

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

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

May 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan; Treasurer Jean Hall; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Absent was Councilwoman Becky Ewan. Also present was Deputy Sheriff Rob Skaggs.

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

NEW BUSINESS

State Representative Daniel Grossberg — Mr. Grossberg was present and spoke to Council about funding that could be available to us through the state. He serves on the Education, Small Business Information Technology, and Banking/ Insurance Committees. Next year will be the legislative budget session, where lawmakers review and approve a two-year state budget, including operating and capital spending. If we have a capital improvement project coming up for which we need financial assistance, we can put in a formal request to the state for funds. If we put up some of our own funds, making it a split project, the request will carry more weight.

Mrs. Bourke asked Mr. Grossberg if he can assist a resident who is having trouble getting an insurance payout for weather-related damages to their residence. Mr. Grossberg gave Mrs. Bourke his business card and asked her to give it to the resident.

Attorney John Treitz arrived at the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Ms. Garrett asked Mr. Grossberg if Kentucky will continue to receive Section 8 funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support the HCV program. He said it is unclear what's going to flow and when. He is aggressively in favor of Medicaid, but it's currently on a 70/30 matching, and that ratio is going to change. The Federal government hasn't yet given them that information. The State does have the capacity to make up some of that difference.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Hall reported revenues for the month of April 2025 in the amount of \$86,329 and expenses in the amount of \$44,584. She noted that nearly \$4,000 of the amount under Public Works was for tree removal. This resulted in a net income of \$41,745. Mr. O'Bryan made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mrs. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1225 Gardiner Lane Development — Mrs. Bourke made a motion to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation regarding the proposed RaceTrac development; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0, and Council went into executive session at 7:36 p.m. Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to come out of executive session; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke,

Shelia Bumphus, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O'Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0, and Council came out of executive session at 7:50 p.m. No final action was taken during executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget — Attorney Treitz and Mrs. Hall worked together on a proposed budget and distributed copies of the draft budget ordinance. Ms. Garrett introduced and gave first reading by title only to the proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; seconded by Mr. Fortwengler. Mr. Treitz mentioned that the Estimated Fund Balance under General Fund is about \$800,000 more than we had last year. A large portion of this amount is due to the adjustment in property values. Mrs. Hall went over each line item of the proposed budget, comparing to the previous fiscal year budget and explaining how each amount was determined. We will give second reading at the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Robards Lane — Mayor Chesser provided pictures of the sections of Robards Lane that need to be repaved.

Mr. Treitz left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Code Enforcement — Everyone was provided a copy of the Field Report for April. Recent violations were discussed. Mrs. Bourke is concerned about a resident who obviously needs assistance with the upkeep of their property. She researched and found resources that might be available to the resident. It was suggested that Mrs. Bourke contact George Stewart and ask him to approach the resident to see if they need assistance. Mayor Chesser will contact a local Boy Scouts leader whose troop might be willing to help with the yard work.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings — Everyone was provided a copy of the Monthly Shift Postings for May. It was mentioned that there have been some recent break-ins at businesses in our City.

Driveway Apron at Residence on Milldaun Road — Mr. Fortwengler reported that as of Friday, May 8, this paving project had not yet begun. Mayor Chesser said we are still waiting to get the signed agreement back from the resident.

Flock Cameras — No update.

Regina Lane Curb and Lawn Repair — No update.

4317 E. Indian Trail Rezoning — No update.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports —

Mr. O'Bryan said that all nonworking lights that he reported last month have been taken care of. He has noticed additional nonworking lights that he will report. There were no other committee reports.

1391 Gardiner Lane Property Development Subcommittee — Mayor Chesser reported that only two Council members can serve on this subcommittee, because if three or more members meet, it is considered a Special Meeting and will need to be handled as such. Ms. Garrett removed herself from the subcommittee.

The Kleingers Group — Mayor Chesser mentioned that we need to find an engineering firm for our City projects since Bowman Consulting Group no longer does civil engineering. Attorney Treitz suggested The Kleingers Group, which is a civil engineering, landscape architecture, and survey firm. Mayor Chesser and Mr. Treitz will meet with a representative from this group for an introduction. Mrs. Bourke will ask her son, who is an engineer with a local engineering firm, if he has any recommendations for additional firms that we can check out.

LMPD Sixth Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — The May meeting of this Board was canceled.

ABC Notification for 4425 Kiln Court — Mayor Chesser reported that she received a public notice from ABC stating that the business at this location is applying for a Distributor’s License Transporter’s License. We did not object to this application.

Tree Funds Being Held at Metro Parks Urban Forestry — Mayor Chesser reminded everyone that we have \$15,750 in tree funds housed at Metro Parks Urban Forestry. She will follow up on this since the funds could be used for tree plantings on the 1391 property.

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. Voting yea were Jackie Bourke, Shelia Bumphus, Steve Fortwengler, Gina Garrett, and Todd O’Bryan. There were no nays or abstentions. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:57 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.