

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

April 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan; Treasurer Jean Hall; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Absent was Councilwoman Gina Garrett. Also present were Attorney John Treitz, Brandon Vincent from County Wide Lawn & Landscaping, and Deputy Sheriff Rob Skaggs.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2025, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Hall reported revenues for the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$57,447 and expenses in the amount of \$46,910, resulting in a net income of \$10,537. Ms. Ewan made a motion to accept the report as presented; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1225 Gardiner Lane Development — Ms. Ewan made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation regarding the proposed RaceTrac development; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0, and Council went into executive session at 7:13 p.m. Ms. Ewan made a motion to come out of executive session; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0, and Council came out of executive session at 7:45 p.m. No final action was taken during executive session.

Ms. Ewan made a motion to authorize our attorney to file an action opposing the approval of the RaceTrac project by the Planning Commission; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Treitz left the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Code Enforcement —

- Everyone was provided a copy of the Field Report for March. Recent violations were discussed.
- Mrs. Bourke asked if there are resources available to residents who need help maintaining their property. Mayor Chesser suggested that we invite our Metro Council District 10 Councilwoman, Josie Raymond, to an upcoming meeting so we can address this and any other issues with her.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for April. Most of the shifts have been filled.

Driveway Apron at Residence on Milldaun Road — Mr. Fortwengler secured quotes for this work from Hall Paving in the amount of \$12,400 and Flynn Brothers Paving in the amount of \$11,657.50. After discussion, Ms. Ewan made a motion to award the bid to Hall Paving; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Flock Cameras — No update.

Regina Lane Curb and Lawn Repair — County Wide Lawn & Landscaping will begin working on this project this week.

4317 E. Indian Trail Rezoning — No update.

Robards Lane — Brandon Vincent was asked to send us a quote for the potholes that need to be repaired on Robards Lane.

NEW BUSINESS

JCLC Meeting — Ms. Ewan reported that she will attend a Louisville Metro meeting tomorrow where they will address middle housing. Discussion ensued regarding Louisville Metro regulations governing this type of housing. Council also talked about some properties in our City that should be brought to the attention of George Stewart for code violations.

County Wide Bids — Brandon Vincent with County Wide Lawn & Landscaping submitted the following bids for the 2025 season and was present at the meeting to answer any questions.

- *Bid not to exceed \$22,665 for mulching trees, trimming trees and shrubs, spraying landscaped beds around trees, spraying curbs, and Stober Road maintenance.* Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- *Bid not to exceed \$14,096 for mowing specified properties in the City.* Mr. O'Bryan made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- *Bid not to exceed \$4,000 for bi-weekly mowing of the outside area of 1391 Gardiner Lane property, and the Poplar Level Road area behind the public storage facility.* Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mrs. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- *Bid not to exceed \$6,400 for monthly finish mowing of the 1391 Gardiner Lane property.* Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mrs. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- *Bid in the amount of \$2,220 for lawn care turf applications and lawn care fertilizer applications for the Lillian Wild Walking Path.* Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- *Bid not to exceed \$6,300 for watering new trees and flowers as needed from June through September.* Mr. O'Bryan made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- *Bid in the amount of \$2,275 for leaf removal on walking path, curbs, and drains.* Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

- *Bid in the amount of \$465 for planting begonias and adding fertilizer, topsoil, and cedar mulch on the Lillian Wild Walking Path.* Mrs. Bourke made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- *Bid in the amount of \$3,700 to take down and remove the dead tree on the 1391 Gardiner Lane property, as well as to remove the stump, remove chips, add topsoil, seed, straw, and fertilize.* Mrs. Bumphus made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Committee Reports —

- Mr. O'Bryan said that there are currently five nonworking street lights throughout the City. He has reported them to Metro.

1391 Gardiner Lane Property Development Subcommittee — Mayor Chesser reported that Jay Bourke volunteered to serve on this committee. Resident Alex Longino was present at the meeting and agreed to serve as well. Mrs. Keefe will update the contact page on our website with these new members. Mrs. Bourke mentioned that we need to consider handicapped parking and access to the property when developing it as well as accessible trails and equipment.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting —

Mayor Chesser received a summary of the most recent Board meeting from Amy Rogers. They're having cookouts for the officers on April 15 and 16, and a cook-off between the LMPD 6th Division and the Fire Department on May 30. The 6th and 7th Divisions will be celebrating this year's National Night Out together on August 5 at Peterson Park.

Miscellaneous Items —

- Mayor Chesser reported that Jefferson County Public Schools will be selling their administrative buildings on Newburg Road and Crittenden Drive and will fund a new, consolidated administrative office.
- Mayor Chesser mentioned that there will be a neighborhood meeting on April 17 to discuss a conditional use permit that was filed with the Louisville Metro Office of Planning to allow a transitional home at 1882 Allgeier Court. While this property is not in Watterson Park, it abuts a Watterson Park business property. Geoff Wohl with Councilwoman Josie Raymond's office will be attending this meeting and will update Mayor Chesser on what is discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:15 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 _____.

Linda Chesser, Mayor

Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe from notes and audio recording.