

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK SPECIAL MEETING

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

June 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilpeople Helen Arnold, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Master's Supply Renovation — Mayor Chesser introduced Mr. Joe Wolfe, Koetter Construction Permits Coordinator, who was present to discuss the Masters Supply Company office renovation. They are adding 2,000 square feet to the existing building, and they will be doing a complete remodel inside. They plan to begin the project within the next two weeks, and it will take approximately six months to complete. Mr. Wolfe left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Minutes — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2017, special meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (5-0).

Treasurer's Reports —

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of April 2017 totalling \$59,838.05 with expenditures in the amount of \$32,803.49, giving a surplus of \$27,034.56. Ms. Garrett asked Mr. Wild about the expenditure for Tree Maintenance and was told it was for landscaping work by County Wide Lawn & Landscaping. Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0).

Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of May 2017 totalling \$54,770.75 with expenditures in the amount of \$26,524.98, giving a surplus of \$28,245.77. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. All present voted yes (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Budget — Mrs. Welsh gave second reading in full to Ordinance No. 237, Series 2017, adopting the City of Watterson Park budget for fiscal year July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (5-0).

House Bill 246 — Attorney Treitz reported that we are waiting for the judge to rule on this bill.

Fence on Larkmoor Lane — Mrs. Welsh reported that she will be meeting on June 14 with Kelly Capozzoli of CBRE Management Group. Mayor Chesser and Mr. Fortwengler will also attend the meeting. Mrs. Welsh found the original proposal where they were supposed to plant 14 holly trees in front of the fence. The existing 10-ft. fence will be replaced with an 8-ft. fence. She should let them know that we are not wanting to remove the large trees; they should make it work on their side and go around the large trees that are on our side. Attorney Treitz suggested that Mrs. Welsh show them the original plans and ask them to come up with an equivalent plan for the new fence.

Off-Duty Police Officers — Attorney Treitz reviewed the Kentuckiana Law Enforcement's insurance policy. There are a few provisions he still needs to address. He did state that it does not need to be publicly bid. Mayor Chesser talked with Lt. Simpson to get his suggestions on days and times that would best benefit our City. Mrs. Woodson suggested that we have a three-week rotating schedule. Council members were asked to come up with a proposed schedule and be ready to discuss further at the July meeting. Mrs. Garrett presented a form that is used by West Buechel Police whenever they patrol to let businesses know they have checked out their property and wondered if this is something we can use when officers patrol our City. Mayor Chesser will ask Kentuckiana Law Enforcement to attend our July meeting. Attorney Treitz suggested that we might want to ask the person who schedules for Kentuckiana Law Enforcement to also attend the meeting.

Audit Report — Attorney Treitz reported that the auditor wants to make some changes in the Audit and asked that all existing copies of the proposed audit be returned to them. Mr. Wild clarified for Attorney Treitz that whenever we move funds being held at Stock Yards Bank, we can do so only within Stock Yard Bank. Attorney Treitz asked about funds that were invested in a 30-year CD; Mr. Wild said we did not authorize it. Attorney Treitz feels that it is important for the auditor to mention that our tax rate has not gone up 4%. We hope to have a revised audit ready for our July meeting.

Lanette Douglas Resignation — Mayor Chesser reported that Lanette Douglas resigned from the Council effective May 30, 2017, since she no longer resides in Watterson Park. Brandon Paul, a resident from Regina Lane, expressed interest in filling the position for the remainder of Mrs. Douglas's term. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to select Brandon Paul to replace Lanette Douglas for the remainder of her term; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (5-0). Mrs. Welsh read a Resolution selecting Brandon Paul to fill the vacancy in the Council existing because of the resignation of Lanette Douglas until the position is filled by election and the swearing in of such elected Council. A copy of this Resolution will be sent to the Governor's office. Mr. Paul will go to Attorney Treitz's office to be sworn in at his earliest convenience.

Attorney Treitz left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Road Construction Projects — Mayor Chesser reported that ATC Group Services, LLC, completed three test borings for subsurface logging and material classification, sampling, and testing. Most of the pavement distress was related to traffic overloading, inadequate surface and drainage along the shoulders, and areas of inconsistent pavement due to multiple utility installations and poor quality backfill. There is 4 to 5 1/2 inches of asphalt pavement with an underlay of 9 to 12 inches of dense graded aggregate stone base that appears to be in good condition. We need to address the existing surface and subsurface drainage problems, remove existing asphalt pavement, and address any subgrade support conditions. Because the base is good, a considerable amount of work and expense will be saved. Nathan Chapel with BTM is working on the construction plan and will submit it to Metro Works; the Champions Trace plan will be submitted to the Kentucky Transportation Department for review. If approved, the next step will be to obtain bids, which we hope to have by the July meeting.

MSD — Mrs. Arnold reported that she called MSD regarding the stopped-up ditch on Robards Lane and Gardiner Lane. It will be 30 to 45 days before they will come out to inspect it. The sink hole on Jennings Lane has been covered with a metal plate.

Trip to Indianapolis Zoo — Mrs. Welsh reported that the May 13 trip to Indianapolis Zoo was a huge success and was enjoyed by all attendees.

Street Lights —

Mayor Chesser met with Mike Gray, LG&E Outdoor Lighting, regarding the installation of street lights along Chefs Way. Currently there are no street lights on this road. The lights would have to be installed on the Louisville Plate Glass side of the road, and it would require installing three poles, instead of two as previously reported, at a cost of \$6.84 each per month, plus three 250-watt fixtures at a cost of \$16.17 each per month. The area would require a transformer, which Watterson Park would purchase, at a cost of approximately \$403. Three poles and three fixtures would be an additional \$69.03 per month.

The contract for the installation of six acorn lights on the Lillian Wild Walking Path has been signed and USIC marked for underground utilities. Since the lights were not installed by the end of May, it was necessary to have the area marked again. The lights should be installed within the next few weeks.

Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe passed around copies of a draft of the summer newsletter. She is still waiting on some pictures from the trip as well as a couple of articles. The newsletter should be delivered by the end of June.

Boundary Welcome Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that Saf-Ti-Co added “Welcome” to the 18 x 24 sign that was already printed. We are still waiting for Council to determine where the signs should be installed before we can determine how many to order.

Meeting Location — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with Sally at Jefferson County Farm Bureau and was told that they are making progress on the office renovation and we should be able to conduct our July meeting at the Farm Bureau building. Mayor Chesser will follow up with Sally mid-June.

City Promotional Products — Mrs. Woodson reported that the promotional products have been ordered and items should be delivered by June 28. Council will get together to stuff the envelopes and deliver them to residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Website Committees — Mrs. Keefe would like to design a Committees page on our website on which we would list the various committees, their functions, the chairpersons, and contact information. She asked for committee chairs to submit a synopsis of what each committee covers.

Red Roof Inn — Mayor Chesser reported that she was contacted by Jim Denny regarding crimes that occur almost weekly at the Red Roof Inn on Bishop Lane. Mr. Denny’s family home is located in Watterson Park. He sent an email listing the crime reports to Red Roof Inn Corporate Office. That information was passed on to Mike Murphy, Regional Manager, and he called Mr. Denny to discuss the matter. Mr. Denny asked Mayor Chesser if we are aware of the problems, and she informed him that we are and that it is a concern. Mayor Chesser told Mr. Denny that she would contact Mr. Murphy, which she did, and Mr. Murphy asked if we would like to meet with him, the on-site manager, and LMPD. Mayor Chesser will attend the meeting. Mrs. Woodson, Mrs. Welsh, Mrs. Arnold, and Mr. Paul expressed an interest in attending the meeting as well.

Graffiti — Mayor Chesser reported that on the weekend of May 27 the Kinnaird Carpet Warehouse at the corner of Poplar Level Road and Bunton Road and the rear wall of Public Storage on Bunton Road were tagged with graffiti. She notified the owners of the properties and also LMPD Sixth Division. She emailed one of the property owners, who lives out of town, on two occasions since he mentioned the tenant may have video surveillance that LMPD could view but has not heard back from him. The graffiti on the Kinnaird Carpet Warehouse building has been painted over and the Icee Company has painted over the graffiti on their building.

Tree Maintenance — Mayor Chesser reported that there are currently six trees that were planted by Watterson Park that have died and need to be removed. She met with David Hartlage with Bob Ray Company on June 9 to make a list of what trees need to be removed. There is one tree on Watterson Park Road, one at the corner of Robards Lane and Gardiner Lane, and four on the Lillian Wild Walking Path. Mr. Hartlage will send a contract to Mayor Chesser with an insurance certificate naming Watterson Park as an additional insured. The work will be done sometime in July. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve up to \$2,500 to Bob Ray Company to remove the dead trees; seconded by Mrs. Garrett. All present voted yes (5-0).


Jefferson County League of Cities Membership — Mayor Chesser reported that we received the 2017-2018 membership form for the Jefferson County League of Cities. The League is comprised of the 82 cities within Jefferson County. Membership entitles a city to voting privileges at regular member monthly meetings and the annual meeting. It also offers training sessions, the annual dinner, and special reports on urban issues. Mr. Wild was instructed to pay the \$200 annual fee for Watterson Park.

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting – Mayor Chesser reported that she will be attending the next Board meeting on June 13 and asked for Council members to let her know if there's anything they would like her to bring up at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. Motion carried 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 7-10-17.



Linda Chesser, Mayor



Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.