

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION SUMMARY

August 26, 2008

Mayor Newberry chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 3:00pm. All Council Members were in attendance.

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

- III. Approval of Summary

Motion by Beard to approve the 8-19-08 summary, seconded by Ellinger motion passed.

- IV. Budget Amendments - None

- V. New Business

Motion by Gorton to approve new business items, seconded by Blues, motion passed.

- VI. Continuing Business/Presentations

Motion by Blevins to add Discussion & Setting of Tentative Property Tax Rates as item "G" under continuing Business/Presentations, seconded by Gorton, motion passed.

Corridors Committee update from the 8-19-08 meeting given by David Stevens. No motions came from this report.

Planning Committee update from the 8-19-08 meeting given by Linda Gorton. Several motions came for this report.

Motion by Gorton to move the smoking (clean air act) ordinance review from the Planning Committee to Services Committee seconded by Ellinger, motion passed.

Motion by Gorton to endorse the Downtown Street Scape Master Plan with the condition an oversight committee be established, seconded by Crosbie, motion passed.

Motion by Gorton to remove the TIF issue from the Planning Committee agenda, seconded by James, motion passed.

Motion by Gorton to remove the Eastern State Site Plan from the Planning Committee agenda, seconded by Crosbie, motion passed.

Motion by Gorton to remove the issue of constructed wetlands from the Planning Committee agenda, seconded by Crosbie, motion passed.

Motion by Blues to hold an extended Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, 9-23-08 changing the start time to 11:00 am from 1:00 pm, seconded by Beard, motion passed.

Services Committee update from the 8-12-08 meeting given by Chuck Ellinger who asked Dick DeCamp to give an update on the News Rack Task Force. Two motions came from this report.

Motion by Ellinger to refer the issue of residential parking on Transylvania Park to the Parking Authority, seconded by Blevins, motion passed.

Motion by Ellinger to combine the Citizen's Advocate Standards and Citizen's Advocate Policy and Procedures, and place into Intergovernmental Committee, seconded by Myers, motion passed.

TIF Task Force Report - Mr. Parsons, Attorney with the firm of Taft, Hollister gave council an overview of TIF concept and update on the recent work of the task force. He touched on understanding the process, participation, creating TIF districts, local and state governments' roles, development plans, project lists and timelines.

After a lengthy question and answer phase, David Stevens proposed a resolution of intent and to tentatively hold a public hearing 9-11-08.

Several council members had questions about project lists, development plans and debit issues. They expressed concern about moving forward with a resolution of intent and preparing an ordinance before a public meeting could be held. Some council members stated they were expecting only an update on the TIF Task Force and were not prepared to vote on either a resolution of intent or ordinance at this time.

Motion by Myers to table the proposed resolution of intent to move the TIF process forward until the 9-9-08 Work Session, seconded by James, motion carried with a vote of 11 in favor, 4 opposed.

Disaster Preparedness Proclamation was presented to Pat Dugger, DEEM by Mayor Newberry

Bourbon Heritage Month Proclamation was present to Eric Gregory, President of Kentucky Distillers' Association by Mayor Newberry.

Discussion & Setting of Tentative Property Tax Rates

Motion by Blevins to schedule a special meeting of the council regarding advolenum taxes on 9-9-08, seconded by Gorton, motion passed.

Motion by Blevins for the general services fund 1101 to adopt option number 1 which leaves taxes unchanged when they are advertised for a first reading at the special meeting on 9-9-08, seconded by Stevens, motion passed.

Motion by Blevins to adopt option number 1 as the proposed advolenum tax rates for the Health Department & Soil Conservation District, seconded by Beard, motion passed.

Motion by Blevins to adopt option number 1 as the proposed advolenum tax rates for the LFUCG Urban Services Fund, seconded by Beard, motion passed.

Council Report

Blues thanked the quick work of the LFUCG Parks and Recreation Dept. when they responded to fix a broken tree limb in the Highlands Park neighborhood park.

Motion by Crosbie to approve the 8-26-08 NDF List, seconded by Henson, motion passed.

Beard announced the Lansdowne Neighborhood Assoc. picnic to be held 9-8-08 at the Signature Club on Lansdowne Drive.

Motion by Stevens to adopt an amendment to the current ordinance addressing police enforcement by permitting front lawn parking on University of Kentucky ball game dates, seconded by Beard, motion passed.

Decamp pointed out most of the UK area mentioned in the motion above was in the third district and many were opposed to front lawn parking. He urged residents to comment.

Mayor Newberry announced a neighborhood meeting to be held this Thursday at 4:30 pm at the Senior Citizen Center, which would also be attended by Mr. DeCamp. He encouraged residents who would like to comment on the UK game day parking issue to attend.

VII. Mayor's Report - None

Motion by Beard the Urban County Council enter into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(C) to discuss pending litigation against Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, pursuant to KRS 61.810 1 M for discussion of public record exempt from disclosure under KRS 61.878 1 M pertaining to security and response needs assessments, seconded by Stevens, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 5:44 pm