CITY OF WATTERSON PARK
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

October 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 was Officer Adriano Aguayo 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 September 14, 2026, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mr. Bourke. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Bumphus made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2026, special meeting as received; seconded by Mr. O'Bryan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 2 abstentions.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Hall reported a negative $6,870 in revenues for the month of September 2026 and $40,608 in expenses, resulting in a net deficit of $47,478. She noted that approximately $1,600 of Office Expenses was for accounting software. 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

1391 Gardiner Lane — Mayor Chesser reported that excavation has begun on the park property. We have signed purchase orders for the playground equipment. Estimated completion date was May 2027, but that date will probably be pushed back because of the delay by MSD.

Code Enforcement — Everyone was provided the September 2026 field report, and infractions were discussed. Mrs. Hall reported that since January 2026 we have billed $850, but we've received only $225. Many residents just ignore the fines. Council agreed that we need to fine daily until the infraction is taken care of, and put a lien on the property if it remains unpaid. Mayor Chesser will discuss possible options with George Stewart and report back to us.

Off-Duty Patrol — Everyone was provided the Monthly Shift Postings for October. All shifts have been filled.

ADA Compliant Website — Mrs. Keefe will be attending a Teams meeting with KLC on October 20 to discuss ADA compliant website options. The cost for a website through KLC is $4,000 for a website only and $7,000 for a website that includes smart forms. Mrs. Keefe will check into the possibility of doing any future Watterson Park meetings via Teams instead of Zoom.

Online Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe has drafted most of the fall newsletter. Mayor Chesser will secure a digital image of the park plan for use in the newsletter and on our website. When all components are in place, she will send a draft newsletter to Mayor Chesser and Mr. Crosby for their approval. Once approved, she will immediately upload it to our website.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit Engagement Letter — Mrs. Hall presented the audit engagement letter from Cobb & Associates for fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. The cost of the audit is $8,400. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve $8,400 for the audit with Cobb & Associates; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Sixth Division Advisory Board — Mr. Bourke reported on the October 7 meeting of this board.
- They have a profit to date on the coupon books of $1,267.
- Officer Dan Marsden, the resource officer, is leaving to work elsewhere.
- Officer Evan Mauck was selected as Officer of the Month for September.
- Watterson Park received a thank-you for our contribution to Shop with a Cop.

JCLC Annual Dinner — Mayor Chesser reported that this year's dinner will be held on Thursday, November 12, at the Jeffersonian, with Kentucky State Auditor Allison Ball as the keynote speaker. We will send payment for those who will be attending.

Committee Reports —
- Mr. O'Bryan stated that all but one of the lights he reported have been repaired. Mrs. Hall has seen some recent credits on our LG&E bills for those lights that have not worked.
- Ms. Ewan reported that there is a dead tree on the walking path. Mayor Chesser will contact Brandon Vincent with County Wide to remove it.
- The possibility of labeling some of the trees in the new park with bricks from Bricks R Us was discussed, but no action was taken.

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 8:11 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 _____.

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Linda Chesser, Mayor

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Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes transcribed by Aggie Keefe from notes and audio recording.