

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

## LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

October 9, 2023

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, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jean Hall; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present were Jerry Wild; Attorneys John Treitz and Duncan Crosby; George Stewart; and Deputy Rob Skaggs.

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023, 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.

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2023, special 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, 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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For the month of September 2023, Mrs. Hall reported revenues in the amount of \$15,826, explaining that the \$330 under Other Revenues was an insurance company dividend. She reported expenditures of \$43,740 and clarified that the \$9,500 under Legal & Professional was an accrual, as she had not yet received the invoice when she prepared the financial statement. The actuals came in at \$9,087; she will balance it out next month. She reported a deficit for the month of September in the amount of \$27,914. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the report; 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. Mr. Treitz reported that we sent out the tax bills earlier this month.

### OLD BUSINESS

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**Code Enforcement** — George Stewart said that storm debris cleanup has been going on for the past few months. A couple of abandoned vehicles have been taken care of. He's still dealing with one residence where they are parking a car in their yard. Mr. Bourke asked about the downed tree at a residence on Milldaun Road that sustained damage from the storm; Mr. Stewart is aware of it and noted that to date no repairs have been done to the house. He will reach out to the resident to see what's going on. Mayor Chesser reported that Speedway cleaned up the property behind their facility. Mr. Stewart left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. Bourke made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of real property; 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, and Council went into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Johnson made a motion to come out of Executive Session; 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, and Council came out of Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. No action was taken by the Council during Executive Session.

## OLD BUSINESS

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**1391 Gardiner Lane Property** — Mr. Johnson made a motion to give Mayor Chesser approval to pay for any expenses related to the property purchase, including making decisions to hire people; 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.

**Watterson Park Major Event or Catastrophe Planning** — Mayor Chesser reported that Ken Weber, COO of REACH Alert, will attend our November meeting to discuss their service.

**Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study/Stantec Engineering**— Nothing new to report.

**Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings** — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for October. Deputy Skaggs said there are only six unfilled slots at this time.

**Newburg Road Sidewalk** — Mayor Chesser reported that Geoff Wohl informed her that a resolution authorizing the Metro Louisville Mayor to accept funds for the Newburg Road sidewalk project from the City of Watterson Park passed out of the Public Works Committee last week and will be an agenda item on the calendar at the Metro Council meeting this Thursday evening. Steve Kurowsky can arrange to receive the funds after that.

**Robards Lane** — Nothing to report this month.

**Speed Humps on Larkmoor Lane** — Mayor Chesser reported that she received two bids for the construction of the speed humps: LIBS Paving Co., Inc., in the amount of \$9,297; and Louisville Paving and Construction in the amount of \$24,411. Both will provide traffic control during the construction. Mrs. Hall stated that the speed humps can be paid out of the Road Fund. Mayor Chesser also received an estimate from Saf-Ti-Co in the amount of \$1,060 for the necessary speed hump signs. Mr. Bourke made a motion to accept the bid from LIBS to install and stripe the speed humps and to approve the quote from Saf-Ti-Co for the installation of signs; 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.

**Resurrection Lutheran Meet Your Neighbor Night** — Mrs. Welsh hasn't heard from Mr. Oleker since our last meeting.

**Emergency Contact Form** — Mr. Crosby will check into this.

**Kentucky League of Cities Conference** — Mayor Chesser, Ms. Garrett, and Ms. Ewan attended this conference. Mayor Chesser reported that Ms. Garrett has achieved Level I in City Governance and Ms. Ewan has achieved Level II. Mayor Chesser attended the Ethics for City Officials session, where Morgain Patterson, the Director of Municipal Law for KLC, stated: "Always call your city attorney. The most expensive call is the one he never gets." Ms. Patterson also talked about how challenging it is to find volunteers, suggesting that Cities may want to consider a small payment as incentive for Ethics Board members. She said we should encourage Ethics Board members to attend at least one City Council meeting. Mr. Treitz said he will check our ethics ordinance to see if it will need to be amended. We will discuss further next month.

**Holiday Dinner** — Mr. Treitz asked for possible dates in December to have the annual holiday dinner. Council suggested a couple of dates and some restaurant options.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

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**Lillian Wild Walking Path Ordinance** — Mr. Crosby gave a brief overview of a draft ordinance governing the use of City parks, walking paths, and other public spaces. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Welsh introduced and gave first reading to an ordinance relating to the use and hours of operation of City parks and similar public amenities and assigning penalties for violations. Mr. Crosby mentioned Section 2, which states that any violation shall be deemed to be a criminal violation punishable by a fine. He explained that structuring it that way means that Louisville Metro will be responsible for enforcing it.

**Committee Reports** — Nothing to report.

**County Wide Lawn & Landscaping Extra Services** — Mayor Chesser talked about the extra services provided by Brandon Vincent with County Wide and asked Mrs. Hall under which budget item they are paid. Mrs. Hall said payments come out of Public Works or Public Safety.

**LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting** — Mayor Chesser attended the most recent Board meeting and said the new major is really doing a good job. Mrs. Keefe will ensure that the non-emergency number for Metro Police is listed on our website. She will also include a link to the 6th Division newsletter. Council agreed to contribute to Shop With A Cop again this year. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to donate \$1,000 to LMPD's Sixth Division Shop With a Cop; 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.

**Welcome Baskets** — Mayor Chesser reported that welcome baskets and print materials have been delivered to three new residences in the City.

**Large Trash Pickup** — Mrs. Keefe will post information on our website for the October 13 large trash pickup.

**JCLC Dinner** — Mayor Chesser will send payment and make reservations for those who will be attending this dinner on November 16.

**Lincoln Foundation** — Mayor Chesser met with Marshall Bradley, Jr., President of Lincoln Foundation, along with several of his staff members. The Lincoln Foundation provides educational enrichment programs that develop and support youth in overcoming barriers to achievement. They are interested in attending an upcoming meeting to give us an overview of what the Foundation provides. Mayor Chesser will reach out to them to set up a date.

Mr. Wild left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

**Council Vacancy** — Mr. Johnson will be moving out of Watterson Park at the end of this year, which means he will be resigning from the Council. We will need to find a replacement for him.

**Jerry Wild's Resignation** — Mayor Chesser would like to get an appreciation gift for Jerry Wild for his many years of service as Treasurer of Watterson Park. Since Mr. Wild is an avid golfer, she thought a gift certificate to a nice golf course would be appropriate. She suggested Covered Bridge in Sellersburg, Indiana; Mr. Johnson suggested Heritage Hill Golf Course in Shepherdsville. Mr. Johnson made a motion to purchase a \$250 gift card/certificate from one of the two courses mentioned; 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. We will be inviting Mr. Wild's wife, Kathy, to Attorney Treitz's holiday dinner in December, at which time we will present Mr. Wild with the gift.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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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 8:50 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.