

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

December 9, 2019

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

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Councilmembers Helen Arnold, Brett Ashley, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Absent was Mayor Linda Chesser.

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

APPOINTING A PRESIDING OFFICER

Since Mayor Linda Chesser was absent, the first order of business was to appoint a presiding officer for this meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Welsh to appoint Helen Arnold, senior member of Council, as acting mayor; seconded by Ms. Garrett. Vote was 5 ayes, 0 nays, with Mrs. Arnold abstaining.

MINUTES

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2019, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Ms. Woodson. All present voted yes (5-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of November 2019 in the amount of \$149,868.49 with expenditures in the amount of \$35,270.23, giving a surplus of \$114,598.26. Mr. Wild clarified that the amount under Legal & Professional included payment for the audit. A motion was made by Mrs. Welsh to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mr. Ashley. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Newburg Road Sidewalk Project — Mrs. Arnold reported that Steve Kurowsky advised Mayor Chesser that the \$50,000 Councilman Mulvihill had committed to the project has been allocated by the Metro Council. Watterson Park's letter of commitment to provide up to \$120,000 of the local funding commitment has been sent. Steve Kurowsky indicated that the project will be submitted for federal funding in the spring of 2020.

Off-Duty Patrol Rate Increase — Mr. Johnson reported that Mayor Chesser sent an email to John Aubrey with Kentuckiana Law Enforcement notifying him that the Council approved the rate increase to \$45/hour effective April 1, 2020. Mr. Aubrey said that if we wait until April 1 for the increase to take effect, we stand a chance of losing some of the officers who have been working our City. Mayor Chesser sent an email to Mr. Aubrey indicating the Council will discuss this at the December meeting. Ms. Woodson said that since the schedules have already been set for the next two months, and the current officers are already locked in, she would like to approve the increase effective February 1 or March 1. She stated that she doesn't want us to be so eager to approve the rate increase. Ms. Garrett agrees with John Aubrey that by approving the increase effective January 1 we will be able to keep the high caliber of officers that are currently patrolling our streets. After additional discussion, Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the rate increase to \$45.00 per hour effective January 1, 2020; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. Motion carried by a vote of 3-2, with Ms. Garrett, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Welsh voting aye; opposed were Ms. Woodson and Mr. Ashley.

Off-Duty Patrol Schedule — Mr. Johnson distributed copies of the monthly shift postings for December 2019. He reported that after he and Mayor Chessser discussed decreasing the hours with Major Bogan, Mayor Bogan said that we have some excellent officers working the schedule and that most crime occurs between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. He believes the current schedule covers the critical times and that we could stand to lose some really good officers if we cut hours. After reviewing the current schedule, and based upon Major Bogan's recommendation, both Mayor Chessser and Mr. Johnson think we should keep the schedule at 24 hours per week. Ms. Garrett stated that although she initially recommended that we cut hours, she agrees that we should keep them at 24 per week. All Council members concurred.

Major Bogan to Address Council — Ms. Arnold reported that Major Bogan has offered to attend an upcoming City Council meeting after the first of the year to discuss crime and address any questions we might have.

Crime Reports — Ms. Woodson will contact Geoff Wohl to request that they include crime reports for District 10 in Councilman Pat Mulvihill's monthly newsletter.

Stober Road Flooding — Mrs. Arnold reported that Brandon Jones with BTM Engineering has requested a copy of the letter sent by Joe Exley at MSD to Norfolk Southern Railroad. He will forward it once he receives it.

Planting/Labeling Trees — Mrs. Welsh reported that she visited the walking path to check on the locations Cindi Sullivan marked for tree plantings in her proposal, which Council approved at the November meeting. She measured the distance from the path and verified that each tree would be planted at least 6 feet from the road and sidewalk. All appeared to be in good locations. Four of the ten proposed trees would be replacing dead trees. Ms. Woodson expressed concern about the bald cypress, which she feels is too close to the path. She is concerned about a possible safety issue once it grows to its full potential of up to six feet in diameter. She would like to have it moved to the center of the green space or eliminated entirely. Mr. Ashley made a motion that we ask Ms. Sullivan to attend an upcoming meeting so she can go over her proposal with us; seconded by Ms. Woodson. After further discussion, Mrs. Arnold called for a vote. Motion was defeated by a vote of 2-3, with Mrs. Woodson and Mr. Ashley voting aye and Mrs. Arnold, Ms. Garrett, and Mr. Johnson voting no. We will make Ms. Sullivan aware of our concerns about the location of the bald cypress so she can find a more suitable location for it.

John Treitz Phone Call —

Since Mr. Treitz couldn't be at the meeting, he telephoned and was put on speaker phone to address a couple of issues. He advised Council that he has sent our letter committing to \$120,000 for local funding for the Newburg Road sidewalk project. Mr. Treitz reported that he spoke at length with the project engineer and discussed liability insurance and Louisville Water Company demands, among other issues.

Mr. Treitz also mentioned the rate increase for Kentuckiana Law Enforcement. Mrs. Arnold advised him that Council approved the increase earlier in tonight's meeting.

R&R Limousine Service New Facility — Mrs. Arnold reported that at our November 2019 legislative meeting there was discussion regarding the construction of a new building for R&R Limo at 4719 Poplar Level Road. Mayor Chessser checked into it and found out that since Watterson Park does not have zoning authority, businesses are not required to present their renovation or new construction plans to the Council. Some businesses undergoing renovation have reached out to us, but they are not required to. They have done so as a courtesy or if Metro wants us to sign off on the renovation. Premier Packaging and Louisville Plate Glass are examples of businesses that did not notify us of their projects. Mayor Chessser asked Mrs. Arnold to inform Council that she will contact R&R Limo to see if they would be willing to present their construction plans at an upcoming meeting of the Watterson Park Council.

NEW BUSINESS

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mrs. Arnold reported for Mayor Chesser that Major Bogan sincerely appreciated the \$500 donation from Watterson Park for the Christmas Outreach Program.

Mrs. Arnold reported that Mayor Chesser wanted to correct her statement regarding the Ring Doorbell. At the November LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board meeting, Major Bogan clarified that the officers do review video provided to them but, as of now, they do not monitor Ring videos. The LaGrange police have a program to monitor Ring video with the owner's permission. This could be something LMPD may consider in the future, as it has been helpful in catching criminals.

Mayor Chesser will not be attending the December 10 meeting of this board.

Office Needs — Mrs. Keefe submitted a quote for a new computer and software, as her current equipment is outdated and will not accept any software upgrades. She priced a 16" Apple MacBook Pro with a 2.3GHz Processor and 1TB of storage at \$2,799.909, an AppleCare+ 3-year Protection Plan for \$379.99, and Microsoft Office software for \$149.99, for a total of \$3,329.97. Ms. Woodson made a motion to approve up to \$3,600 for the computer, protection plan, and Microsoft Office software; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0)

We will need to purchase a subscription for Adobe Creative Suites at a cost of \$52.99 per month, as this software is no longer available to purchase outright. Council agreed that this cost would be covered by our budget under office supplies and didn't need a motion for approval.

If the printer Mrs. Keefe is currently utilizing isn't compatible with the new computer and operating system, Mrs. Keefe will price a new printer and bring it before the Council for approval.


Icee Property — Mrs. Arnold reported that the Icee property has been purchased by Schnell Properties. It has not been confirmed, but Mayor Chesser was told that a sports complex, to include indoor batting cages and climbing wall, will occupy the facility. More information should be available by our January 2020 meeting.

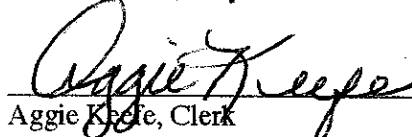
ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Ashley. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:01 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 1-13-20


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk