

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

## LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

November 14, 2022

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, 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.

### NEW BUSINESS

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**Good Citizen Award** — Present at the meeting was resident Eric Kelso, who lives on Gardiner Lane at Conaem Drive. Mr. Kelso was nominated for the Good Citizen Award by a neighbor who had observed him picking up trash from yards, gutters, and sidewalks on a regular basis. Mayor Chesser presented Mr. Kelso with a certificate and a gift card in recognition and appreciation of his efforts.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Bourke made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022, 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

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Mr. Wild reported revenues for the month of October 2022 in the amount of \$299,198 and expenses in the amount of \$56,604, giving a surplus of \$242,594. Mr. Wild clarified for Mayor Chesser that the \$399 income under Dues and Subscriptions was a refund of the KLC conference dues for Mayor Chesser, who wasn't able to attend.

Ms. Ewan noted that on the Income Statement, the gain or loss from investments used to be listed under Change in Fair Market Value. Mr. Wild said these amounts are now under Accrued Change in Value, and it includes all of our investments.

Ms. Garrett questioned a check payable to Papercone on the October backup statement. Mr. Wild explained that a check made payable to Papercone was erroneously put in our P.O. Box, and our bank deposited it into our account before realizing the error. Mr. Wild wrote a check to Papercone to reimburse them for the original check.

Attorney Treitz asked if Mr. Wild has seen any change in interest rates. Mr. Wild said we are above budget on our interest income, but we still have some older investments at lower rates; our new investments are doing better. 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, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

### OLD BUSINESS

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**Audit** — Mr. Wild reported that Cobb and Associates sent him a two-page list of items they need to perform our audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. He has been supplying them with the documents they requested. Mr. Wild will need to meet with them to supply information that cannot be obtained in the files. Mr. Crosby noted that many of the items Cobb and Associates needed could be obtained via our website.

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** — There are no updates.

**Code Enforcement Ordinance** — Attorney Treitz distributed copies of a draft revised nuisance ordinance. In this draft, he addressed several items that we had discussed previously, including parking of large vehicles; reducing the number of days an abandoned vehicle can be parked; maximum allowable height for weeds and grass; placement and removal of waste containers; and prosecutorial procedures for violations. Council was instructed to review the draft ordinance for discussion at future meetings.

George Stewart mentioned a box car that appeared to be abandoned by the Speedway on Bishop Lane. He investigated and is still trying to determine its owner. He talked about some of the notices he has written, including vehicles parked in front yards, abandoned vehicles, tall grass and weeds, and a couch and a mattress in a backyard. He would like to do another drive-thru of the City boundaries with Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Bourke expressed concern about a house on Gardiner Lane at Milldaun Road where vehicles parked in the driveway block the view of eastbound traffic when turning onto Gardiner Lane. Mr. Stewart will take a look at it. Mr. Treitz said we might want to include a section in our nuisance ordinance about interference of sight lines. Mr. Stewart said we might also want to include a section about the need to keep shrubs and trees cut back so they don't interfere with pedestrians on sidewalks and with vehicles on streets.

**Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study** — Attorney Treitz received an email from Joe Exely stating that they had completed the removal of the obstruction that included semi-truck ties, tires, and railroad ties from the railroad. We are assuming they were removed from the ditch. The engineer has asked for more details about the system that flows to Watterson Park from Gardiner Lane. Mr. Exely and the engineer will be meeting again the week after Thanksgiving.

**KYTC MOU – Poplar Level Road** — There is nothing to report.

**Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings** — Mayor Chesser reported that everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for November.

**Newburg Road Sidewalk** — Mayor Chesser reported that Steve Kurowsky, an engineer with Louisville Metro Government Transportation Department, contacted her regarding the status of the Newburg Road sidewalk. His email stated that KYTC District 5 and Metro were planning to hold a joint inspection meeting on October 12 to finalize the design plans so that they can move on to the next phase. They still had administrative tasks to do in order to bid this project out. Currently, Mr. Kurowsky is looking at constructing the sidewalk in late spring/early summer 2023. KYTC has a repaving project in this area in the spring of 2023; it would be beneficial to follow that project.

Mayor Chesser received a follow-up email on November 10 stating that the project team is getting the construction bid documents ready for bid letting, so Mr. Kurowsky would like to meet with her regarding our promise of local match funding. Watterson Park committed to provide up to \$120,000 of the local funding commitment. Councilman Mulvihill committed \$50,000 to the project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Robards Lane** — Attorney Treitz reported that Metro Louisville is saying that the section of Robards Lane from Gardiner Lane to Gardiner Point Drive is not part of their system, so they are refusing to pave it. It's not clear who has ownership of that section of road. The County Attorney contacted John Treitz to discuss the matter. Mayor Chesser suggested that we might want to take ownership of that section of road so that we can pave it.

**County Wide Bid for Tree Removal** — Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Vincent with County Wide submitted a bid in the amount of \$4,000 for removal of a tree behind a residential property on Conaem Drive and Vineyard Drive. This area is the responsibility of Watterson Park. The tree is dead and could present a problem if it falls. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the bid; 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.

**Review of Watterson Park Ordinances** — Attorney Treitz reported that a statutory requirement of KRS 83A.060(11) states that at least once every five years, each city is to review their ordinances for consistency with state law and with one another and they are to be revised to eliminate redundant, obsolete, inconsistent, and invalid provisions. This has never been done in our City. It will take the legal team time to do this, but it can be done over a period of months. Council was in agreement that our legal team should proceed with this review. Attorney Crosby will take the lead on this project.

### **Committee Reports —**

Ms. Ewan reported that Saf-Ti-Co made adjustments to the Dead End sign on Gardiner Lane and Milldaun Road.

Mr. Johnson reported that Terminix does an inspection of the ditch at the rear of Conaem Drive every other month to check for varmints. There haven't been any recent issues. He also said he hasn't seen any coyotes this fall. Ms. Garrett said a resident on Conaem who has cameras positioned along his front and back yards told her that he saw a coyote pack last year.

**LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting** — Mayor Chesser reported that the Board meetings under the new Major are not as informative as previous meetings, and that several meetings have been canceled.

**LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Shop with a Cop** — Mayor Chesser reported that Watterson Park has donated to this program for the past few years and asked if we want to donate again this year. Mr. Bourke made a motion to donate \$1,000 to this program; 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, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

**Premier Packaging Rooting for the Future Project** — Mayor Chesser reported that she received an email from Mackenzie Crigger with Premier Packaging letting us know that they have planted 16 trees in front of their property at 3900 Produce Road and 16 in front of their property at 4301 Produce Road. Ms. Crigger said this would not have happened without the support of Watterson Park and Trees Louisville.

**Recent General Election** — Mayor Chesser congratulated everyone on their recent re-elections and said everyone needs to be sworn in by the end of 2022. Attorney Treitz reported that we can't be sworn in until the election has been certified. He suggested that we take care of this at our December meeting; he will get Willa Evans to attend the meeting to do the swearing in.

**2022 City Officials Orientation** — Mayor Chesser asked if anyone was planning to attend this orientation on December 16. Ms. Ewan said she has signed up for it.

**2023 City Officials Academy** — This three-day workshop will be held in Lexington and Bowling Green in January 2023. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

**John Treitz Annual Holiday Dinner** — Attorney Treitz said he would like to have this year's dinner at Varanese on Frankfort Avenue and asked for suggested dates. Council decided on December 14.

**Official Documents** — Mayor Chesser reminded everyone that the following documents need to be submitted: Guide to Kentucky Open Records and Open Meetings Act documents; and Managing Government Records. Attorney Treitz said we each need to file the annual Statement of Financial Disclosure with the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission. We'll check to see when each of the documents is due.

## ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Johnson 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, 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 8:33 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.