

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

October 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney Mary Garris.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Scott Frisch — Mayor Chesser reported that Scott Frisch submitted his letter of resignation effective September 30, so we need to fill the vacancy resulting from his resignation. After discussion, Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve a resolution selecting Lanette Douglas to fill the vacancy in the Council resulting from the resignation of Mr. Frisch until the position is filled by election; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (5-0). Attorney Mary Garris, who is a notary, swore Mrs. Douglas in, after which Mrs. Douglas joined the Council.

Attorney John Treitz arrived at the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Attorney Garris left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Minutes —

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14 legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22 special meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28 special meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Woodson. All present voted yes (6-0).

Treasurer's Report — In the absence of the treasurer, the reading and approval of the Treasurer's Report was tabled until the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Mrs. Welsh reported that the violation notice was sent by Metro Department of Codes and Violations to the wrong address. Attorney Treitz said the address that was used is the address to which we send tax bills. He will pursue the matter and determine what address should be used.

Meeting Date — Attorney Treitz mentioned that at the December meeting we will discuss possibly changing our meeting date back to the second Monday of each month.

Hancock Machine & Tool Expansion Project — The changes we requested were made to the plan and Mayor Chesser sent an email confirmation that the City of Watterson Park is okay with the revised plan as submitted. Also, Metro Works will handle the bonding and permitting for the striping work in the right-of-way. Changes were: (1) no grass in the right-of-way, and perpendicular parking changed to parallel parking; and (2) on-site spaces removed and existing grass area is to remain in front of the existing offices.

Kentucky League of Cities Annual Dinner — Mayor Chesser mentioned that this year's meeting will be held on November 17 at the Jeffersontown Community Center and asked all interested persons to let her know so she can make reservations.

Bellarmino University — Mayor Chesser reported that she attended the LD&T hearing on September 8 and the Zoning Change Hearing on September 29. The binding elements state no outdoor music, outdoor entertainment, or outdoor PA system audible beyond the property after 11 p.m. Bellarmino representatives reported that the lights and sound will be turned off by 10 p.m. and they want that stated in the binding elements; the only exception would be if there is an overtime game. It now goes before the Metro Council for approval. Mayor Chesser spoke in favor of the project and mentioned that there were initial concerns about noise, lighting, etc. She reported that since the hearing notice goes to the property owner and several of the homes on Champions Trace and Bantam Court are rentals, we delivered the hearing notice to each home on Champions Trace and Bantam Court. Mayor Chesser also told them there had not been any objections expressed at our City meeting, nor have we received any emails or phone calls regarding objections to the project. It is now in the hands of Metro.

Kentucky League of Cities Convention — Mayor Chesser and Ms. Garrett attended the Kentucky League of Cities Conference in Lexington October 4 through 7. They participated in several workshops and seminars and an active aggressor shooter training session. Bill Samuels spoke at the general session on Creating a Legendary Brand. Mr. Samuels shared his thoughts on working and living with passion and purpose. Dr. Douglas Boyd, Director of the University of Kentucky Nunn Center Oral History, spoke on how technology has changed dramatically and the effect these changes have had on recording history. This session explored how cities can preserve their local history for the future. Not only was the conference educational, it also provided an opportunity to network with other City Officials and share ideas.

Participation — Due to the fact that we have several new Council members, Attorney Treitz stressed the importance of participation by all Council members so the workload is evenly distributed and doesn't fall on the shoulders of the Mayor.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Interlocal Agreement — There is no update on when Jefferson County League of Cities will present the Uniform Franchise Agreements to Google Fiber Kentucky LLC.

STOP Signs/Street Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that the project should be completed this week.

LMPD 6th Division Neighborhood Walk Initiative — Mayor Chesser reported that additional walks have not yet been scheduled.

Membership in Center For Neighborhoods — Mrs. Woodson reminded Council that this will be discussed at the December meeting.

Middle and High School Assignments — Mrs. Woodson said there is nothing new to report regarding changing the resides schools for middle and high school. She did mention that the cut-off for kindergarten for JCPS has been changed to August 1 beginning with the 2017–2018 school year.

Operation Brightside — Mayor Chesser reported that she has picked up our supplies, and the clean-up is Saturday, October 22. She is still working on putting together our Brightside team. It was mentioned that the large-trash pickup is scheduled for October 15. Mrs. Keefe reported that information is in our fall newsletter.

Community Yard Sale — Mrs. Woodson reported that we had 17 families participating in the yard sale. We had more activity than last year. Ms. Garrett asked if we should plan the next yard sale for 9 a.m. instead of 8 a.m., as several people came by at 7:30 trying to shop; it was decided that some people will come by early regardless, so we should keep it at 8 a.m. Mrs. Woodson reported that the City camera did not sell at the yard sale. Council decided that we should donate it to a charitable organization. Mrs. Woodson will take care of it.

Nextdoor — Mrs. Woodson has posted several items on Nextdoor; Mayor Chesser said she posted the large-trash pick-up for October 15.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe reported that the newsletter is at United Mail and should be mailed out this week. She asked for Council members to become more involved in the content of future newsletters. Mrs. Woodson and Ms. Garrett would like to work on an article regarding the history of Watterson Park; we could put a teaser in the January newsletter, with the final article in the spring 2017 newsletter. Mr. Fortwengler suggested that we put a teaser in the January newsletter about our spring 2017 forestry trip. Mrs. Douglas would like for us to include a reminder about upcoming trash/recycle/composting dates. Suggestions for the January 2017 newsletter also included an update on the Center for Neighborhoods and reminders about snow removal procedures.

Drop Box — As Mr. Wild was absent, there was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Street Lights — Mayor Chesser reported that improved street lights were installed by Ops Plan, Inc., on Conaem, Annshire, Vineyard, and Regina. The 150-watt fixtures, which were approximately 20 years old, were replaced with 250W HPS Cobra fixtures and the additional cost was minimal. The lights on Larkmoor Lane have also been replaced with the 250W fixtures. Lights on Vineyard will also be replaced.

LMPD 6th Division Update — Mayor Chesser attended the October 11 meeting. She reported that they discussed the ways in which the reduction in officers on the streets will affect 911 calls, as your call will be assessed and answered according to its urgency. The recent changes could lengthen the response time for a 911 call. At the present time, we still have two resource officers.

Self-Defense Spray — Mayor Chesser reported that Lt. Simpson, LMPD 6th Division, recommended purchasing a self-defense spray that contains OC— not mace—as dogs are not affected by mace. Mrs. Woodson said they sell the spray at the gun range on Kiln Court.

Self-Defense Class — Mayor Chesser and Mrs. Woodson reported that they attended a self-defense class. Ms. Garrett reported that she attended an active shooter class at the recent Kentucky League of Cities Convention, where they suggested that when you are in a public place you should always have an exit strategy.

Traffic Concerns — Mayor Chesser reported that she contacted David Weihe, Senior Manager of Corporate Services at YUM! Brands, regarding some dangerous driving on Conaem Drive. Mr. Weihe put out a memo at their weekly team meeting regarding our concerns. Since then, things have improved.

Trash on Poplar Level Road — Mayor Chesser has been corresponding with Kedrick Stanfield, Compliance and Enforcement Supervisor at the Department for Public Works, regarding the trash and excessive weeds on the Poplar Level Road overpass as well as on Poplar Level Road heading north toward the Watterson Expressway. She asked for his help in getting the area cleared of debris and weeds. He responded that they would take care of it. It was cleaned up, but several trash bags were left as well as a pile of trash. Mayor Chesser again contacted Mr. Stanfield to inform him of the situation. In addition, Mayor Chesser asked Mike Patterson at Republic Services if the sanitation trucks could slow down so they don't leave a trash trail. There seems to be some improvement at this time.

Lillian Wild Walking Path — Mrs. Woodson asked if we can install a couple of benches on the walking path so walkers have a place to rest, tie their shoes, etc. She priced some concrete benches at Lowe's that she thought would be ideal. Council members mentioned that we would need benches that are concreted in the ground. Mr. Fortwengler suggested that the Boy Scouts might be interested in installing benches as a service project for free. They would put posts in concrete and attach the benches to the posts. Council members thought this was a good idea. However, Mayor Chesser will consult with Attorney Treitz to see if, and how, we can proceed with this project.

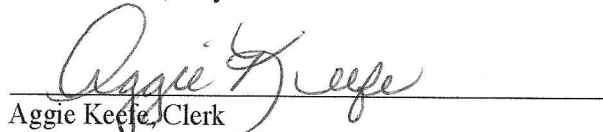
ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. Motion carried 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 11-9-16.



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.