

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

## LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

October 10, 2022

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

Clerk Aggie Keefe will not be present, so Marlene Welsh agreed to take notes for the meeting.

**Roll Call** — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh; and Treasurer Jerry Wild. Absent was Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present were Attorney Duncan Crosby and Sgt. Robbin Skaggs, the Kentuckiana Law Enforcement officer on duty for the evening.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

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**Premier Packaging Tree Plan** — Mackenzie Crigger, Sustainability Manager at Premier Packaging; Adara Schneider, Sustainability Specialist at Premier Packaging; and Cindi Sullivan with Trees Louisville were present. Ms. Sullivan presented the overall plan for the first phase of tree planting at Premier Packaging on Produce Road and also talked about long-range goals. Premier Packaging is funding the trees as well as their maintenance. Ms. Sullivan is hoping to procure from Councilman Mulvihill some of the unused funds that were earmarked for trees from the Bishop Lane project. Council and officers were encouraged to tour Premier Packaging's new headquarters facility. They were also invited to drop by the packaging plant for coffee and lunch on November 3 between noon and 2 p.m. for the initial tree planting. Ms. Crigger, Ms. Schneider, and Ms. Sullivan left the meeting after their presentation.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022, legislative meeting as received; 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. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022, special meeting as received; 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.

### APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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Mr. Wild reported revenues for the month of September 2022 in the amount of \$12,699 and expenses in the amount of \$34,202, giving a deficit of \$22,503. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the report as presented; 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.

### OLD BUSINESS

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**Audit** — Mr. Wild reported that he received a quote from Cobb and Associates in the amount of \$8,400 for our audit. They did not submit a quote for a review. Discussion ensued about how difficult it is to find an accounting firm that will conduct a city audit. Mr. Bourke made a motion authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with Cobb and Associates to perform the City's audit; 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.

**Code Enforcement —**

Mayor Chesser distributed copies of the Code Enforcement Field Report received from George Stewart for the period July 11 through September 28. Our attorneys are working on a revised nuisance ordinance that will cover more offenses. Mr. Stewart will give his input on the content of this ordinance.

Mr. Stewart submitted a short article to include in our newsletter about property upkeep and what to do during a snow emergency. Mr. Johnson suggested that we include Mr. Stewart's picture and a short bio with the article.

**ILC Conference —** Ms. Garrett and Ms. Ewan attended the Kentucky League of Cities annual conference in September. Ms. Ewan attended sessions covering a changing economy, social media and the first amendment, 2023 legislative preview, short-term rental regulations, and procurement; she gave a synopsis of what was discussed at each of these sessions. She suggested that we might want to look into addressing short-term rental regulations. Both Ms. Garrett and Ms. Ewan attended a workshop on disaster recovery, where it was recommended that each city have a binder with names and phone numbers for individuals and agencies to contact in case of a disaster or emergency. It was recommended that several people retain copies of that binder. Mr. Johnson has had some training in the emergency preparedness system. He thinks we would fall under Louisville Metro during a disaster, although we could still have our own plan of action. Ms. Garrett said that kentuckywarn.com contains information and resources to assist in disaster preparedness. Ms. Garrett shared information garnered from several workshops that she attended, including a session about internal controls, who's watching, a presentation by the Kentucky State Auditor regarding mismanagement of funds, drug and alcohol testing policies, Kentucky opioid and response effort (KORE), and a roundtable discussion on homelessness issues.

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

**Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study —** Mr. Johnson reported that Mr. Exely sent an email to Attorney Treitz stating that they mapped the drainage system from Poplar Level Road and are currently mapping the system along Watterson Park Drive. The new pipe along Stober Road should handle flow from the east side of Poplar Level Road and the ditch should handle the west side of Poplar Level Road. They are checking to see what size pipe they need.

**KYTC MOU – Poplar Level Road —** Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Vincent told her his accountant has all the information needed for County Wide to apply to become pre-qualified for mowing with KYTC.

**Homeless Encampments —** Mayor Chesser reported that she sent Councilman Mulvihill and Geoff Wohl an email regarding the encampment on Poplar Level Road in front of Frisch's restaurant. Geoff Wohl told her that the homeless return as soon as it is cleared. Councilman Mulvihill's office is in constant communications with all parties that have jurisdiction. The State has decided it is not their problem even though it is their property. Mr. Wohl said they share our frustration on this issue and remain hopeful for more permanent improvements to this problem. Mayor Chesser received an update from Geoff Wohl on September 27 stating that Jon Pilbean with Louisville Metro Office of Resilience and Community Services and Officer Amber Ross were at the homeless encampment the day before, and they will return again if necessary to compel the campers to vacate the space.

**Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings —** Mayor Chesser reported that everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for October. She sent John Aubrey an email listing areas where we are having break-ins as well as a stolen trailer from a residence. Sgt. Skaggs talked about the continuing problem with drag racing on Jennings Lane.

**Publication of Tax Ordinances in the Courier-Journal —** Mayor Chesser reported that the total cost for publishing the tax ordinances in the Courier-Journal was \$3,143.87.

**HB 413 —** Mayor Chesser reported that the fourth quarter check in the amount of \$1,194.72 was received.

**Signs —** Mr. Bourke mentioned that the Dead End signs at Gardiner Lane and Milldaun Road are too low to the ground and one of the signs is pointing in the wrong direction. Mayor Chesser said that County Wide pruned the tree next to the sign but didn't have the correct tool to adjust it. In addition, the Stop sign on Annshire is missing and the Larkmoor Lane sign is still crooked. Ms. Ewan will contact Saf-Ti-Co to take care of these issues.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**Committee Reports —**

Ms. Ewan reported that County Wide cut down the tree at the end of Regina but left the stump. Mayor Chesser said County Wide will grind the stump at a later date.

Ms. Garrett asked Mr. Wild about a check in the amount of \$691.50 dated August 19 to the Courier-Journal; it was clarified that the check was for publication of our budget ordinance.

**LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting —** Mr. Bourke reported that this month's meeting has been canceled and that the major didn't show up for the meeting in September.

**Charter Communications —** Mayor Chesser reported that Charter Communications is raising their rates beginning November 1, 2022.

**LG&E Project on Bishop Lane —** LG&E notified Mayor Chesser that Bishop Lane will have a lane closure from October 26 through November 26 so they can remove cable.

**Large Trash Pickup —** Mayor Chesser reported that the fall large trash pickup is scheduled for Friday, October 14.

**JCLC Annual Dinner —** Mayor Chesser reported that this dinner will be held November 17 at the Jeffersonian. The cost is \$55 per person.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Mr. Bourke 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 7:44 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 transcribed by Aggie Keefe from audio recording.