

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK SPECIAL MEETING

Boardroom, Sullivan University Gardiner Point Residence Hall
4004 Gardiner Point Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40213

April 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Lanette Douglas, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney John Treitz.

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

Mayor Chesser announced that former Councilperson Lillian Wild recently passed away. We are thankful for Mrs. Wild's many contributions during her long tenure with Watterson Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Center for Neighborhoods — Isabella Christensen, Neighborhood Liaison with Center for Neighborhoods, was present to address the Council. She made us aware of the many services their agency offers. They provide support, mapping, surveying, asset listing, communication, connecting people with available resources, and other civic education and environmental projects. We can post information and upcoming events on their website.

Also present at the meeting were Oscar Mendez, Jr. — who is working on his last merit badge needed to obtain the level of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America—and his father.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Minutes — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2017, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (6-0).

Treasurer's Report — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of March 2017 totalling \$10,147.32 with expenditures in the amount of \$25,242.65, giving a deficit of \$15,095.33. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government Department of Codes & Regulations inspected the fence at 4111 Champions Trace Lane on March 14 and found it to be in violation of Louisville Metro's property maintenance regulations. JJ Carter was fined \$200 and they were notified that the violation is to be corrected by April 14 and will be re-inspected following that date. If they do not repair the fence and pay the fine, Louisville Metro will file a lien and they could be summoned to court. Mrs. Welsh will contact Chris at Metro and stay on top of the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget — Attorney Treitz reported that he, Mayor Chesser, and Mr. Wild discussed the budget via a telephone conference call. As a result of that discussion, Mr. Treitz drafted a proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. He distributed copies of the proposed budget for discussion and went over each line item. Everyone was instructed to take their copy home and prepare for formal discussion and the first reading at the May meeting. Attorney Treitz clarified for Mrs. Woodson that if we run out of money under a specific line item, we can take money from another line item. Ms. Garrett asked how the amount for Forestry in this proposed budget compares to the current budget. Mr. Wild responded that we had \$25,000 allocated in the current budget and are raising that amount to \$40,000 in the proposed budget.

House Bill 246 — Since Mrs. Woodson is employed by Metro Government, she recused herself and left the room at 7:44 p.m. for this portion of the meeting. Attorney Treitz reported Urban County Government has sued all 83 cities in Jefferson County, which includes Watterson Park. Metro Louisville passed an ordinance which created a waste management district. It has been perceived as an attempt to take over sanitation for all small cities. The Jefferson County League of Cities will be lead the charge to oppose it. We received correspondence from the Jefferson County League of Cities asking for financial help in the amount of \$1,000 to \$2,500 to help cover the expenses that will be incurred during the injunctive phase of the lawsuit. These funds will remain in a separate account and if the amount collected is not completely used, the balance will be refunded proportionately as it was given. JCLC will prepare and file an Answer to the complaint. The hearing date is April 27 in Franklin Circuit Court. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garrett, to authorize a payment of \$1,000 to the JCLC to help offset expenses; all present voted yes (5-0). Mrs. Woodson was not in the room for the vote.

Mrs. Woodson returned to the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Off-Duty Police Officers —

- Nelson Insurance, our insurance provider, reviewed and approved the Certificate of Liability Insurance provided by Kentuckiana Law Enforcement. The \$2 million in liability insurance provided by Kentuckiana law Enforcement does cover us, but we would need to add \$1 million to our current umbrella policy at an additional cost of \$500 annually.
- Off-duty police officers are representing LMPD, so the City of Louisville is responsible for any actions that take place. Officers are required to have Chief Conrad's approval in order to use LMPD equipment—the uniform, car, equipment, etc. Since the officers now work 12-hour shifts, there is a guideline regarding when they can work off-duty.
- The majority of the cars are marked, but on occasion it could be an unmarked car. We can request Officers in the Sixth Division and it was suggested that we meet with the Officers patrolling our area.
- Regarding dispatch: Nothing changes. Residents would still call 911 or the non-emergency dispatch number for LMPD. Kentuckiana Officers would monitor the police radio for our beat. If there is a call, it could be the off-duty or the on-duty Officer responding to the call, depending on who is closest.
- An activity sheet is filled out at the end of each shift. We are provided with a copy of the sheets.
- The rate is \$40/hour, with a 3-hour minimum per officer per day. There is a premium rate of \$80/hour on the following days: New Year's Eve, Thunder Over Louisville, Kentucky Oaks, and Kentucky Derby.
- Kentuckiana is represented by Frost, Brown, Todd law firm. They have been sued on two or three occasions, but have won each case.
- We might want to invite John Aubrey to our meeting to clear up any questions we may have.
- Attorney Treitz will check to see if we need to advertise for bids. He will review the contract prior to proceeding.
- It was suggested that we contact the Officers who currently patrol our area to find out what hours and days they recommend.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Delinquent Taxes — There is nothing to report at this time.

Chefs Way — Mayor Chesser and Mr. Fortwengler met with Gary Hubbard and Nathan Chapel of BTM. They rode the streets that Watterson Park is responsible for and discussed the Chefs Way paving project, some repair work that is needed on Champions Trace at Newburg Road, and an area on Stober Road. BTM is working on the construction drawing for the Chefs Way project. The businesses on Chefs Way will be notified prior to beginning the road work project.

Jennings Lane Street Lights — Mayor Chesser reported that the contract for the transformer was signed and both the transformer and fixture have been installed. She contacted Mike Gray regarding the location of the third fixture, which we paid for, as it is not where we had originally discussed. Mr. Gray will check it out and contact Mayor Chesser with his findings.

Bunton Road, Watterson Park Road, and Gardiner Point Street Lights — Mayor Chesser reported that we are waiting for the contract from LG&E for changing out and/or adding the fixtures in these areas.

JCPS — Mayor Chesser reported that House Bill 151 — which requires school boards across Kentucky to give priority for school assignments to students who live closest to a particular institution starting with the 2019-20 term—is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Education Committee. She will email JCPS officials regarding the middle school assignment for our students. Also, Mayor Chesser received correspondence from Geoff Wohl in Councilman Pat Mulvihill's office regarding an upcoming dinner and conversation on April 25 sponsored by the Jefferson County Board of Education. Mayor Chesser will not be able to attend but suggested that Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Woodson attend representing Watterson Park.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe reported that the spring newsletter has been mailed out. She will check with United Mail on the 160 newsletters that were supposed to have been delivered to the Bluegrass Mobile Home Park to insure that they were, in fact, delivered.

Operation Brightside — Mrs. Woodson reminded everyone that the annual spring clean-up is scheduled for April 15. She distributed T-shirts to those Council members who will be participating. Everyone should meet at 9 a.m. on April 15 at the Lillian Wild Walking Path.

Arbor Day — Mayor Chesser will read the Arbor Day Proclamation at the Lillian Wild Walking Path on April 15 prior to the Operation Brightside clean-up. Mrs. Keefe asked for pictures from both Operation Brightside and the Arbor Day Proclamation reading for inclusion on our website and the next newsletter.

Business Meet and Greet — Mrs. Woodson reported that the tour of United Mail was very informative and enjoyable. She will be contacting Gateway Press on Robards Lane to set up a tour with them.

Trip to Indianapolis Zoo — Mrs. Welsh reported that 25 adults and 7 children have signed up for the trip. She is trying to figure out how to pay for the meals, as there is a separate charge for children, adults, and seniors. She will contact Indianapolis Zoo to see if we can pay at the door. Since we usually tip the bus driver, Mayor Chesser will ask Attorney Treitz if this is something the City of Watterson Park can pay for instead of asking for tips from the participants.

Stober Road Easement Work — Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Vincent with County Wide Lawn & Landscaping is planning to start cleaning up the easement area on Stober Road behind the Verst property soon, weather permitting.

Boundary Signs — Mayor Chesser and Mrs. Keefe worked with Andrew Freibert at Saf-Ti-Co on a design for the City boundary signs. Council approved the design and will decide on the size as well as placement locations at the May meeting.

Speed Humps on Regina Avenue — There is nothing to report at this time.

City Promotional Products — There is nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Masters Supply Office Renovation — Mayor Chesser will contact Joe Wolfe, Koetter Construction Permits Coordinator, and invite him to the May meeting to present the renovation/expansion plan for Masters Supply as well as the plans on the proposed expansion of the Work-A-Haulix property on Eastmoor Road.

Street Lights (Walking Path, Chefs Way, Jennings/Indian Trail) — Mayor Chesser reported that she met with Mike Gray and Jim Pierson with LG&E regarding acorn lighting on the Lillian Wild Walking Path. They recommended installing six 100W acorn lights on 12-ft. black aluminum poles and have marked the locations where they suggest the lights be installed. The monthly cost would be \$141.78, and the term of the lease agreement is five years. Council would like to discuss this further at the May meeting, once they have had the opportunity to look at the suggested locations for the lights on the Walking Path. Mayor Chesser reported that the trash can will be installed at the walking path this week. Mayor Chesser will also supply pet waste bags for use on the walking path.

Chefs Way may require a transformer and LG&E recommends three 275W fixtures.

Mr. Gray and Mr. Pierson will check the area on the other side of the “blue” line on Jennings Lane going toward Indian Trail to see if there is a possibility of installing a street light, provided it is Watterson Park property.

Mayor Chesser also reported that LG&E will inspect all of our acorn lights to see if the globes need to be replaced, as that service is part of our agreement with them.

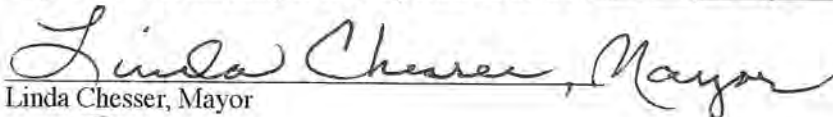
Meeting Location — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Barbara Mays at Jefferson County Farm Bureau and they are uncertain as to when their office renovation will be completed. So, at this time, they do not have a meeting space available for us. Lauren Kelly, Director of Housing at Sullivan University, indicated that their boardroom is available for us to use for our City meetings until further notice. Therefore, our May meeting will be at the Boardroom at the Sullivan University Residence Hall.

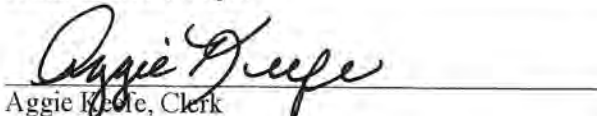
LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting/Crime — Mayor Chesser will be attending the monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Douglas made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:33 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 5-8-17


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.