

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

April 13, 2026

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

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Shelia Bumphus, Jay Bourke, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O’Bryan; Treasurer Jean Hall; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney Duncan Crosby. Also present were Lieutenant Rob Skaggs with KLE; Chris Pierce with Rumpke; Todd Preher with Republic Services; and Kaynon Martin with Current Waste Solutions.

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

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Sanitation Bids — Mayor Chesser opened and read the three sanitation bids that we received on April 10, after which Council was invited to ask questions. Current Waste Solutions clarified that they have been in business for three years and they don’t provide services for any home-rule cities. Instead of trucks with arms, they would be using free load. Mayor Chesser stated that we will review the bids and make a decision at our May legislative meeting. All three sanitation representatives left the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Discussion on the bids ensued, but no final action was taken.

Treasurer Jean Hall calculated monthly totals for the bids as follows:

SANITATION PROVIDER	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR
• Republic Services	\$6,698	\$7,033
• Rumpke	\$8,877	\$8,877
• Current Waste Solutions	\$6,633	\$6,633

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2026, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

Mrs. Hall reported revenues for the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$14,835 with \$44,912 in expenses, resulting in a deficit of \$30,077. She clarified that a large portion of the \$18,459 for legal and professional expenses was for the park development. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1391 Gardiner Lane Property Park Development — The current timeline for the park development is as follows:

- An invitation to bid on the Preserve at Watterson Park will be published in *The Courier-Journal* as well as on our website. Bids will be due on April 17 between 8 a.m. and noon at Kleingers.
- Bids will be opened and read at noon on April 17 at Kleingers, but no discussion or business will take place.
- Kleingers will subsequently review the bids and give us their recommendation.
- At a special meeting at the Jefferson County Farm Bureau on April 24 at 6:30 p.m., we will discuss Kleingers’ recommendation and potentially award the bid.
- Before we can execute a contract, money has to be appropriated for that purpose. At the April 24 special meeting, we will have the first reading of an ordinance to amend the existing budget for the current fiscal year.
- Second reading of the amended budget ordinance at the May meeting.
- We will execute a contract with the winning bidder.

Driveway Rights — We are still looking at developing legal options to address street parking and street access issues. This will be discussed at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Salaries and Pay Schedules for Elected and Appointed Officials —

- Ms. Garrett introduced and gave first reading to Ordinance No. 285, Series 2026, increasing the salaries of the Mayor and Council Members beginning January 1, 2027. Ms. Ewan would like to include an annual automatic cost of living

adjustment (COLA) in this ordinance. After discussion, Council concurred, and Ms. Garrett agreed to sponsor this COLA amendment. For the second reading, Attorney Crosby will amend the ordinance accordingly.

- Ms. Garrett introduced and gave first reading to Ordinance No. 286, Series 2026, amending Ordinance No. 243, Series 2018, relating to the position classification and pay schedules for City employees and non-elected City officers of the City of Watterson Park.

Second readings of these ordinances will take place at the special meeting on April 24, 2026.

Attorney Crosby left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Code Enforcement — Everyone was provided the March 2026 report and infractions were discussed.

Off-Duty Patrol — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for April. Most spots have been filled.

OLD BUSINESS

Off-Duty Patrol Stickers to Use for Watterson Park Businesses — Mr. Bourke obtained prices for a 5.5" x 8.5" fluorescent orange label with removable adhesive, printed with black ink. The cost is \$626.35 for 500 and \$769.16 for 1,000. These would be used by KLE off-duty officers when they do a business check. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the purchase of 1,000 labels for \$769.16; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Mrs. Keefe will design the sticker based on a sample form shared with Council by Lieutenant Skaggs.

NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous:

- **Mural** — Councilwoman Josie Raymond contacted Mayor Chesser regarding a Metro Council funded call for mural applications. District 10 is collecting potential addresses that can be shared with interested artists.
- **Charter Communications Rates** — Mayor Chesser received a notice stating that several fees/charges will be reduced on or after April 29.
- **Arbor Day** — Watterson Park received a 2025 Tree City USA recognition.

Sixth Division Advisory Board — Mr. Bourke gave a report on the recent meeting of this Board.

Committee Reports —

- Public Works Committee

Street lights — Mr. O'Bryan has reported eleven lights that need to be replaced/repared.

Potholes — The potholes that were reported at the March meeting have been repaired.

Pavement repairs at railroad tracks on Champions Trace — Only half of the crumbling pavement has been repaired.

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. Motion passed by unanimous vote, and meeting adjourned at 8:48 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 transcribed by Aggie Keefe from notes and audio recording.