

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

June 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jay Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Becky Ewan, Steve Fortwengler, and Gina Garrett; Treasurer Jean Hall; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Todd O'Bryan was absent. Also present was Officer Trevor Towe with KLE.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Bumphus made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2026, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Ms. Garrett. 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 May 2026 in the amount of \$80,586 with \$37,624 in expenses, resulting in a net income of \$42,962. She clarified that there was an additional \$7,000 in legal fees that were recorded to the park. Mrs. Hall also explained that \$10 of the amount paid for code enforcement was for Mr. Stewart's mailing fees. 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. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 — Ms. Garrett gave second reading by title and summary to Ordinance No. 288, Series 2026, adopting the City of Watterson Park annual budget for fiscal year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Mr. Bourke made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

1391 Gardiner Lane Property Park Development — Mayor Chesser was notified by Nima Mahmoodi that they are still in the MSD permitting process. They can't have any pre-construction meetings until the permits are approved.

Driveway Rights — After discussion, Council agreed that the length of the no-parking zones at the end of both Milldaun Road and Larkmoor Lane should be 150 feet. This would allow for safe turnarounds for emergency vehicles, sanitation trucks, and other large vehicles. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to install signs prohibiting parking from 150 feet to the end of the street on both Milldaun Road and Larkmoor Lane; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Everyone agreed that we need to do some research into how the parking restriction can be enforced.

Code Enforcement — Everyone was provided the May 2026 field report. Mayor Chesser receives copies of all violation notices from Mr. Stewart. She will provide Mrs. Hall with any notices that include fines. Mrs. Hall will send a notice to delinquent property owners advising that if the fine remains unpaid we can put a lien on the property. She will contact Attorney Crosby and get his input on the matter.

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

Watterson Park Businesses/Off-Duty Patrol Form — We have been discussing the possibility of designing a form/sticker for off-duty patrols to leave on the doors of businesses when they are checked by the officers during rounds. Mayor Chesser contacted John Aubrey to see if he has used a similar form and whether he would have an issue with the off-duty officers using it for our businesses; she hasn't heard back from him. She reported that Attorney Crosby has some concerns about the form that he feels warrant further investigation.

Officer Towe was asked for his perspective. Among his concerns were time constraints, possible liability, and not having time to address known hotspots in the City.

Mayor Chesser suggested that we send a letter to each business in the City to make them aware of the benefits of being in Watterson Park. She and Mrs. Keefe will work on drafting the letter and will send it to Attorney Crosby for his review and input. We will purchase an updated address list through United Direct Solutions.

NEW BUSINESS

ADA Compliant Website — Mrs. Keefe reported that she received notification from KLC that the websites for all Kentucky cities with populations under 50,000 must be ADA compliant by April 26, 2028. She will be attending a free informational webinar sponsored by KLC on July 29 that will address ADA website requirements and practical next steps. She is currently checking into ADA compliant website templates as well as any necessary software.

Sixth Division Advisory Board — Mr. Bourke reported that the Cookoff for Charity competition between the 6th Division and J-town Fire Department will be held on June 12 at McMahan Plaza. All are welcome to attend.

Committee Reports —

Street Lights: Mayor Chesser reported that Councilman O'Bryan is in the process of setting up an account with LG&E so he can more easily report and keep track of non-functioning street lights.

Welcome Baskets: Mayor Chesser will be ordering three welcome baskets for Larkmoor Lane. Mrs. Bumphus and Mr. Fortwengler will deliver the baskets.

TARC Signs — Mayor Chesser reported that a resident on Gardiner Lane emailed her with concerns about a new TARC sign that was installed on Gardiner Lane. Mayor Chesser called Jeremy Priddy with TARC to get more information but hasn't heard back from him. TARC will be implementing new routes when they launch their new network on August 2. Mayor Chesser will see what she can find out.

Homeless Encampment — Mrs. Bumphus made Mayor Chesser aware of a homeless encampment at the JCPS Brown Athletic Field property on Gardiner Lane. Mayor Chesser in turn informed JCPS of the encampment.

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 7:50 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.