

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

October 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Major Michael Bogan — Present at the meeting was Major Michael Bogan of the Sixth Division. He gave a brief resume of his previous positions in law enforcement. He also spoke with Council about his goals as Major and his hopes to accomplish those goals.

Mrs. Woodson left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Neighborhood crime and safety were discussed. Major Bogan said that Watterson Park has a very low crime rate. We've been encouraging our residents to lock their vehicles, which helps deter vehicle break-ins. Council mentioned that during our meetings the outside door remains unlocked. Major Bogan suggested that we lock the door after the meeting starts. Council mentioned some concerns with speeding on Gardiner Lane, especially in the mornings during rush hour. Major Bogan will have the officers check for speeding on Gardiner Lane, and also Newburg Road at Champions Trace, especially in the mornings during rush hour. He encouraged everyone to attend the Advisory Board meetings. Major Bogan left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (4-0). Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2017, special meeting; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (4-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of September 2017 in the amount of \$7,528.26 with expenditures in the amount of \$30,095.93, giving a deficit of \$22,567.57. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (4-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Off-Duty Police Officers — Attorney Treitz reported that the City of Louisville is not forthcoming about whether their officers are covered by Metro's insurance when they work off-duty. He asked for something in writing but hasn't received it. Our insurance agency keeps asking what insurance the officers have with the City of Louisville. Liability insurance will cost us quite a bit more if we have to carry primary insurance. Attorney Treitz will continue to check into the liability insurance matter.

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Mrs. Welsh reported that work is continuing on this project. There are still several fence panels that need to be replaced.

House Bill 246 — There was nothing new to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Tribute to Former Mayor – Mayor Chesser would like to do something to recognize former Mayor Norman Liebert for his many years of service to our City. She brought up the possibility of renaming Mayfield Road after him. Attorney Treitz suggested that we name the green space around the Lillian Wild Walking Path after him. The possibility of erecting some type of brass or concrete dedication plaque at the Lillian Wild Walking Path was mentioned. We will try to come up with some ideas for discussion at the next meeting.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Paving Projects — Mayor Chesser reported that with the exception of a few items on the punch list, work has been completed on Chefs Way, Champions Trace, and Stober Road. Gary Hubbard with BTM Engineering, Mayor Chesser, and Councilman Fortwengler met with a representative from the Kentucky State Transportation Cabinet regarding the installation of a guardrail along Newburg Road and around the curve onto Champions Trace Lane. The job specs were not followed correctly, so either Flynn Brothers Paving or BTM Engineering will be responsible for the needed adjustments.

Brightside Fall Clean-up – Mayor Chesser reported for Mrs. Woodson that supplies will be picked up and we will be registered to participate in the clean-up on October 21.

Street Lights — Mayor Chesser reported that with the completion of the roadwork, LG&E will be installing three street lights along Chefs Way. They might need to relocate the lights because of the water main, which may delay the project.

Boundary Signs — Mayor Chesser will contact Saf-Ti-Co to finalize the order for the boundary signs.

Churchill Downs Development Project – Mayor Chesser reported for Mr. Paul that he still hasn't had any success in finding the contact person for this project. He will keep trying.

Little Free Libraries – Mayor Chesser reported that Mr. Paul installed the Little Free Library building that he constructed. Mr. Paul checked it after a recent rain and determined that it is rain-proof. We are registered as a Little Free Library and have received the official plaque.

Spectrum Franchise Agreement – There was nothing new to report at this time.

Proposed Housing Development at Newburg Road and Shepherdsville Road – Mr. Fortwengler reported that this project has been dropped.

Kentucky League of Cities Annual Conference – Mayor Chesser, Ms. Garrett, Mrs. Woodson, and Mr. Paul attended the Annual Conference. The theme for the conference was “Engage, Evolve, Emerge” — Engage in events and activities; Evolve into a better public servant in the process; and Emerge from the conference better, smarter, re-energized and ready to make some great things happen in your town. The program provided useful information and learning opportunities for everyone. Ms. Garrett reported on a session she attended regarding different generations working together.

Forestry Trip for 2018 – Mrs. Welsh reported that Conner Prairie didn't have a focus on trees, so she is checking other destinations. She checked on Newport Aquarium but they don't have anything related to trees. She checked on the Cincinnati Zoo, which we have been to previously. Mr. Fortwengler suggested something in Evansville or Owensboro, as well as Starlight, Indiana. Mrs. Keefe suggested that Mrs. Welsh check the Tree City USA website to see if they have any recommendations. Mrs. Welsh will continue to check our options.

Regina Avenue Speedhumps – Mayor Chesser reported that there are eleven residents who have not yet responded to the letter, so she will be distributing a second notice requesting a reply by October 17.

Franck Properties – There was nothing new to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting – Mayor Chesser will be attending the next meeting on October 10 and asked if Council members have anything they want her to bring up at the meeting. She again encouraged anyone who is interested in attending to do so.

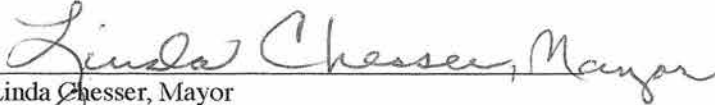
Permissive Left Turn Signals – Mayor Chesser spoke with Brandon Shelley, Traffic Operations Engineer with KYTC, regarding the installation of permissive left turn signals on Poplar Level Road at Gardiner Lane and on Newburg Road at Gardiner lane. They also discussed the sight distance issue for motorists exiting I-264 Eastbound at the Newburg Road southbound signal, as drivers exit the ramp onto Newburg Road without stopping to check oncoming traffic. These requests will be reviewed by KYTC. Mayor Chesser will follow up on this.

Meeting Safety – Mayor Chesser said that she will consult Attorney Treitz to see if we can lock the outside door at 7 p.m. and leave a sign directing any late visitors to call her cell number if they need to be admitted to the meeting. It was also decided that we will leave the meetings as a group and not let anyone leave by himself/herself.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:51 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 11-13-17.


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.