

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

## LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

November 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Roll Call** — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan; Treasurer Jean Hall; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present was Deputy Sheriff Rob Skaggs, representing Kentuckiana Law Enforcement (KLE).

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2025, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

### APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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Mrs. Hall reported revenues for the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$283,485 and \$60,132 in expenses, resulting in a net income of \$223,353. She clarified that the amount received under Other Revenues was from HB413; and the expenditure for Property Tax Process was the annual amount that we pay the PVA. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Ms. Garrett. Ms. Garrett asked about the \$1,500 for Community Services expenses; Mrs. Hall explained that it was for our Christmas With a Cop donation. There being no additional discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

Mrs. Hall reported that we received statistics from the Kentucky Department of Insurance showing that since 2020, we have received Insurance Premium Tax revenues ranging between \$367,000 and \$657,000 annually.

### OLD BUSINESS

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**1391 Gardiner Lane Property Development** — Mayor Chesser reported that a meeting with Tom Tague today was canceled and will be rescheduled. Mr. Tague sent the following update to share with Council.

- They are approximately 95% complete with the refined budget.
- We could save \$65,000 by eliminating the raised planters around the flagpole and instead install stone benches with in-ground plants. Council agreed.
- Plans are nearing completion and currently in the QA/QC [Quality Assurance/Quality Control] stage. Mr. Bourke will e-mail Mr. Tague and ask him if there is any place in Louisville where we can see playground equipment that was installed by the company we will be using.
- By around Thanksgiving, they expect to have the full construction drawings ready for an internal page-turn review in early December.
- Mr. Tague will coordinate with the playground equipment representative to reschedule the canceled meeting.
- Mr. Tague suggested London lighting fixtures for the outdoor lights because the glass is clear, which should provide better lighting.

**ARPA** — Mayor Chesser reported for Attorney Crosby that he submitted the required closing documentation for the ARPA funds that we received.

### OLD BUSINESS

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**Code Enforcement Update** — Everyone was provided a copy of the report for October. Problem properties were discussed; these will be brought to the attention of George Stewart. If the problems persist, we may involve Attorney Crosby. Regarding the resident on Milldaun who is in need of assistance, Mayor Chesser had previously contacted KIPDA

to see if they have any resources available to the resident. KIPDA and the resident have been in communication, but Mayor Chesser isn't aware of the details. Ms. Garrett suggested that we include information regarding KIPDA assistance in our newsletter. Ms. Ewan mentioned that Louisville Metro has a program called Age-Friendly Louisville that provides home modification and repair services for older adults, people with disabilities, and those meeting specific income requirements.

**Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings** — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for November.

- Mr. O'Bryan agreed to be on the lookout when he is driving around the City at night; he will contact Deputy Sheriff Rob Skaggs if he sees anything suspicious.
- There was another break-in at Winsupply.
- Mayor Chesser is surprised that nothing has happened on the RaceTrac development.

**Audit** — Mrs. Hall reported that she has some routine follow-up with Brian Cobb that she is taking care of. The audit probably won't be ready to present until sometime in February.

**JCLC Annual Dinner** — Mayor Chesser reminded those who will be attending this event that it will be held on November 20 at The Jeffersonian.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Sixth Division Advisory Board Meeting** — Mr. Bourke attended the November 5 meeting and reported the following:

- Officer of the month went to retiring Sixth Division officer Sgt. Manley Berthold who was selected for his 20 years of service.
- Mayor Chesser was concerned about King Spa on Red Roof Inn Place. DRO Officer Marsden has been trying to successfully shut down illicit massage businesses and their connection to human trafficking in the Sixth Division.
- There were 157 coupon books sold, which raised \$1,571.18 for the Sixth Division.
- DRO Officer Marsden thanked Watterson Park for the \$1,500 donation to Christmas With a Cop. They had a total of \$15,000 in donations.

**County Wide Bids for Salt and Snow Plowing** — We received the following bid for this season: \$85 per trip for salt spreading; \$165 per hour for snow plowing; \$80 per hour for snowblowing (sidewalks); \$45 per hour for hand labor (clearing sidewalks). The cost for materials is 55¢ per pound for rock salt and 85¢ per pound for ice melter. These prices did not increase from last season. 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 Jay Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

**Stoll Paving Bid** — We received a bid in the amount of \$4,600 from Stoll Construction and Paving for asphalt repairs on Eastmoor Road at Work-A-Haulix and on Champions Trace at the railroad tracks. After discussion, Mr. O'Bryan suggested and Council agreed that we should wait until spring to do these repairs.

**KLC Conference** — Mayor Chesser reported that at this conference, Ms. Ewan was presented with a certificate for completing Level III in City Governance training, which requires 90 hours of approved training with three hours of ethics training.

**Zoom Meeting with Mayor Greenberg** — Mayor Chesser was unable to participate in the Mayor's quarterly call with mayors of home-rule cities, so Ms. Ewan covered it for her. Ms. Ewan reported that Mayor Greenberg is in alignment with KLC regarding occupational taxes and massage parlors. Among topics discussed were downtown projects, Jefferson Forest updates, road improvements, public safety, treatment services for mental health and addiction, a lien forgiveness program, and zoning for data centers. There was a focus on housing, with discussion regarding MMY—a company that makes modular homes. Mayor Greenberg stated that LMPD's upcoming training class is the largest in many years, and that violent crimes are down 25%.

**Committee Reports** —

- Business Liaison Committee  
Nothing to report.

- Citizen Liaison Committee  
We need to order a welcome basket for a resident on Regina Lane.
- Communications Committee  
Nothing to report.
- Finance Committee  
Nothing to report.
- Public Safety Committee  
*REACH Alert* — Ms. Garrett was surprised we didn't send out an alert regarding the UPS plane crash. Mayor Chesser explained that since there were so many other alerts sent out from other sources, she didn't feel the need to issue a REACH Alert.
- Public Works Committee  
*Street lights; illegal signs* — Mr. O'Bryan recently reported three street lights that were out in the Gardiner Lane area. He will be reporting another on Colonel Sanders Lane.
- Sanitation Committee  
We will be advertising for bids in 2026. Mayor Chesser noticed on East Indian Trail a couple of former residences appear to now be commercial. Since we don't offer sanitation services to businesses, she will check into removing any known commercial properties from our pick-up services.
- Tax Bills Committee
  - Mrs. Hall reported that the total expected in revenues from real property tax is \$225,000; we have received almost \$200,000 to date. She doesn't attempt to collect any unpaid taxes under \$5.
  - Mrs. Hall will look up the value of the Fort Bluegrass Mobile Home Park and the taxes we receive from them.
  - Personal property taxes aren't due until December 1; they should bring in well over \$100,000.
- Urban Forestry and Green Space Committee/1391 Gardiner Lane Property Development  
Updates were covered earlier in tonight's meeting.

Ms. Garrett asked Ms. Ewan about MMY—the Louisville-based company that makes modular homes that was mentioned earlier in the meeting. Ms. Ewan clarified that the city [Louisville Metro] is going to be working with MMY, but Mayor Greenberg didn't say where the units were going to be placed. They plan to use these homes to help with the housing shortage. Ms. Garrett hopes they build enough of these units to help with the current affordable housing shortage in Metro Louisville's under-served communities. She feels that Mayor Greenberg is doing a good job of cleaning up areas around Louisville Metro that need it the most.

## ADJOURNMENT

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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 Jay Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0, and meeting adjourned at 8:50 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 taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe from notes and audio recording.