

SERVICES COMMITTEE SUMMARY

MAY 6, 2008

Mr. Ellinger chaired the committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. All committee members were in attendance.

I. Solid Waste Roll Cart enforcement

CM DeCamp gave background information on this item. He asked how can they step up enforcement and fines so people will know they are serious about having this program. He stated in many areas of the city enforcement is not affective.

Penny McFadden, Dept. of Public Works, stated they don't have enough people to go out and be proactive. She stated they try to go after occupants first but if the occupants move out and somewhere else moves in it is hard to enforce. She stated there are a couple of ordinances that relate to illegal set outs and if the property owners do not pay the fines then they can place a lien on the property. She stated they wanted to do that with the herbies but it did not work out that way.

CM Ellinger asked Ms. McFadden for an overview of the homeowner's responsibilities with the solid waste carts.

Ms. McFadden stated in the spring, summer and fall it is 7:00 p.m. the night before and in by 7:00 p.m. the next day. She stated in the winter she thinks they can be out by 5:30 p.m. since it gets darker earlier.

CM DeCamp stated he would like for waste management to work with the council office to come back to the committee with some firm suggestions on how they can step up enforcement. He would like to know what other cities have that might help them come up with stronger enforcement regulations. He stated they need to start looking at the owners of the property.

Ms. McFadden stated they would be happy to do that. She stated one problem they ran into last time they were looking at this is KRS that allows the administration process limits how much the amount of fine can be.

CM Beard asked if the private haulers fall under this ordinance.

Ms. McFadden stated they asked for a legal opinion several years ago and it stated that they did not fall under this ordinance. She stated they can request clarification on this. Ms. McFadden stated one of the Management Partners recommendations is to franchise private collection.

She stated that would help them deal with the private haulers. She stated they look for those who leave their carts out all the time and abuse it.

CM Blevins asked how many personnel are assigned to this.

Mr. Feese stated one person.

CM Blevins stated they give warnings first.

Ms. McFadden stated they are fined on the third occurrence.

Ms. Charlotte Turley explained the process.

CM Blevins asked what her experience is when someone receives a ticket.

Ms. Turley stated approximately 70% adhere to the tickets. She stated they need to do an aggressive campaign about the enforcement ordinance. She stated she is asked a lot of times when did enforcement begin.

CM Henson asked how many complaints they receive a day.

Ms. Turley stated it varies. She stated approximately 5 to 8 a day.

CM Henson asked if the fines are paid directly to solid waste.

Ms. Turley stated they are paid to solid waste.

CM Ellinger asked if it is mainly complaint driven.

Ms. Turley stated that is correct but she does do some areas that aren't complaint driven if she knows it is a problem area.

CM Blues thanked Ms. Turley for the wonderful job she does.

CM Ellinger stated this is something that should be put on GTV3.

II. Zandale Storm Water Ditch Update

CM Beard gave an update on the Zandale storm water ditch.

Morgan McElwain, landscape architect, gave an overview of options for the Zandale storm water ditch.

CM Beard stated he doesn't know if there are any baby steps they can take but he knows the numbers for the project is something that they can't come up with at this time.

Mr. McElwain stated one option is phasing this. He also stated he could come back with numbers for a smaller scale project for softening the look of the area.

CM Blevins stated the consent decree requires them to redo project list for storm water improvements. He stated when they re evaluate that list one of the weighing factors needs to be water quality. CM Blevins stated he thinks this project will jump up.

III. Items In Committee

A motion by CM DeCamp to leave the current vicious dog ordinance as is, seconded by CM Blevins, and passed without dissent.

A motion by CM Beard to remove the issue of traffic calming on Harvard Dr, seconded by CM DeCamp, and passed without dissent.

A motion by CM Beard to remove the issue of no parking signage on Belvoir Dr between Malabu, and crest of the hill, seconded by CM Blevins, and passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.