

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

April 8, 2024

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

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Todd O'Bryan, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jean Hall; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present were Attorney John Treitz, Attorney Duncan Crosby, Deputy Sheriff Rob Skaggs, Brandon Vincent with County Wide Lawn & Landscaping, and Todd Preher with Republic Services.

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

Sanitation Bids — Bids were opened by Mayor Chesser and read as follows:

RUMPKE

	<u>1st Year</u>	<u>2nd Year</u>
Residential Homes:		
Garbage: Monthly cost per residential home for 1x per week curbside pick-up (2 carts)	\$17.00	\$17.68
Recycling: Monthly cost per residential home for 2x per month recycling	\$5.75	\$5.98
Composting: Monthly cost per residential home for 2x per month composting	\$5.75	\$5.98

Mobile Homes:

Garbage: Monthly cost per mobile home for 1x per week curbside pick-up (1 cart)	\$17.00	\$17.68
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Large-trash pick-up for Residential and Mobile Homes:

• Annual cost for semi-annual large trash pick-up (<i>quoted per cleanup</i>)	\$296.40/3-hr min \$46.80/ton	\$308.26/3-hr min \$48.67/ton
• One large trash item picked up per week at NO CHARGE . To schedule, resident must contact sanitation provider 1 day in advance of desired pickup.		

The representative for Rumpke was not present.

REPUBLIC SERVICES

	<u>1st Year</u>	<u>2nd Year</u>
Residential Homes:		
Garbage: Monthly cost per residential home for 1x per week curbside pick-up (2 carts)	\$13.00	\$13.65
Recycling: Monthly cost per residential home for 2x per month recycling	\$4.25	\$4.46
Composting: Monthly cost per residential home for 2x per month composting	\$5.00	\$5.25

Mobile Homes:

Garbage: Monthly cost per mobile home for 1x per week curbside pick-up (1 cart)	\$13.00	\$13.65
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Large-trash pick-up for Residential and Mobile Homes:

• Annual cost for semi-annual large trash pick-up	No charge	No charge
• One large trash item picked up per week at NO CHARGE . To schedule, resident must contact sanitation provider 2 days in advance of desired pickup.		

Attorney Treitz asked Mr. Preher why the rate is the same to pick up two carts for residential homes and to pick up one cart for mobile homes. Mr. Preher explained that it is a blended, or averaged, rate. Mr. Preher mentioned that they are implementing AI, which should streamline services. They have an app available to customers to keep them informed. Mr. Preher left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024, 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, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Todd O'Bryan, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Hall reported revenues for the month of March in the amount of \$42,005. She noted that \$12,500 of the Property Tax – Auto was for February that didn't come in until March. The \$1,235 under Other Revenues was from HB413. Mrs. Hall reported expenses in the amount \$51,562. She clarified that under Legal & Professional, we had accrued \$9,000 in February and it came in at a little more than \$12,000; she accrued another \$9,000 for March. Mrs. Hall reported a net income of -\$9,557. She explained that because of recent activity with the land purchase and sidewalk construction expenses, she included a more detailed Balance Sheet comparing where we are at the end of March 2024 to where we were as of June 30, 2023. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Todd O'Bryan, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Attorney Crosby clarified that we have a report due for ARPA funds at the end of this month that KIPDA is working on. He said that Mrs. Hall provided him the numbers needed for the report, which he passed along to KIPDA. He reported that this is the last year to expend or commit those moneys. We have a little less than \$22,000 of remaining ARPA funds; we will expend them all.

OLD BUSINESS

1391 Gardiner Lane Property — Attorney Treitz reported that the property at 1391 Gardiner Lane has been officially purchased. He congratulated the Council and said this asset will make a huge difference for our community. Mayor Chesser has a trespass waiver for this property ready to be notarized and filed; she will contact Saf-Ti-Co to have No Trespassing signs made and installed on this property. Attorney Treitz approached KFC to see if they would allow us to use some of their parking spaces so that our residents can access our property. We would need to put in a path from the parking lot onto the property.

Sign for Walking Path — Mayor Chesser and Mr. Bourke weren't happy with the sign Saf-Ti-Co made for the walking path, so Saf-Ti-Co agreed to remake it.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 — Mrs. Hall went over each line item of the proposed budget, comparing to the previous fiscal year budget and explaining how we determined each amount. Attorney Treitz gave a summary of the proposed budget ordinance, which provides for new revenue under General Fund of \$1,089,000, and under Municipal Aid Fund (MAF) of \$23,000. It is expected that the City will have total funds under the General Fund of \$7,254,000, under MAF of \$78,000, and under ARPA Fund of \$5,000. The budget anticipates Appropriations during the fiscal year from the General Fund of \$1,080,000, from MAF of \$78,000, and from ARPA Fund of \$5,000, leaving a balance in the General Fund of \$6,174,000 and a zero balance in both the MAF and ARPA Funds. Ms. Ewan introduced the budget ordinance and read it by title only.

OLD BUSINESS

Stober Road Flooding — Because of the recent heavy rains, we have been monitoring the affected roads. We continue to be frustrated by the situation. Mayor Chesser reported a sinkhole on Conaem Drive to MSD.

Ordinance Increasing the Salary of the Mayor — Since Ms. Garrett found out that the office of Mayor will not be up for election until 2026, she withdrew the ordinance. Council members concurred.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Estimates were received from County Wide Lawn & Landscaping and read by Mayor Chesser. Brandon Vincent was present to answer any questions regarding the estimates.

- Estimate #2909 in the amount of \$445 – Plant flowers, add topsoil, fertilize, and mulch at the Lillian Wild Walking Path. Mr. Bourke made a motion to approve the estimate; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Todd

- O'Bryan, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.
- Estimate #2907 in the amount of \$1,000 – Remove overgrowth, remove tree, trim, and dump fee at 1391 Gardiner Lane. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the estimate; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. After further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Todd O'Bryan, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.
 - Estimate #2908 in the amount of \$400 – Clean up curbs/gutters along Champions Trace. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the estimate; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Todd O'Bryan, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.
 - Estimate #2906 in the amount of \$3,880 – Fill in washed-out areas with dense grade/topsoil, seed with fescue, add starter fertilizer, and use straw erosion mats at 1391 Gardiner Lane. Attorney Crosby said that doing so would minimize our liability risk, especially since there are no current plans for development of the property. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the estimate; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Todd O'Bryan, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.
 - Estimate #2904 in the amount of \$800 per mow – Monthly finish mowing including trimming at 1391 Gardiner Lane. Mr. Bourke made a motion to approve the estimate; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Todd O'Bryan, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.
 - Estimate #2905 in the amount of \$7,220 – Weekly mowing and trimming at 1391 Gardiner Lane. We will hold this estimate and revisit it in the future if we determine that weekly mowing is needed.
- Mr. Vincent left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

REACH Alert System — Ms. Ewan said more people have signed up. Mrs. Keefe reported that she updated our website, moving the sign-up information to a more prominent location on our website Home page and adding a QR code for easier access via a smart device.

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

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for April. We currently have a few shifts that haven't been filled.

Newburg Road Sidewalk — Mayor Chesser reported that the bid for construction of this sidewalk was awarded to Flynn Brothers. She doesn't know when construction will begin.

Watterson Park Trees (Metro) — There was nothing new to report.

Robards Lane — There was nothing new to report.

Ethics Board — There was nothing new to report.

Welcome Baskets — Welcome baskets were delivered to several new residences in the City.

JCPS Food Truck Event — Ms. Ewan reported that she and Mayor Chesser attended this event on March 15 and were impressed with the facility and personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports —

Mr. O'Bryan reported that there are three street lights that need to be replaced; he reported them to LG&E.

Mr. Fortwengler reported that he hasn't found any additional potholes.

Mrs. Welsh reported that she will make another attempt to contact Mr. Oleker regarding the neighborhood event he was planning at the Resurrection Lutheran Church.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mr. Bourke hopes to attend the next meeting of this Board, which will be held on Wednesday, April 10. Mayor Chesser reported that the Meet Your Beat Officer event was poorly attended.

Sanitation Contract Award — Mrs. Hall ran the numbers on the sanitation bids. She determined that the annual cost for Republic Services for the first year would be approximately \$72,921, which is an increase from the roughly \$64,000 we are currently paying. The bid from Rumpke exceeds \$90,000. Mr. Bourke made a motion to accept the bid from Republic Services; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Todd O’Bryan, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Mayor Chesser will contact Mr. Preher with Republic Services to let him know their bid was accepted and to begin the process of drafting and signing the contract.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, Todd O’Bryan, and Marlene Welsh. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0 and meeting adjourned at 9:31 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 _____.

Linda Chesser, Mayor

Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe from notes and audio recording.