

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

## LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

February 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Roll Call** — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Gina Garrett; Treasurer Jean Hall; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present were Attorney John Treitz and Sergeant Jonathan Williams representing KLE. Absent was Councilman Todd O'Bryan.

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2025, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Ms. Garrett. 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 Gina Garrett. 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 January 2025 in the amount of \$60,880 and expenditures in the amount \$80,240, resulting in a deficit of \$19,360. She clarified that under Expenses, General Government, Legal and Professional, the total includes \$8,400 for the Audit. Ms. Garrett asked about the \$37,940 under Public Works. Mrs. Hall said that this amount included snow removal. She also confirmed for Ms. Garrett that the \$568.86 payment to YUM! was for a personal property tax refund. 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 Gina Garrett. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

**Snow Forecast** — Mayor Chesser mentioned the snow that is forecast overnight. Council agreed that she should contact County Wide and authorize them to plow Stober Road and Champions Trace because of the high commercial traffic on those streets.

### OLD BUSINESS

**1225 Gardiner Lane Development** — Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation regarding the proposed RaceTrac development; 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 Gina Garrett. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0, and Council went into executive session at 7:18 p.m. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to come out of executive session; 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 Gina Garrett. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0, and Council came out of executive session at 8:20 p.m. No final action was taken during executive session.

Mr. Treitz left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

**Audit Report** — Everyone was provided a final copy of the Audit Report. There were no revisions or comments. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the Audit; 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 Gina Garrett. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Keefe will contact Attorney Treitz regarding the publication of the Audit.

**Code Enforcement** — Everyone was provided a copy of the Field Report for January.

**Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings** — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for February. Most shifts have been filled. Mayor Chesser reported that some of the shifts were moved from daytime to evening. Sergeant Williams told us a little about himself and his career with LMPD, saying that property crimes are his specialty. He is currently in administration in the Internal Affairs Division.

**Flock Cameras** — Sergeant Williams said the Flock cameras are beneficial in connecting crimes and are becoming really popular. Mayor Chesser reported that we have not yet been given an installation date for the Flock camera that will be installed at the intersection of Gardiner Lane and Robards Lane.

**Regina Lane Curb and Lawn Repair** — Mayor Chesser reported that this project hasn't moved forward because of the weather.

**Republic Services/Driveway Apron at 4322 Milldaun Road** — Since the resident at this location is concerned about potential damage caused by Republic Services trucks that use his driveway to turn around, we decided to pay for reinforcing the apron on his driveway to accommodate the weight of the sanitation trucks. Mayor Chesser asked Mr. Fortwengler to handle this project. She will provide Mr. Fortwengler with the necessary contact information.

**4317 E. Indian Trail Rezoning** — Mayor Chesser attended the zoning hearing on January 15. The property owners want to change the zoning from R4 to M2 Industrial to accommodate parking for semis. A number of residents were present and expressed their opposition.

**Robards Lane** — No update.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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**Committee Reports** — There were no committee reports.

### **LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting** —

- Mayor Chesser reported that Mr. Bourke agreed to serve as an advisor on our Public Safety Committee. Council agreed that he can continue to represent Watterson Park at the Sixth Division Board meetings, and that Mayor Chesser can provide him with the Monthly Shift Postings from KLE.
- All were provided with a copy of a report provided by Mr. Bourke giving information on each Sixth Division Officer of the Month recipient for 2024.
- Mr. Bourke submitted the following report on what was discussed at the February 5 Advisory Board meeting:
  - In 2024, the Sixth Division experienced a 10.17% reduction in overall crime.
  - The Officer of the Year for 2024 was Detective Kayla Helm.
  - Lieutenant Joel Casse will be joining the Sixth Division.
  - Upcoming community outreach events are February 20 and April 10 at Kroger McMahan; and March 13 and May 15 at Kroger on Poplar Level Road.

**Committee Appointments** — Council members and officers went over a list of Watterson Park committees with the goal of filling the vacancies. Mrs. Bourke and Mrs. Bumphus volunteered to fill some of the open positions. We will work on this again at our March meeting. In the meantime, Mrs. Keefe will update the list with tonight's changes and provide a copy to everyone prior to the March meeting.

### **Miscellaneous Items** —

- Mayor Chesser reported that Watterson Park's Tree City USA application has been approved by the Arbor Day Foundation. This will be our 22nd year as a Tree City USA.

- Mayor Chesser reported that she received a call from Brandon Kane with Jarboe’s Heating, Cooling & Plumbing. They moved into the property at 4111 Champions Trace Lane in December. Mayor Chesser answered his questions and made him aware of some of the perks of being a business in Watterson Park, including not having an occupational tax.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Garrett. 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 Gina Garrett. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:40 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.