

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

September 14, 2016

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. Scott Frisch was absent.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Hancock Machine & Tool Expansion Project** — Carol Houglund, a sales representative from Koetter Construction, and Jennifer Caummisar-Kern from Accurus Engineering were present to talk about the Hancock Machine & Tool expansion project. Metro needs to make sure Watterson Park is okay with the plan. Attorney Treitz questioned the amount of green space that would take away much-needed parking on the roadway in front of the facility. He feels we need at least 30 feet of clear space for semis to travel in both directions. Council agreed that the plans should be revised to allow 30 feet plus enough space to allow for parallel parking between the roadway and the facility. Ms. Caummisar-Kern said she would redraw the plans and submit to Mayor Chesser for approval. Both Ms. Caummisar-Kern and Ms. Houglund left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

## **MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

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**Minutes** — Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10 meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0).

**Treasurer's Report** — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of August in the amount of \$115,128.42 with expenditures totalling \$21,997.70, giving a surplus of \$93,130.72. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (5-0).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Tax Ordinances** — Mr. Treitz reported that the tax rolls came in, so he prepared our taxing ordinances. He explained how we set the compensating tax rate based on those tax rolls.

Mrs. Welsh introduced and gave first reading by title and summary to an ordinance levying an ad valorem property tax on all motor vehicles and watercraft at the rate of 7.5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Mrs. Woodson.

Mrs. Arnold introduced and gave first reading by title and summary to an ordinance providing for the assessment of all tangible personal property and for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes thereon at the rate of 6.5¢ per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Mrs. Welsh.

Ms. Garrett introduced and gave first reading by title and summary to an ordinance providing for the assessment of all real property and for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes thereon at a rate of 8.3¢ per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. It was noted that this is a 15% reduction from the current 9.5¢. Ms. Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Mrs. Welsh.

We will need to have a special meeting to give second reading to the tax ordinances. It was decided to hold the meeting at Mayor Chesser's residence on September 22 at 5:30 p.m. Notices will be mailed out to all Council members and officers as well as to Business First.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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**Regina Lane/Avenue** — Attorney Treitz reported that the U.S. Postal Service as well as the majority of the geographic information systems, including LOJIC, indicate that it is Regina Avenue instead of Regina Lane. We will include this information in the upcoming fall newsletter.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

**Treasurer's and Clerk's Salaries** — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to increase the Clerk's and Treasurer's salaries according to Option C of the proposed salary chart, which would make the Clerk's salary \$650.00 per month and the Treasurer's salary \$750.00 per month; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (5-0). The increase will be effective beginning in October 2016.

**Interlocal Agreement** — Jefferson County League of Cities was to present Google Fiber Kentucky, LLC, with the collected Uniform Franchise Agreements on August 17. However, the meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled in the near future.

**Fence on Larkmoor Lane** — Mrs. Welsh reported that she has left messages for the Metro inspector to call her regarding the fence but has not heard from him. She will stay on top of it.

**STOP Signs/Street Signs** — Mayor Chesser reported that progress is underway and should be completed within the next two weeks. Underground utilities need to be marked on Atkinson before signs can be erected there. She added street signs for Watterson Park Road and Schmidt Avenue to the project.

**Removal of Dead Trees** — Mayor Chesser reported that Bob Ray has removed the dead trees. Removal of the stumps will begin September 21, weather permitting.

**LMPD 6th Division Neighborhood Walk Initiative** — Mrs. Welsh reported that we had a successful walk with the LMPD on Larkmoor Lane on September 1. Councilman Pat Mulvihill as well as the police Major and three officers participated. We will be scheduling a walk along Champions Trace and Bantam Court. Mayor Chesser and Mrs. Woodson will talk to the neighbors on those streets to make them aware.

**Kentucky League of Cities Convention** — Mayor Chesser and Ms. Garrett are registered to attend this convention, which will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, October 4 through 7.

**Membership in Center For Neighborhoods** — Mrs. Woodson reported that membership runs from January through December. She feels we should table it until the December meeting.

**Nextdoor** — Mrs. Woodson has signed up for Nextdoor, the free private social network for neighborhoods. Signing up is easy: simply key in your address, it automatically sends you to your neighborhood. You can also access Nextdoor via a phone application.

**Middle and High School Assignments** — Mayor Chesser, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Woodson met with Barbara Dempsey, Director of Student Assignment, and Dr. Dena Dossett, Chief of Data Management, Planning and Program Evaluation, to discuss the middle and high school assignments for Watterson Park families. Our current resides middle school is Thomas Jefferson. We have requested Highland Middle School as the resides middle school, and Atherton High School as our high school. Our request will be reviewed and we will be notified of the decision by the end of this year. Residents can apply for a school outside their resides school, but JCPS might not offer transportation to that school. Mrs. Woodson reported that JCPS doesn't cluster middle schools and high schools. Mrs. Arnold reported that even if they agree to make the change, it will not be effective until the 2018-19 school year. Mayor Chesser reported that there will be a JCPS showcase at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center on October 28 and 29.

**Bellarmino University** — Mayor Chesser reported that we received notice of an LD&T hearing scheduled for Thursday, September 8, and that she attended the meeting. Bellarmino University now owns the properties at 3408, 3416, 3420, and 3430 Newburg Road and 4300 Champions Trace Lane. They are requesting a zoning change to C-2 with waivers. The zoning hearing is scheduled for September 29 at 1 p.m. at 514 Liberty Street. Neighboring property owners were notified of the LD&T hearing and will be notified of the zoning hearing as well. Mr. Fortwengler said they will be constructing athletic fields, locker rooms, weight rooms, and offices. All interested Council members were encouraged to attend the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Milldaun Road Light Fixtures** — Mayor Chesser reported that we had a request for an additional street light at the end of Milldaun Road. She met with Mike Gray from Ops Plan, Inc., and since there was a utility pole at the end of the street, they were able to install another light fixture and also change out the bulbs in the existing fixtures on the street with brighter, more efficient ones. Mayor Chesser will ask Ops Plan to assess the light bulbs on Conaem, Annshire, Milldaun and Regina to see if they should be replaced with the brighter bulbs.

**Operation Brightside** — Mayor Chesser reported that the Fall Brightside Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 22.

**Chefs Way** — Mayor Chesser reported that Louisville Plate Glass and Heidelberg Distributing Company have moved into the property on Chefs Way formerly occupied by Creation Gardens.

**Costco Memberships** — Mayor Chesser reported that Council members and officers need to visit a Costco member services desk to obtain their membership cards.

**Drop Box** — Mr. Wild reported that he decided use Stock Yard Bank to set up the Drop Box for receiving and processing tax payments; they will also process tax insurance checks. They actually have an outside company that handles it. They will use our current Post Office box to receive payments. Since this company will need access to our P.O. box, Mr. Wild and Mayor Chesser will begin using their residential addresses to receive other City-related invoices and correspondence.

**LMPD 6th Division Update** — Mayor Chesser attended the September 13 meeting, where they discussed recent criminal activity at Red Roof Inns around Louisville as well as some sexual assaults. Metro Police have stepped up patrols.

**Watterson Plaza Shopping Center** — Mayor Chesser talked with the owner about the signs that are cluttering the property as well as other unsightly issues. The owner asked if Mayor Chesser would write a letter to his tenants about keeping the area cleaned up. Mayor Chesser agreed to do so. Mrs. Woodson suggested that both Mayor Chesser and the owner sign the letter.

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**Newsletter** — Mrs. Keefe would like to get the fall newsletter out by the end of September and asked for input from Council members for content for the newsletter.

**Norman Liebert** — Mr. Wild reported that an ambulance was seen earlier today at former Mayor Norman Liebert's home.

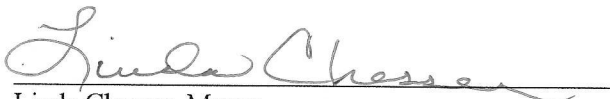
**Community Yard Sale** — Mrs. Woodson took care of posting a notice in the September 21, 23, and 24 issues of the Courier-Journal.

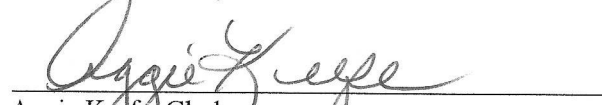
**ADJOURNMENT**

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**Adjournment** — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:07 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 10-12-16.

  
Linda Chesser, Mayor

  
Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.