

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

July 13, 2026

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

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan; Treasurer Jean Hall; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Also present were Attorney Duncan Crosby and Lieutenant Rob Skaggs with KLE.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2026, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Vote was 5 ayes and 0 nays, with Mr. O'Bryan abstaining. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Hall reported revenues for the month of June 2026 in the amount of \$21,066 with \$9,121 in expenses, resulting in a net income of \$11,945. She clarified that the -\$23,347 under Legal & Professional was for legal expenses that we incurred earlier this year related to the park. She capitalized those legal expenses so that they show on the balance sheet instead of the income statement. From here on, she will have them go directly to the park. The actual legal fees for the month not related to the park were about \$3,200. Mrs. Hall also reported that we received a credit of over \$9,000 from Republic Services for overcharges. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Driveway Rights, Parking Ordinance — Attorney Crosby researched and distributed information regarding enacting and enforcing a no-parking ordinance at the ends of Larkmoor Lane and Milldaun Road. Passing such an ordinance would create a burden on the City to enforce it. Before he drafts an ordinance for our consideration, he wanted to make sure we want to proceed. The immediate problem of people leaving cars parked at the end of dead-end streets seems to have abated. Mrs. Bumphus said sanitation trucks have recently been backing down Larkmoor Lane and then going up the street to collect the garbage. Mr. Bourke said they are doing the same on Milldaun. This seems to have eliminated the turn-around problems for the time being. Attorney Crosby asked everyone to review the information he provided so it can be discussed further at the August meeting.

1391 Gardiner Lane Property Park Development — Mayor Chesser reported that MSD has no records of the under-street drainage on this property, and they asked us to calculate the flows and capacity for that drainage. We have completed those calculations and will submit the plans again, with the hope that they will issue the permit in two weeks' time. Mayor Chesser reported that Kate Karl with Urban Forestry said they will plant 26 trees on the park property. She provided Mayor Chesser with a drawing showing the placements of the trees. Ms. Karl's office will create an MOU for outgoing maintenance of the trees, which will be our responsibility.

Code Enforcement — Everyone was provided the June 2026 field report. In addition to issuing some fines, Mr. Stewart also sent a letter to the property owner of a house on Regina Lane where a tree in the backyard fell and damaged a neighbor's fence.

Off-Duty Patrol — Everyone was provided the Monthly Shift Postings for July.

Watterson Park Businesses/Off-Duty Patrol Form — Mayor Chesser asked John Aubrey for his opinion on off-duty officers placing door tags on businesses that they check, and Mr. Aubrey didn't agree with his officers doing this. As a result of this as well as some other potential issues, we will not be pursuing the door tags for businesses.

ADA Compliant Website — Mrs. Keefe will have more information once she attends the ADA website requirements webinar sponsored by KLC on July 29.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Order — Because we need to provide for the orderly continuation of the function of City government during such times as the Mayor is unable to attend to the duties of her office, and since a member of the Council cannot be assigned to perform this function, Attorney Crosby drafted and Mayor Chesser signed Executive Order No. 2026-001, naming Clerk Aggie Keefe as the primary delegate and Treasurer Jean Hall as the contingent delegate. Attorney Crosby stated that there are two duties the Mayor cannot designate: (1) Council will choose a member to chair a meeting in the Mayor's absence; and (2) if Council passes an ordinance and the Mayor is not available to sign it, one of the Council members would sign in her stead. If the Mayor is unavailable or absent for 60 days, the Council can declare the position vacant and can then move forward with a special election or otherwise fill the position.

Attorney Crosby left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Sixth Division Advisory Board — Mr. Bourke reported that there are upcoming community outreach events at various locations in August and September. Officer James Steffan was selected as officer of the month for his response to a CIT consumer having a mental health crisis. Multiple officers responded to the scene, with Officer Steffan swiftly diffusing the situation and securing the subject without incident.

Saturday in the Park — Mayor Chesser reported that the inaugural Louisville Parks and Recreation "Saturday in the Park" at Joe Creason will be held on July 18. There will be live music, interactive activities, and opportunities to learn more about programs, services, and upcoming initiatives.

Mural — Mayor Chesser reported that Masters' Supply is considering commissioning a large artistic mural on an exterior wall of their building. They asked if there are any business restrictions, architectural review requirements, approvals, or other guidelines that would apply to this type of project. Mayor Chesser put them in touch with Metro Councilwoman Josie Raymond, who is looking for buildings on which to paint murals as part of a District 10 project.

KLC 2026 Conference — Mayor Chesser reported that this annual conference will be held September 22-25 in Covington, Kentucky. After discussion, Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve up to \$4,800 for up to four people to attend; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Cyber Insurance — Dave Terrell, our IT contact, explained to Mayor Chesser why Watterson Park might want to consider purchasing cyber insurance. We will check into this further before making a decision.

Republic Services Charge for Large Item Pickup — Resident Alex Longino made Council aware that when she called Republic Services to schedule a pick-up of a large item, she was told there would be a \$5 charge. According to our contract with Republic Services, this pick-up is free. Mayor Chesser will make Todd Preher with Republic Services aware that this occurred.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote, and meeting adjourned at 8:05 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