh to get a few more responses before we make a decision.

Resurrection Lutheran Meet Your Neighbor Night — Mrs. Welsh reported that she hasn't received a response from the pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church after leaving three messages.

Watterson Park Major Event or Catastrophe Planning/Reach Alert System — Ms. Ewan reported that she contacted Morgan Patterson with KLC to see if they had any guidelines but hasn't received a response. She will continue working on it.

1234 Gardiner Lane Truck Parking Issues — Major Rivera visited the property and called Mayor Chesser. He had two suggestions: (1) Gate the property and have an access code to enter it; or (2) The owners could work with a towing company, whereby signs would be posted and someone can call if there are infractions. Officer Skaggs said this property can be put on the watch list for off-duty patrol. Signs would need to be posted stating that there is no overnight parking.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 — Mr. Treitz distributed the proposed 2023-2024 budget along with a summary that described the salient points. Ms. Garrett introduced and gave first reading by summary prepared by counsel to the budget ordinance for fiscal year 2023-2024. Attorney Treitz noted that the proposed appropriations of \$1,090,000 exceeds the \$975,700 estimated revenues, but we have enough money in the General Fund to accommodate that amount. Ms. Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Mr. Johnson. We will hold a special meeting via Zoom on June 15 at 6:00 p.m. to give second reading to this ordinance.

Little Library at Walking Path— Mayor Chesser checked on the condition of our Little Library and determined that it needs major repairs or replacement. She researched and found several options for replacement, most of them at a cost of approximately \$400. We will wait until next month to make a decision.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

YUM! Property — Mr. Bourke reported that Attorney Treitz told YUM! we are interested in the property if their previous offer falls through.

Committee Reports —

Mr. Bourke reported that at the office condos at 1300 Gardiner Lane, some trees were downed from recent storms and a portion of the privacy fence was destroyed.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser said she will try to attend the meeting on June 14.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn; 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 and meeting adjourned at 8:53 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.