

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

May 13, 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 Duncan Crosby; Deputy Sheriff Rob Skaggs; Geoff Wohl, Legislative Assistant to Metro Councilman Pat Mulvihill; and Jennifer Corum, Director of LMPD's Real Time Crime Center.

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

First on the Agenda — Jennifer Corum talked about the Flock cameras that are being installed throughout Louisville Metro and surrounding areas. They have installed 136 cameras and are planning to install 79 more. They have access to approximately 2,000 cameras when combined with surrounding areas. For any entity that wants to purchase a Flock camera, the cost is \$2,500 to \$3,000 annually per device, depending on the duration of the contract. There is a \$300 to \$600 installation fee. Ms. Corum will consult with their account manager to find out how much it will cost us as a municipality. Ms. Corum said they will look into where these Flock cameras should be installed on Gardiner Lane to get the most benefit. Mr. Wohl said Councilman Pat Mulvihill would be willing to partner with Watterson Park to help cover the expense.

Mr. Wohl said he noticed that there has been an improvement in the number of panhandlers on Poplar Level Road.

Ms. Corum and Mr. Wohl left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 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 April in the amount of \$60,556 and expenses in the amount \$40,426, resulting in a net income of \$20,130. Mrs. Welsh 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. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 — Mrs. Welsh gave second reading by summary to Ordinance No. 275, Series 2024. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the ordinance; 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 — Mr. Crosby explained that because of the property purchase, we need to amend the budget because the cost of the property exceeds the amount that was available to make that purchase. Mrs. Welsh gave first reading in full to an ordinance amending budget Ordinance No. 270, Series 2023, for fiscal year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Municipal Order — Mayor Chesser explained that on occasion between meetings, the need arises to purchase goods or services that can't wait for Council's approval. This can be done by municipal order. Mrs. Welsh read Municipal Order No. 1, Series 2024, authorizing the Mayor to purchase certain limited materials or services between Council meetings. Mr. Crosby explained the reasoning behind the Order. He said that this is entirely appropriate from a legal perspective and is very much in accordance with how the City has generally conducted business. In answer to Ms. Garrett's question regarding whether we can amend or rescind the Order in the future, Mr. Crosby said that we can at any time. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the Order; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. 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.

Congratulations to Duncan Crosby — Mayor Chesser congratulated Attorney Crosby for being elected to the board of Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana.

OLD BUSINESS

1391 Gardiner Lane Property — Mayor Chesser reported that the No Trespass signs for this property have been ordered and the trespass waiver has been filed. County Wide Lawn & Landscaping has removed the tree per the bid we approved last month. We might want to revisit the maintenance on the property in the future to get it mowed more often. She reported that Mr. Treitz is working with YUM!'s attorney to secure some parking spots that can be used to access the property.

Stober Road Flooding— There were no updates.

REACH Alert System — Ms. Ewan said close to 50 people have signed up for this service.

Code Enforcement — Everyone was provided a copy of the report for April. Discussion ensued regarding high grass on the property at Gardiner Lane and Bishop Lane and the residence on Milldaun that suffered storm damage last year. Mr. Bourke said a resident asked him if we can address the tree at the top of Regina that blocks oncoming traffic. Mayor Chesser will ask Mr. Stewart to check it out.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for May. Deputy Skaggs said that some of the open shifts have been picked up.

Newburg Road Sidewalk — Mayor Chesser reported that preliminary marking has begun for this project.

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

Robards Lane — Mayor Chesser reported that Attorney Treitz is working on this.

Ethics Board — There was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mr. Bourke attended the last meeting. Major Vance wasn't in attendance, so the meeting was short. Overall crime was down. Mayor Chesser reported that there have been some domestic incidents reported in the Fort Bluegrass Mobile Home Park.

Committee Reports —

Mr. O'Bryan reported a street light that was out on Larkmoor Lane and reported the one on Newburg Road for the third time. He asked Council members to call him if they notice any street lights that are burned out.

Mrs. Welsh reported that Mr. Oleker with the Resurrection Lutheran Church would like to have an ice cream festival on our walking path property on July 3. He has liability insurance to cover the event. Council agreed that September would be a better time for this. Mrs. Welsh will contact Mr. Oleker to get more information. Mr. Crosby will look into the legalities involved, as we currently do not have a process for issuing a permit to hold an event in a City space.

JCLC Meeting on Middle Housing — Mayor Chesser and Ms. Ewan attended a meeting on April 18 regarding middle housing, which allows for increased housing choices and opportunities. Ms. Ewan said that because we are a small city and do not have zoning authority, any time a home goes up for sale, anyone who purchases it can turn it into a multi-family home. This will go into effect in April 2025. She suggested that Watterson Park may be interested in purchasing available properties, then flip or rent them. We can discuss this further at a future meeting.

Rental Registry — Mayor Chesser talked about the possibility of Watterson Park requiring the registry of rental properties within our city.

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 9:28 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.