

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK SPECIAL MEETING

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

July 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Brandon Paul, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Paving Projects — Nathan Chapel of BTM Engineering was present to address questions regarding the bids for the Chefs Way, Champions Trace, and Stober Road paving projects. The bids were received and opened at 10 a.m. today at the offices of BTM Engineering, and Mayor Chesser and Mr. Fortwengler were present at the bid opening. Bids were as follows:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Chefs Way</u>	<u>Champions Trace Lane</u>	<u>Stober Road</u>	<u>Total</u>
Flynn Brothers Contracting, Inc.	\$219,179.00	\$33,246.00	\$10,859.00	\$263,284.00
Louisville Paving Company, Inc.	\$297,575.00	\$37,035.00	\$15,520.00	\$350,130.00
Bluegrass Excavating & Contracting	\$270,447.80	\$19,396.30	\$9,332.43	\$299,176.53

Mr. Chapel gave an overview of the bids and answered questions regarding the specs. After further discussion, Mrs. Welsh read a resolution approving the award of contract for road work on Chefs Way, Champions Trace Lane and Stober Road to Flynn Brothers Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$263,284. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (6-0). Attorney Treitz and Mr. Chapel will work together to draw up the contract. Mr. Chapel left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Minutes — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017, special meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (6-0).

Treasurer's Report — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of June 2017 totalling \$9,923.95 with expenditures in the amount of \$19,669.09, giving a deficit of \$9,745.14. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Ms. Garrett. All present voted yes (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Off-Duty Police Officers — After reviewing the insurance liability component of the bid from Kentuckiana Law Enforcement, Attorney Treitz found out that they are changing their insurance carrier. We will ask John Aubrey to attend our next meeting so he can answer any questions. Attorney Treitz told our insurance carrier that we would like to have our liability coverage increased to five million dollars; we are waiting on a quote from them.

House Bill 246 — Attorney Treitz reported that Mark Hurst at Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC filed the City of Watterson Park's answer to the Plaintiff's Complaint on July 7.

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Attorney Treitz reported that Mayor Chesser, Mrs. Welsh, and Mr. Fortwengler met with officials from Iron Mountain and CBRE, the leasing company for that property, who agreed that they will take care of the needed repairs to the fence as well as the removal of encroaching foliage and trees. Bob Ray will remove the trees/foliage; Kentucky Fence Company will be replacing six to eight 9-foot sections of the fence. They should begin the project in approximately four weeks. Mrs. Welsh will continue to monitor the project.

Audit Report — Attorney Treitz distributed copies of the revised audit. The only change he noted was the addition of a paragraph on the lawsuit with the City of Louisville. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the Audit; seconded by Mr. Paul. All present voted yes (6-0). Attorney Treitz will coordinate with Mrs. Keefe to get the audit printed and mailed to our residents in lieu of printing in the Courier-Journal.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Street Lights — Mayor Chesser reported that the acorn lights have been installed on the Lillian Wild Walking Path. BTM requested that we do not install the lights on Chefs Way until the road work is completed. Mr. Fortwengler reported that the cover plate on the acorn light post at the corner of Larkmoor Lane and Newburg Road is missing, exposing the wires. Mayor Chesser will contact LG&E and ask them to replace the cover plate.

Newsletter and Website Committees — Everyone agreed that the 4-color newsletter on coated stock was really nice. There was some smudging on some of the mailed newsletters, which Mrs. Keefe will bring to the attention of United Mail to see if this is something that can be avoided with the next newsletter. For the upcoming fall newsletter, which will be mailed at the end of September, Ms. Garrett sent Mrs. Keefe an article on being a good neighbor; Mrs. Woodson would like to include information on the next Brightside clean-up; we will include information regarding leaf collection; and we will also include an article about snow removal. Mrs. Keefe would like to have everyone's input/articles by the end of August. In addition, Mrs. Keefe asked everyone who has not already done so to submit a synopsis of the functions of their Watterson Park committees so she can design the Committees page for our website.

Boundary Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that the signs have not yet been ordered. She asked Council members to come up with ideas on where to place the signs.

Red Roof Inn — Mayor Chesser reported that she sent an email to Mike Murphy, Regional Manager for Red Roof Inn, requesting a meeting to discuss the increase in crime at the Red Roof Inn on Bishop Lane. Mr. Murphy asked Mayor Chesser to limit the attendees to himself, the on-site General Manager, a Metro Police Officer, Jim Denny, and Mayor Chesser. They will be meeting at the Red Roof Inn on July 17.

Tree Maintenance — Mayor Chesser reported that she asked Bob Ray Tree Service to check a tree on Watterson Park Road that appears to be dying; this tree wasn't included in the previous list of trees to be removed. If it is determined that this tree needs to be removed, it will be more cost effective to do so when they are removing the other trees. Since it was not included in the original bid and its removal might cause us to exceed the \$2,500 approved by the Council at the June 12 meeting, we need to increase the approved amount. Ms. Garrett mentioned some dead shrubbery that might need to be removed as well. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to increase the amount approved for the work from \$2,500 to \$3,500; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0).

Meeting Location — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Barbara Mays at Kentucky Farm Bureau. Ms. Mays indicated they are making progress on the office renovation and we should be able to conduct our August meeting at the Farm Bureau building. Mayor Chesser will follow up with Ms. Mays in mid July. Mr. Fortwengler suggested that if we are put off again by the Kentucky Farm Bureau, we might want to consider moving the location of our meeting permanently to Sullivan University Residence Hall.

Jefferson County League of Cities Membership — Mayor Chesser distributed a letter received from the Jefferson County League of Cities concerning the importance of being a member. As stated in the letter from Jack Will, Executive Director, a strong membership base enables JCLC to speak with a strong voice, including defending the home rule authority of cities and creating legal agreements for Metro Government and cities. She also asked everyone to mark their calendars for the annual JCLC dinner/program on November 16, 2017, at the Jeffersontown Community Center.

City Promotional Products — Mrs. Woodson reported that the pens and pads have arrived. Mayor Chesser gave all present a pen and pad for their use. Council members will gather at a date to be determined to stuff envelopes to prepare for delivery to residents.

NEW BUSINESS

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting – Mayor Chesser reported that Major Michael Bogan, the new Major for the 6th Division, was introduced at the June meeting. He talked about crime in the 6th Division and said most warrants are for criminals in Beats 2 and 3, and the majority of the offenders are juveniles.

Mayor Chesser reported that she will be attending the next Board meeting on July 11 and asked for Council members to let her know if there's anything she should bring up at the meeting. Ms. Garrett would like to know what the law is pertaining to juvenile arrests. Perhaps an officer can attend an upcoming meeting to discuss with us.

Acorn Light Repairs – Mayor Chesser reported that as part of our lease agreement with LG&E, they inspected and replaced 48 acorn light globes and straightened 29 poles—all at no cost to our City.

Lawn Maintenance – Mayor Chesser reported that historically there have been issues with the maintenance of the commercial properties along Poplar Level Road from Gardiner Lane to Bunton Road. Hilti has always maintained the landscaping on their property. Mayor Chesser met with Ken Schoening, the property owner of Flag Pros, and they discussed property issues. Flag Pros recently hired County Wide Lawn & Landscaping to maintain their lawn, shrubs, etc. Since then, there has been an improvement. Brandon Vincent with County Wide is going to clean up along the sidewalk and spray and edge the grass in front of these businesses.


Speedway Properties – Mrs. Chesser reported that Mr. Paul expressed concerns about the condition of the Speedway located at 4308 Bishop Lane; he has taken pictures and sent to their corporate office on numerous occasions. After discussing the matter with Mr. Paul, Mayor Chesser spoke with Mr. Tom Posz, District Manager for the Speedways in our area, regarding the condition of this Speedway. He told Mayor Chesser that this is one of the oldest properties they own in Louisville. They discussed the fencing, potholes, peeling paint, etc. Mr. Posz agreed that the property needs updating. His boss, the Regional Manager, was in Louisville to check out a few properties, including two on Poplar Level Road (4239 and 4565), as Mayor Chesser had expressed concern about those properties as well. The Bishop Lane location will be getting new pumps and the canopy over the pumps will be painted. They are discussing what they can do to improve the appearance of the fence. This work will be done sometime this year. Mr. Paul reported that he saw them sweeping the parking lot on July 7. Mayor Chesser will follow up as necessary.

Churchill Downs Development Project – Mr. Paul reported that Churchill Downs will be revitalizing the old Louisville Downs property at 4520 Poplar Level Road, investing \$60 million to construct a state-of-the-art historical racing machine facility. They will have year-round viewing of sporting events on large TVs. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2018. Mr. Paul will touch base with John Asher at Churchill Downs to find out who the project manager is. We want to insure that signage, road construction, and traffic considerations don't present any problems for our area.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:55 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 8-14-17.


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.