

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK

LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

September 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 were Attorney Duncan Crosby and Lieutenant Rob Skaggs with KLE.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Ordinance — Council agreed that we will not proceed with a previously discussed parking ordinance. Instead, we will monitor the parking situation and re-address if necessary.

1391 Gardiner Lane — Mayor Chesser thanked everyone for being at today's groundbreaking ceremony for the development of The Preserve at Watterson Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Ordinances —

- Ms. Garrett introduced and gave first reading by summary of an ordinance providing for the assessment of all real property and for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes thereon at a rate of 5.0¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation for fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.
- Mr. Bourke introduced and gave first reading by summary of an ordinance levying an ad valorem property tax on all motor vehicles and watercraft at a rate of 7.0¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation for the year 2027.
- Ms. Ewan introduced and gave first reading by summary of an ordinance providing for the assessment of all tangible personal property and for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes thereon at a rate of 5.0¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation for fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

A special meeting via Zoom videoconferencing to give second readings to these tax ordinances will be held on September 21 at 6 p.m. Mrs. Keefe will schedule and host the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter to Businesses — Attorney Crosby will assist the Mayor and Clerk in drafting an informational letter for our businesses. Mayor Chesser suggested that we start working on this in February 2027.

Attorney Crosby left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fortwengler made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 10, 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.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Hall reported revenues for the month of August 2026 in the amount of \$88,762 with \$33,359 in expenses, resulting in a net income of \$55,403. She clarified that Office Expenses were higher than usual because of the \$650 annual fee for our e-mail service. Mrs. Hall will check to see if we received a credit for overcharges for street lights. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the report as presented; seconded by Mrs. Bumphus. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Code Enforcement — Everyone was provided the August 2026 field report, and infractions were discussed. Welcome baskets were mentioned. Ms. Garrett suggested that we include with the baskets more detailed information and guidelines for new residents. Council agreed to include sanitation guidelines and calendar, both Metro's and Watterson Park's code enforcement ordinances, REACH Alert, parking regulations and restrictions, off-duty patrol, snow removal, website URL, and any other information that would be helpful to a new resident. In addition, we will include business cards for the Mayor and Council member(s) delivering the basket.

Off-Duty Patrol — Everyone was provided the Monthly Shift Postings for September. All shifts have been filled. Mayor Chesser announced that our contract with KLE has been amended to include University of Louisville officers.

ADA Compliant Website — Mrs. Keefe attended the rescheduled KLC Zoom meeting regarding ADA website requirements on September 3 and reported on the compliance standards that must be met. April 26, 2028, is the deadline for compliance.

Online Newsletter — Mrs. Keefe is working on a fall newsletter. Included will be information on our park property, sanitation calendar, snow removal, large trash pickup, mid-term election voting, and an interview with Mayor Chesser .

NEW BUSINESS

Sixth Division Advisory Board —

- Mayor Chesser reported on some general information that was discussed at the August and September meetings of this Board.
- The Sixth Division will again be selling coupon books until November 1.
- Mr. Bourke made a motion to donate \$1,500 to Christmas with a Cop; seconded by Ms. Ewan. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a roll-call vote. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ABC Notification — Mayor Chesser reported that RaceTrac on Gardiner Lane intends to apply for an NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License and extended hours from midnight to 2 a.m.

Neighborhood Housing Regulations — Ms. Ewan attended a Louisville Metro Office of Planning public meeting on neighborhood housing (formerly middle housing) regulations on July 23. Ms. Ewan presented to Council a map of locations throughout Louisville Metro where neighborhood housing will be allowed. None of these locations are within Watterson Park city limits. The Office of Planning will submit the proposal to the Planning Commission for review and approval. If approved, it will be sent to Louisville Metro Council for final action.

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 8:29 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.