

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

## LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

March 9, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Roll Call** — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Shelia Bumphus, Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan; Treasurer Jean Hall; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney Duncan Crosby. Also present were Karl Price as well as Sgt. Jeff Christopher with KLE.

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

**First on the Agenda** — Karl Price, a candidate running for Jefferson County Attorney, was present to talk about his qualifications for the position of county attorney and to discuss his platform. He left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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Mrs. Hall reported revenues for the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$120,979 with \$40,680 in expenses, resulting in a net income of \$80,299. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### OLD BUSINESS

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**1391 Gardiner Lane Property Park Development** — Mayor Chesser reported that a different bench was selected to save money, and we are looking into more economical options for trash receptacles. Attorney Crosby said the next step in the process is bidding.

**Seven Counties** — Mayor Chesser reported that Seven Counties withdrew their bid on the Gardiner Point Drive property.

**Code Enforcement** — Everyone was provided the February 2026 report and infractions were discussed. Mayor Chesser reported that George Stewart agreed to increase his hours during months for which Watterson Park feels we need more monitoring. Mr. Bourke made a motion to increase the hours for Louisville Code Enforcement to 15 per month from April through September; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Chesser will send Attorney Crosby the existing contract so he can draw up a new contract with these additional hours.

### NEW BUSINESS

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#### Driveway Rights —

- Attorney Crosby presented concerning, and Council discussed, past agreements on Larkmoor Lane and Milldaun Road to accommodate sanitation trucks backing and turning at the end of those dead-end streets. Council discussion was supportive of moving forward with developing legal options and drafting ordinances for Council consideration to address street parking and street access issues, but no action was taken.
- Council discussed the speeding problem on Larkmoor Lane and possibly installing additional speed humps to address the issue. No action was taken.

Attorney Crosby left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

## OLD BUSINESS

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**Off-Duty Patrol** — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for March. All spots have been filled. Mr. Bourke will secure a cost for a card that patrolling officers can leave with businesses letting them know when a check of their property is performed.

## NEW BUSINESS

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**Sanitation** — All were given a copy of the sanitation specs for 2026 through 2028. Mrs. Keefe will remind Attorney Crosby to publish the advertisement for bids. She will post on our website a reminder of the large-trash pickup scheduled for April 10. Mrs. Keefe will secure an updated sanitation pick-up schedule from Todd Preher to post on our website.

**Sanitation Guidelines** — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of sanitation guidelines that will be included with welcome baskets for new residents.

**Sixth Division Advisory Board** — Mr. Bourke gave a report on the recent meeting of this Board.

**Signs** — Mayor Chesser reported that she ordered speed hump and speed limit signs from Saf-Ti-Co to install on Champions Trace.

**Signs** — A drawing of repair work that County Wide will be doing at the Regina Lane circle was distributed. Mayor Chesser reported to Lowe's that one of their delivery trucks did some damage to the concrete on the circle at the end of Regina Lane.

**Welcome Baskets** — Mayor Chesser will be ordering and delivering Welcome Baskets for new residents.

**County Wide Bids** — County Wide Lawn & Landscaping submitted the following bids for the 2026 season:

- *Bid not to exceed \$14,540 for mowing specified properties in the City.* Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- *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.* Mr. Bourke made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Ms. Garrett. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- *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 Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- *Bid in the amount of \$2,220 for lawn care turf and fertilizer applications.* Mr. Bourke 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. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- *Bid in the amount of \$410 for flowers, hand labor, and fertilizer at the Lillian Wild Walking Path.* Ms. Garrett 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. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- *Bid in the amount of \$2,400 for leaf removal on the walking path, curbs, and drains.* Mr. Bourke made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Ms. Garrett. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- *Bid not to exceed \$6,400 for monthly finish mowing of the 1391 Gardiner Lane property.* Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

## Committee Reports —

### • Public Works Committee

*Street lights* — Mr. O'Bryan has reported lights that need to be replaced/repared.

*Potholes* — Mr. Fortwengler submitted a list of potholes that need to be repaired. Mayor Chesser will get a quote from Stoll Paving to repair these potholes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote, and meeting adjourned at 8:57 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Linda Chesser, Mayor

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Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes transcribed by Aggie Keefe from notes and audio recording.