

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

May 13, 2019

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

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

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

MINUTES

Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of April 2019 in the amount of \$82,643.19 with expenditures in the amount of \$26,856.08, giving a surplus for the month in the amount of \$55,787.11. A motion was made by Mrs. Welsh to accept the report as presented; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Newburg Road Sidewalk Project — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of an estimate received from Birch, Trautwein & Mims, Inc., in the amount of \$571,300. Louisville Metro's conservative estimate was \$835,000 to \$901,800. The bid includes 3,000 feet of sidewalk along Newburg Road, to include curbs and gutter, storm drainage infrastructure, earthwork, handrails, crosswalks, signals and signage. Utilities relocation and property/right-of-way acquisition might be required. Neither estimate includes costs associated with Federal requirements should Federal funding be used. The project does meet TAP (KYTC Transportation Alternatives Program) requirements for eligibility of funding. Discussion with TARC and Metro are ongoing to determine availability of local funds and future pedestrian projects along Newburg Road. Mayor Chesser, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Ashley will continue to work on the project.

Mayor Chesser received a request from Bill Reed, President of Flynn Brothers Paving, to install additional sidewalks and lighting along Bishop Lane from Gardiner Lane to Champions Trace. Mr. Reed is concerned about the safety and well-being of his employees and other pedestrians who travel this area. Mayor Chesser will ask Metro to install additional street lights and/or upgrade existing ones. Mayor Chesser contacted Councilman Pat Mulvihill and was told that he didn't have any funds available for the project. We will continue to work on both projects.

LG&E Gas Reliability Project — Mr. Johnson reported that LG&E is doing spotting services on Regina Avenue and Milldaun Road. LG&E is responsible for any costs associated with the service. If there are any leaks inside a home, however, the home owner is responsible for those repairs.

Off-Duty Patrol — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of the Monthly Shift Postings for May 2019. The revised schedule took effect on May 1.

City Trip —

Mrs. Welsh reported that she contacted Yew Dell Gardens but was told that they don't have any food options, nor do they have any activities for children.

She contacted the Louisville Zoo. Forty-three dollars per person would cover admission, parking, and a buffet lunch. Mrs. Welsh put a hold on September 14; she needs to book the trip by May 14. Since the chartered bus will cost \$1,200 regardless of whether we travel in or out of town, Council decided that participants could drive themselves to the Zoo. After discussion, Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve funds up to \$3,000 to cover admission, parking, and lunch for participants as well as any service fees; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (6-0). Mrs. Keefe will put information regarding the trip as well as a participation form in the summer newsletter. We will work out the logistics of distributing entrance tickets to participants as well as meeting for lunch at the Zoo.

Ms. Woodson suggested that we check into the Waterfront Botanical Gardens at River Road and Frankfort Avenue for a possible future trip. This facility is being built in phases. Phase one of the project is expected to be completed this fall with a ribbon-cutting planned for October 4. Phase two will consist of the visitor center, children's garden and a planted trellis. The final phase will include the Japanese Gardens, Medicinal Meadow, and the garden's Conservatory. Council agreed that this facility would be ideal for a future Watterson Park trip.

Zoning Application for 4719 Poplar Level Road — Mayor Chesser reported that she received an email from Jeremy Duncan, Staff Engineer with Thoroughbred Consulting, indicating that the latest development plan will be submitted to Louisville Metro today. Provided the plan meets all the requirements, the next step will be a public hearing.

Zoning Hearing for 4310 Bishop Lane Development — Mayor Chesser reported that Daryl Koppel, one of the property owners, said the Zoning Board recommended the plan be approved. It could take another 30 days for final review and approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Ordinance — Mayor Chesser reported that Mr. Wild, Attorney Treitz and she put together a budget proposal. She distributed copies of the budget ordinance proposal for Council's review and discussion. Mr. Wild reported that there were some adjustments in estimated property taxes due to the fact that the property acquired by Bellarmine University will be tax exempt this year. However, we did acquire Premiere Packaging on Produce Lane which would offset that loss somewhat. Mr. Wild also said that we expect to receive more in interest income next fiscal year. Mayor Chesser said we need to check out the condition of our roadways to ensure that we have adequate funds available for repair and/or replacement. Mrs. Arnold gave first reading in full to the ordinance adopting the City of Watterson Park annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

1234 Gardiner Lane — Mayor Chesser reported that this property, formerly Verst, has been sold. She met with the new property owner and the property manager regarding our ongoing concerns with the fence as well as with idling semis. Mayor Chesser was assured that when the new owners repave the lot, they will add yellow striping along the area neighboring the front of their property to reinforce that this area is not a place to park trailers or idle trucks. Regarding the fence, they have plans to reinforce the existing wood fence and are looking at painting or sealing the back side of the fence facing the residential area. In addition, they will explore the idea of putting slats in the first area of frost fence.

Icee Company Relocating — Mayor Chesser reported that Matt Irion, owner of the property occupied by Icee Company at 1200 Hodel Road, informed her that Icee is relocating to Nashville, Tennessee, and will be vacating the property sometime in May or June. The property will be listed for sale.

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser reported that this month's meeting will be held on May 14 and asked if there is anything Council would like for her to mention at the meeting.

Tree Trimming Needs — Ms. Woodson reported that the trees at the sidewalk in front of the office condos on Gardiner Lane need to be trimmed. Mayor Chesser will contact Brandon Vincent to have this taken care of.

Shopping Carts — Shopping carts have been found throughout the City and the store to which they belong will not pick them up. Brandon Vincent volunteered to pick them up and put them in his dumpster. Geoff Wahl at Councilman Mulvihill's office said they have been contacting Waste Management to pick them up in District 10. If carts outside the store boundaries are spotted, Mayor Chesser asked that she be notified so she can contact Mr. Vincent to pick them up.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Ashley. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:16 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 6-10-19.



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.