

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

May 11, 2026

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

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

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

FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Louisville Metro District 10 Councilwoman Josie Raymond — Josie Raymond, District 10 Councilwoman; Geoff Wohl, outgoing Legislative Assistant; and Justin Sofora, Mr. Wohl's replacement, were present to talk about their efforts to involve the community in District 10 and the many improvements they have made throughout the district. Ms. Raymond was excited to announce that Camp Taylor Water Park will be opening soon. Improvements have been made to several parks in the district, including Buechel Park and Klondike Park. They have a mural project in the works throughout the district, and miscellaneous events have been planned during the next few months. Ms. Raymond, Mr. Wohl, and Mr. Sofora left the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Sanitation Bids — Sanitation bids were opened, read, and discussed at our April legislative meeting. Todd Preher with Republic Services and Kaynon Martin with Current Waste Solutions were present for the award of the sanitation contract. Based on the long history we have with Republic, the ease of working with them, and the fact that we won't need to distribute new carts, a motion was made by Ms. Ewan to award the sanitation contract to Republic Services; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Preher will draw up the contract for our approval. Both representatives left the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. O'Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2026, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2026, special 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 April 2026 in the amount of \$88,223 with \$63,077 in expenses, resulting in a net income of \$25,146. She clarified that under Expenses, Legal and Professional, there was an additional \$7,245 that she put toward the park project. She will be reviewing legal expenses from previous months, and any that were for the park project will be capitalized into the asset for the park. Under Public Works, \$14,000 was for tree work from the previous month. On the Balance Sheet, Mrs. Hall set up a new investment account for the road fund that will earn more interest. Ms. Ewan made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

BUDGET ORDINANCES

Amendment to Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 — Ms. Garrett gave second reading by title and summary to Ordinance No. 287, Series 2026, amending Ordinance No. 281, Series 2025, relating to the adoption of the annual budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Ms. Garrett 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. Mayor Chesser is scheduled to sign the park development contract with Bornstein on May 15. Attorney Crosby will ensure that this ordinance is published prior to that meeting.

Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 — Ms. Garrett introduced and gave first 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.

OLD BUSINESS

1391 Gardiner Lane Property Park Development — Attorney Crosby reported that barring any unforeseen circumstances, Mayor Chesser will sign the park development contract with Bornstein on May 15. We will be ready to proceed at that point. He said that Bornstein is happy to work with any company we choose for the playground equipment. If the City is not happy with Midstates, we can request a change order or go with an entirely different supplier. Attorney Crosby cautioned that any changes we make could affect costs.

Attorney Crosby left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Driveway Rights — We need to decide on the parameters for parking restrictions at the ends of Larkmoor Lane and Milldaun Road to accommodate emergency vehicles, sanitation trucks, and other large vehicles. We will discuss this further next month.

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

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

Businesses/Off-Duty Patrol Form — This was tabled until the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Republic Services Refund — Mayor Chesser reported that Mrs. Hall determined that we have been overpaying for sanitation carts at the mobile home park. As a result, we will be receiving a credit of \$8,875 from Republic Services for overcharges dating back to July 1, 2024.

Salary for City Clerk — Mayor Chesser is proposing that the salary for the City Clerk be increased to \$1,200 per month effective July 1, 2026, based on the pay schedule included in Ordinance No. 286, Series 2026. Mrs. Bumphus made a motion to approve this increase; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Salary for City Treasurer — Mayor Chesser is proposing that the salary for the City Treasurer be increased to \$1,800 per month effective July 1, 2026, based on the pay schedule included in Ordinance No. 286, Series 2026. Mr. O'Bryan made a motion to approve this increase; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports —

- Multiple street light outages reported to LG&E by Mr. O'Bryan have not been repaired, and it is nearly impossible for him to get any information from LG&E regarding the status of these lights. Because of this ongoing issue, Council authorized Mr. O'Bryan to set up an account with LG&E for payments and reporting, thereby making it easier for him to report and check on the status of non-working lights.
- Welcome baskets were delivered on Regina Lane and Annshire Avenue. Additional baskets will be ordered for new residents on Larkmoor Lane.

Miscellaneous —

- Saf-Ti-Co is scheduled to do some sign repair and/or replacement work throughout the City.
- Mayor Chesser reported that the property manager of Ft. Bluegrass Mobile Home Park contacted her about a damaged drainpipe at the property entrance. Mayor Chesser reported it to KYTC and was informed that it is outside their jurisdiction. She will relay this information to the property manager.

Sixth Division Advisory Board — Mr. Bourke attended the May 5 meeting of this Board and submitted a report for Mayor Chesser to read on his behalf.

Rezoning — Mayor Chesser reported that she spoke with both Louisville Metro Councilwoman Barbara Shanklin and Geoff Wohl about the rezoning of a property located on East Indian Trail at Poplar Level Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. O'Bryan made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote, and meeting adjourned at 8:52 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.