

**CITY OF WATTERSON PARK  
LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

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

March 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Roll Call** — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Brandon Paul, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe.

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

## **MINUTES**

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Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0).

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of February 2018 in the amount of -\$17,532.91 with expenditures in the amount of \$33,672.41, leaving a deficit of \$51,205.32. Mr. Wild clarified that \$6,490 of the Legal & Professional Fees was for the audit. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (6-0).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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**Champions Trace Paving Project** — Mayor Chesser reported that this project has been completed.

**Off-Duty Police Officers** — Mayor Chesser reported that the maximum amount of liability insurance we can obtain for the off-duty officers is \$2 million. We were quoted a premium of \$4,646.00 for liability insurance and \$4,421.66 for workers comp. Discussion ensued, with both Ms. Woodson and Mrs. Arnold saying that they would like for us to try it for six months to see if it is effective in deterring both speeding and crime in our City. Mayor Chesser will check to see if we can carry the insurance for six months instead of a full year while we are in the trial phase. Ms. Woodson made a motion to hire off-duty Louisville Metro police officers through Kentuckiana Law Enforcement and to purchase the necessary liability and workers comp insurance to cover them, with a starting date as soon as possible; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (6-0). Mayor Chesser will contact the appropriate parties to get the process started.

**Sanitation Specs** — Watterson Park will request a two-year contract in the bid specs. Bids are to be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018, at Mayor Chesser's residence, and they will be opened and read at our April 9, 2018, meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of more pick-ups for compost during high-use months, but Council decided to keep it at 2 times monthly. Mrs. Keefe will send the Advertisement for Bids to Attorney Treitz's office for publishing and will mail out the specs to six known contractors and to any others that request them.

**Google Fiber** — Mayor Chesser reported that there was a news story on WDRB regarding the problems with trenching for fiber optic cable in the Belknap neighborhood. Installation in small cities probably won't take place until 2019. We will see how everything transpires in the meantime and will address our concerns when they are ready to install in our City.

**Fence on Larkmoor Lane** — Mr. Fortwengler reported that Cardinal Fence has installed the wider slats in a small section of the fence. He is pleased with the amount of privacy it affords.

**Tribute to Norm Liebert** — Mayor Chesser reported that the plaque has been ordered and will be available in four to six weeks.

**Pedestrian Caution Signs/Lights on Gardiner Lane** — Mr. Paul reported that he spoke with Councilman Pat Mulvihill's Legislative Assistant, Geoff Wohl, to see what we can do to improve safety on Gardiner Lane. Mr. Wohl said there are funds available to do something. YUM wants a crosswalk at their location. Mr. Paul would like to have a flashing speed limit machine with ground radar and possibly some flashing caution lights. Mr. Paul will follow up with Mr. Wohl regarding available options.

Ms. Woodson will contact AWP (Area Wide Protective) on Poplar Level Road to see if they will put out signs and/or cones to warn motorists when we are participating in the Brightside cleanup.

Mr. Paul reported that he noticed a fiberglass odor around Regina Avenue and reported it to Metro Call.

**Forestry Trip for 2018** – Mrs. Welsh distributed menus for the various food services options at the Cincinnati Zoo. Council decided to pay for \$15 in Zoo Bucks for each participant in addition to the admission and transportation. These Zoo Bucks would pay for meals and drinks. Council decided on June 9 for the trip. Mrs. Keefe will include information on the trip as well as the sign-up form in the upcoming newsletter. Participants will need to return their forms to Mrs. Welsh by May 11, after which she will order admission tickets and Zoo Bucks. She will also check to see if someone at the facility can give us a tour of their botanical gardens as the first stop of the day. Mrs. Welsh said she will reserve the bus for the trip as soon as possible.

**Speedhumps** – Mayor Chesser reported that Gary Hubbard with BTM marked the locations for the speed humps. We will install two speed humps on Regina Avenue, one on Champions Trace Lane, one on Conaem between YUM and Vineyard, and one on Annshire Avenue between the Post Office Annex and Vineyard. Once the contract is received from Hall Contracting and signed, the work will begin.

Mr. Paul said he will notify the appropriate fire department(s) of the speed humps once they are installed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Operation Brightside** – Ms. Woodson reported that the Brightside spring clean-up will be on April 14. She printed notices of the clean-up, which Council members and the Mayor will distribute to our residents. Participants will need to contact Ms. Woodson by March 30 so she can order shirts for them.

**Potholes** – Mayor Chesser reported a pothole on Bunton Road to Bill Stoll with Stoll Paving. Ms. Woodson mentioned that there is another one on Bunton Road closer to Poplar Level Road. Mayor Chesser will report the second pothole as well.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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**Boundary and Street Signs** — Mayor Chesser reported that the signs should be installed within the next month. In addition, the damaged street sign on Regina Avenue will be repaired.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Lawn Maintenance and Snow Removal Contracts** – We received a bid in the amount of \$8,500 from County Wide Lawn and Landscaping for mowing rights of way. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to

accept the bid; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

We also received a bid from County Wide in the amount of \$15,291 for mulching, trimming, and spraying. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0). It was noted that the prices for both bids did not increase from the previous year.

**LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting** – Mayor Chesser will attend the Board meeting on March 13 and asked if anyone has anything to be addressed. Mr. Paul asked if she could mention the increased number of pan handlers we have seen in our City and ask if there's anything that can be done about it.

**Sullivan Residence Hall** – Mayor Chesser was informed by Lauren Kelly, Director of Housing and Residence Life, that a suspicious man has been parking around the campus and in their parking lot. They have asked their students to keep their eyes open and also wanted to make us aware of it.

**Homeless Camp** – Concern was expressed about a homeless camp at Poplar Level Road behind the public storage facility close to the I-264 eastbound ramp. Louisville Metro recently passed an ordinance whereby Public Works will post a 21-day Notice to Vacate, and the Coalition for the Homeless will try to place those affected in temporary housing. Then Public Works will clean up the camp.

**LENSAlert** – Mayor Chesser reported that at the recent District 10 Advisory Board meeting, she was advised that the Department of Emergency Services has launched LENSAlert (Louisville Emergency Notification System): a new regional emergency notification system. Residents can sign up for the free service through their local jurisdiction. Mayor Chesser would like to include information on this new service in our upcoming newsletter.

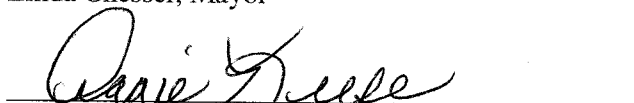
**Churchill Downs Off-Track Betting Project** – Mr. Paul reported that ground has been broken on this project, and the plan is to be up and running by May 2018.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Paul. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:58 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 4-9-18.

  
Linda Chesser, Mayor

  
Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.