

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

## LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

September 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present were Attorneys John Treitz and Duncan Crosby, and Sgt. Jeff Christopher, the Kentuckiana Law Enforcement officer on duty for the evening.

**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 August 8, 2022, 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

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Mr. Wild reported revenues for the month of August 2022 in the amount of \$75,045 and expenses in the amount of \$34,959, giving a surplus of \$40,087. Mr. Wild clarified that the purchase of Sage software was a significant portion of the amount under Office Supplies & Expenses. He also clarified for Attorney Treitz regarding Long-Term Liability and Current Assets, Accrued Change in Value that there are adjustments that he will be making by next month and others that will be made by the end of the year. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the report as presented; 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.

### OLD BUSINESS

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**Audit** — Mr. Wild reported that he contacted two potential audit firms. Goforth gave him an estimate of approximately \$11,000 for the audit and \$6,000 for the review. Brian Cobb will charge \$6,000 for the audit and \$3,500 for the review. Attorney Treitz had not heard back from the firm he contacted.

**Code Enforcement** — Mayor Chesser is pleased with the job George Stewart is doing. She thinks we need to strengthen our nuisance ordinance now that we have a Code Enforcement Officer. She would like to include language regarding semis, parking, falling gutters, junk in driveways, and leaving sanitation carts out, among other things. Regarding sanitation carts, Mr. Johnson thinks we should start out with three warnings before a fine is imposed. Mr. Stewart suggested to Attorney Treitz that we decrease the height of grass and weeds, and Council agreed. Attorney Treitz will draft an amended nuisance ordinance for Council's review. Ms. Ewan wanted to make sure that Mr. Stewart has a list of the owners of rental homes, and Mayor Chesser said he does. Mayor Chesser will start sending Council members the monthly reports from George Stewart. Mayor Chesser instructed Ms. Ewan to contact Saf-Ti-Co to get "Dead End" signs made and installed on Milldaun Road.

**KLC Conference** — Mayor Chesser might not be able to attend. The registration fees already paid are fully refundable.

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** — Attorney Crosby said there are no updates. The next report isn't due until April 2023.

**KYTC MOU – Poplar Level Road** — Brandon Vincent told Mayor Chesser that he is still working on the application to become pre-qualified for mowing with KYTC. He can't mow the outside of the fence until we receive the MOU. All of the brush behind Public Storage is inside the chain-link fence. Can we access it to clear it? Attorney Treitz will have the firm's paralegal pull the deeds to see who owns the property.

**Stober Road Flooding/BTM Study** — Attorney Treitz reported that he contacted Joe Exley from MSD. Mr. Exley said he needed to send a request to the engineer to see where they are with the overflow pipe solution down Stober Road. Mr. Treitz suggested to Mr. Exley that he talk to the engineer and ask him directly. Mr. Exley contacted the engineer and followed up with Mr. Treitz, reporting that they are looking to install a 42" to 48" overflow pipe next to the channel along the railroad tracks within Stober Road. The project will require some property easements. Mr. Exley couldn't give Mr. Treitz a definitive timeline for this project.

**Homeless Encampments** — Mr. Bourke reported that the encampments at Frisch's and the Watterson Expressway ramp have been cleaned up.

**Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings** — Mayor Chesser reported that everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for September. Mayor Chesser reported that she received an email from RAMCO Business Park on Produce Road. They are having some issues there and asked if we could get our off-duty officers to keep an eye on their property. Mayor Chesser passed this request along to John Aubrey. Mayor Chesser also reported that there have been recent break-ins at the Public Storage facility at 1400 Bunton.

## NEW BUSINESS

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### Tax Ordinances —

Attorney Treitz explained the process used to calculate the compensating tax rate, and everyone was provided a copy of the calculation of compensating tax rate chart. Mr. Johnson introduced and gave first reading by title and attorney-drafted summary to an ordinance regarding the assessment of all real property and the levy of tax thereon for the current fiscal year. It was noted that the proposed rate of 5.8¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation is a decrease from the 6.5¢ rate of the previous year but will provide us with close to the same amount of revenue as received for the previous fiscal year.

Mrs. Welsh introduced and gave first reading by title and attorney-drafted summary to an ordinance regarding the assessment of all motor vehicles and watercraft and the levy of tax thereon for the year 2023. It was noted that the proposed rate of 7.0¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation is the same as that for the current calendar year.

Ms. Garrett introduced and gave first reading by title and attorney-drafted summary to an ordinance regarding the assessment of all tangible personal property and the levy of tax thereon for the current fiscal year. It was noted that the proposed rate of 5.0¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation is the same as that for the previous fiscal year.

Mr. Treitz said that due to time constraints, we will need to hold a special meeting to give second readings to these tax ordinances. It was decided that this meeting will be held via Zoom videoconferencing on Thursday, September 15, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Keefe will set up the meeting and send the invitation to Council, officers, and attorneys. She will also post the Zoom invitation on our website.

### Committee Reports —

Mr. Fortwengler reported that after the water line work was completed on Larkmoor Lane at Newburg Road, the acorn lights were reinstalled and one of the lights is significantly shorter than the other one. He will mark the lights with caution tape and contact LG&E to take care of reinstalling them at the correct height. Mr. Fortwengler also reported that when the sidewalk was being poured, the contractor ran out of concrete and left an area unpaved. Mr. Fortwengler approached the people doing the repairs and let them know it wasn't acceptable, so they came back and patched the area.

Mayor Chesser reported that Jim Denney at 1735 Larkmoor Lane talked to the Water Company and also involved Councilman Mulvihill regarding the mess that was left on his property by the Louisville Water Company. It has since been repaired to his satisfaction.

**LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting** — Mr. Bourke reported that he attended the August 10 meeting. He reported that the National Night Out was a success. They have been watching the drag racing on Jennings Lane; so far no one has been hurt. Shot Spotter is up and active. Most of the license plate readers are active. Mr. Bourke will not be able to attend the September meeting. Mayor Chesser will try to attend.

**Illegal Dumping** — Mayor Chesser reported that there has been some recent illegal dumping on Jennings Lane. She contacted Geoff Wohl at Councilman Mulvihill's office to see if they could help with the problem.

**Permissive Turn Signal** — Mayor Chesser reported that a permissive turn signal has been installed at Newburg Road and Gardiner Lane. She contacted Michael Shelley and thanked him. He is working with Councilman Mulvihill to secure funding to upgrade the signal heads at Bishop Lane and Gardiner Lane over the next year or so.

**County Wide Bids** —

Mayor Chesser reported that County Wide Lawn & Landscaping submitted a bid in the amount of \$4,300 to remove a large, dying oak tree at the walking path, grind the stump, fill with topsoil, seed, and fertilize. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the bid; 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.

County Wide Lawn & Landscaping submitted a second bid in the amount of \$2,920 to apply herbicide, seed, fertilize, and water bare areas on the walking path and other areas in the City. The \$1,440 for watering that he included in the bid will apply only if it is needed. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the bid; 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Mr. Fortwengler 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, 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 8:48 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.