

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

November 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Attorneys John Treitz and Duncan Crosby, Jerry Wild, Deputy Rob Skaggs, and Ken Weber with REACH Alert.

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

REACH Alert — Ken Weber presented information on the REACH Alert communication system. This system will allow us to deliver notifications via text message, voice call, or email to our residents and businesses. We can send reminders and alerts regarding crime, sanitation delays, large trash pickups, and snow plowing. Whoever will be handling the alerts for our City would need to be trained, and the system can be set up in minimal time. The cost is \$2.25 per household and business annually. For the first year, we would pay only half of the cost, giving us the opportunity to try out the service and see if it's a good fit for Watterson Park. Mr. Weber left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 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

Mrs. Hall reported revenues for the month of October 2023 in the amount of \$383,822 with expenditures totaling \$66,764, resulting in a net income of \$317,058. She clarified that the bulk of the Office Supplies expenditure was for PVA expenses. Ms. Ewan asked if we have received any funds this quarter under HB413. Mrs. Hall said we haven't yet, but she will check into it. Mr. Bourke 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

REACH Alert — Discussion ensued regarding the REACH Alert system. Mr. Bourke made a motion to contract with REACH Alert for one year; 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. Mayor Chesser and Ms. Ewan agreed to be Watterson Park's contact persons with REACH Alert; they will be responsible for sending alerts via this system. Ms. Ewan will contact Mr. Weber to get the system set up and to schedule the necessary training.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Ewan made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the real estate transaction; 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, and Council went into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. Ms. Ewan made a motion to come out of 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, and Council came out of Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. No action was taken by the Council during Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Relating to City Parks and Similar Public Amenities — Mrs. Welsh gave second reading in full to Ordinance No. 274, Series 2023, relating to the use and hours of operation of City parks and similar public amenities and assigning penalties for violations; 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.

John Treitz left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Code Enforcement — Everyone should have received a copy of the Field Report for October.

Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study/Stantec Engineering— There were no updates.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for November. Deputy Skaggs said it is becoming increasingly difficult to fill the 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. shifts. Mayor Chesser will check into moving those shifts to other times.

Newburg Road Sidewalk — Mayor Chesser reported that Watterson Park's check in the amount of \$120,000 has been submitted. She will continue to follow-up with Steve Kurowsky about the status of the sidewalk.

Robards Lane — There were no updates.

Speed Humps on Larkmoor Lane — Mayor Chesser reported that the speed humps are scheduled to be installed on November 15. Mike Dant with Libs Paving Company will work with Saf-Ti-Co to get the necessary signs installed.

Resurrection Lutheran Meet Your Neighbor Night — There were no updates.

Ethics Board — We will discuss this in January.

Emergency Contact Form — We will discuss this in January.

JCLC Annual Dinner — Mayor Chesser reminded everyone of the JCLC dinner on November 16.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit — Mayor Chesser reported that she and Mrs. Hall spoke with Brian Cobb of Cobb & Associates regarding the audit for 2023. The \$8,400 cost for the audit is the same as last year. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve \$8,400 for the audit with Cobb & Associates; 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.

County Wide Lawn & Landscaping Bids — Mayor Chesser received three estimates from County Wide Lawn & Landscaping.

- A bid in the amount of \$2,630 was received for removal of the dead tree at the corner of Gardiner Point and Gardiner Lane; for grinding the stump; and for seed, straw, topsoil and fertilizer. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the estimate; 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.
- A bid in the amount of \$1,615 was received for plants, mulch, and labor to rework the signature entrance. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the bid; 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.
- A bid was received for snow removal at the hourly rate of \$80 per trip for salt spreading, \$160 per hour for snow plowing, \$75 per hour for snow blowing, \$40 per hour for hand labor, 50¢ per pound for rock salt, and 80¢ per pound for ice melter. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the bid; 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.

Saf-Ti-Co Estimate for Signs on Walking Path — Mayor Chesser received a bid in the amount of \$986.80 for two “No Trespassing” signs, posts and installation on the walking path. Mr. Bourke said that we need to apply for a trespass waiver, which is free through LMPD. He said we have to use signs with language that is approved by Metro, and the signs must be purchased from Metro’s specified supplier. Their signs would cost only \$30 each, which is significantly less than the price quoted by Saf-Ti-Co. Mayor Chesser will get the trespass waiver application process started.

Mr. Johnson mentioned that the STOP sign is down at Bunton Road and Poplar Level Road. Mayor Chesser said that it has been reported and we’re waiting on Saf-Ti-Co to re-install it.

Mayor Greenberg’s Quarterly Zoom Meeting With City Mayors — Mayor Chesser attended this meeting on October 23. Most of the discussion was about affordable housing. Mayor Greenberg talked about My Louisville Home Plan, which is a comprehensive housing strategy that aims to create and preserve 15,000 affordable housing units. More than 40,000 Louisville households spend more than 50 percent of their income on rent and homeownership costs, which means that many do not have enough income remaining to adequately pay for food, healthcare and other basic needs. Mayor Greenberg said this plan uses multiple strategies to remove barriers to housing development and encourage partnerships to create more affordable homes.

Committee Reports — There were no reports.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mr. Bourke attended the November meeting, which had a lot of attendees. It was reported that burglaries, robberies, and stolen vehicles are down. There was a recent road rage incident at Taylorsville Road and Breckenridge Lane that involved gun shots. Those in attendance voted on the Officer of the Month. They also discussed trespass waivers. Major Vance is putting out a very informative monthly newsletter. Mrs. Keefe put a link to the Sixth Division on our website, whereby people can sign up to receive Major Vance’s newsletter.

Mr. Wild left the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

4310 Bishop Lane — Mayor Chesser reported that Mark Madison with Milestone Design Group contacted her regarding the second phase of the development plan for 4310 Bishop Lane. The plan has been approved by the Louisville Metro Government Development Review Committee.

Street Lights — Mayor Chesser reported that a streetlight has been added on Stober Road where the fence boards were stolen, and a light has been added on Watterson Park Road by the Soccer Complex and AST.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; 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, 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 9:19 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.