

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION SUMMARY
& TABLE OF MOTIONS

November 20, 2007

Mayor Newberry chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 3:10 pm. All Council Members were present, except CM Crosbie.

- I. Public Comment – Issues on Agenda-None
- II. Requested Rezoning / Docket Approval-None
- III. Approval of Summary – Yes

A motion by CM Ellinger to approve the summary from November 13, 2007 was seconded by CM DeCamp, passed unanimously.

- IV. Budget Amendments-None
- V. New Business

- A. Authorization of an Agreement with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. for the Architectural Design of the New Senior Citizens' Center. (415-07) (Hancock/Helm)
- B. Authorization of a Rental Agreement with the Lexington Center Corporation for the 2007 Kentucky Christmas Chorus. (639-07) (Ebel/J. Kelly)
- C. Authorization of an Engineering Services Agreement with Nesbitt Engineering, Inc. for the Whitemark Court Stormwater Improvements Project. (641-07) (Martin/D. Kelly)
- D. Authorization of an Assignment of Preservation and Conservation Easement to the Fayette County Rural Land Management Board, Inc. (642-07) (Van Pelt/J. Kelly)
- E. Authorization of a Permanent Storm Sewer Easement and a Temporary Construction Easement at 224 Forest Park Road for the Elizabeth Street Drainage Improvements Project. (644-07) (Martin/D. Kelly)

F. Authorization of an Engineering Services Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. for the Appomattox Road Culvert Replacement Project. (645-07)
(Rayan/D. Kelly)

A motion by CM DeCamp to approve new business items A-F, seconded by CM Stinnett passed unanimously.

VI. Continuing Business / Presentations

A. Intergovernmental Committee Report

This report was given by Chair CM Moloney. 1 motion came forward.

A motion by CM Moloney to have the request to rename a Park be submitted to the Planning Committee, seconded by CM Beard, passes unanimously.

B. Dog Task Force Presentation

This presentation was given by Chair CM Stinnett. There were no motions to come forward.

CM Stinnett stated that they had 6 task force meetings. He thanked the task force members along with his Aide, Dina Melvin. Their mission was to 1. review the staffing issue at the Animal Care & Control office; 2. review the leash ordinance; 3. review the kennel ordinance; and 4. review the barking/noise ordinance. In summary, the task force looked at 140 complaints over a 2 week period. He noted that citizens want 1. Quicker response time; 2. Knowledge-options; 3. Tougher laws; 4. Safer neighborhoods/better quality of life; 5. End their frustration. Animal Control & Care are not employed by LFUCG and the Humane Society is not a government agency. The task force found that the # 1 problem is not being able to enforce the current ordinances. The recommendations from the task force were 1. hire 6 more A C & C officers; 2. hire 3 more auxiliary personnel; 3. acquire 3 more vehicles. Other recommendations were: Council to review ordinance regarding animals, cats, and vicious dogs; 2. review status of service; 3. Co. Attorney's office to establish diversion program for offenders; 4. better public education; 5. establish oversight board; 6. establish more dog parks; and 7. organize an education booklet.

CM Gorton requested to speak. She stated that the A C & C officers' salary was very low. She also asked Andrea Weddle of the Dept. of Law if we needed to update information concerning dog parks. The answer was that we did not need any other updates.

CM McChord requested to speak. He thanked CM Stinnett for his work on this issue. He also asked what the next step from Council is. CM Stinnett

said that public input is still to be had and that Council should support the recommendations.

Other CMs made statements and asked questions. Bert Hawkins, retiring Dir. of the Lexington Humane Society, was congratulated on his years of dedicated service.

VII. Council Report

CM Gorton- Stated that CMs should have recd the Storm Water Oversight Committee packet; stated also that they should have recd the proposed Council Calendar for 2008; asked if other CMs had recd emails referencing no officials attended the Veterans Day Parade; clarified that she was out of state celebrating her daughter's 30th birthday and that she had not recd an invitation.

A motion by CM Gorton to place the proposed 2008 Council Calendar on the docket for December 6th, seconded by CM James, passed unanimously.

Mayor Newberry stated that he had not recd an invitation and did not just show up because it could have been taken as a political move.

CM McChord-KY Recreation & Parks Society honored several of LFUCG Parks' employees: Evelyn Bologna, Phyllis Arnold, Debbie Holleran, Diane Bonfert, Lexington Therapeutic Fitness Program, and Toyota American League; wished Dunbar Band well on their trip to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

A motion by CM McChord to place on the docket for December 6th a 4-way stop at Cornwall Dr. and Cromwell Way, seconded by CM Myers passed unanimously.

CM Blevins-A motion by CM Blevins to approve the NDF list for November 20, 2007, seconded by CM James, passed unanimously.

CM Myers-Re-iterated the Mayor's Night Out for the Tates Creek NA on 11/26 at 7 pm at Tatesbrook Church on the corner of Trent Blvd and Appian Way; congratulations to Park Place NA newly elected President Jeremy Brand; there will be 2 NA meetings on 11/29: at 6 pm the Mt McKinley neighborhood and at 7 pm the Carriage Lane neighborhood, both at the HBAR offices located at 3146 Custer Dr.

CM Blues-Announced the Northside Transportation Issues meeting on 11/27 at 7 pm at the Wesley United Methodist Church on Russell Cave Rd; also announced 2 NA meetings on 11/27 at 7 pm: Oakwood NA at the shelter

and Radcliff-Marlboro NA at the Northside Library.

CM Beard-Wished everyone a happy & safe Thanksgiving.

A motion by CM Beard to place into the Services Committee the matter of the Zandale ditch, seconded by CM Gorton, passed unanimously.

CM Stevens-Gave Corridors Committee Report; asked Council for authorization for Forestry to apply for a grant from Home Depot; the answer was yes to go ahead and apply.

CM Stinnett-Thanked Comm. Kelly and Leo McMillen, Dir. of Streets, Roads, & Forestry for paving Bryan Rd and Hamburg last Friday; announced the BSHS stakeholders meeting at 7 pm on 11/26 in the auditorium; on 11/27 Eastland Pkwy NA will meet at 6:30 pm at Christ Center Church.

CM James-Reminded Loudon NA of meeting tonight at 7 pm at 634 E. Loudon; thanked security for assistance in getting in and out of the building at 1055 Industry Rd at her neighborhood meeting; re-iterated Northside Transportation Issues meeting on 11/27; wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

CM Moloney-Stated that he had recd calls from employees which caused him to have a concern about the health care benefits-it seemed as if more money was being added to the Police & Firefighters accounts than the other employees who do not have collective bargaining. The Mayor stated that it might seem that way but the administration actually have increased the amount that is to go toward everyone else. CM Moloney stated that the Mayor might want to explain this to the UCG employees.

A motion by CM Moloney to place on the docket a 4-way stop at Addison Ave and Unity, seconded by CM Stinnett, passed unanimously.

CM Lane-Asked Comm. Kelly for an update on Saron Drive; asked if it would be complete before bad weather set in-the answer was yes.

VIII. Mayor's Report-None

IX. Public Comment-Issues not on the agenda-None

A motion by CM Stevens to go into closed session, seconded by CM Lane passed unanimously.

Work Session was adjourned from closed session at 6:30 pm.