

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION SUMMARY

September 16, 2008

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

- I. Public Comment – Issues on Agenda
- II. Requested Rezoning/Docket Approval – Yes

Motion by DeCamp to place item 15 on the docket for Thursday, September 18, 2008 without a public hearing, seconded by Stinnett, motion passed.

Motion by Lane to place on the docket for Thursday, September 18, 2008, a resolution authorizing and directing the Dept. of Law, on behalf of the Urban County Government to accept a deed from Lynn D. Williams and James R. Williams and Ball Homes, LLC for a temporary construction easement at 4037 and 4041 Whitewater Drive and authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute the deed of easement, at no cost to the Urban County Government, seconded by Myers, motion passed.

Motion by Blevins to schedule item 17 on the docket for Thursday, September 18, 2008 for a public hearing on October, 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Gorton, motion passed.

Motion by Lane to place item 18 on the docket for Thursday, September 18, 2008 without a public hearing, seconded by Crosbie, motion passed.

Motion by Stevens to approve docket for Thursday, September 18, 2008 as amended, seconded by Beard, motion passed.

- III. Approval of Summary

Motion by Gorton to approve the September 9, 2008 work session summary, seconded by Myers motion passed.

- IV. Budget Amendments – Yes

Motion by Blevins to approve budget amendments, seconded by Stinnett, motion passed.

V. New Business

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

VI. Continuing Business/Presentations

Services Committee update by Ellinger, with one motion coming forward:

Motion by Ellinger to table the news rack ordinance until it is determined the self imposed enforcement by publishers is successful, if not the issue can be brought back off the table, seconded by Crosbie, motion passed.

Storm Water Oversight Committee update by Gorton with one motion coming forward:

Motion by Gorton requesting the internal auditor and council representatives, Stevens and Myers to review an Engineering issue, seconded by Blevins, motion passed.

Waste buster Presentation by Penny McFadden

Council Report

Motion by Gorton to set a confirmation hearing for October 2, 2008 for Board of Adjustment appointees, seconded by Myers, motion passed.

Gorton requested a future presentation to the council on leaf collection and pick up. She also told the council about the seat belt enforcement program "Buckle Up".

Motion by Blevins to refer a review of the list of items recommended to improve the budget process to the Budget & Finance Committee, seconded by Gorton, motion passed.

Motion by Blues to refer the issue of offering "Staying Union Free" as a training course by LFUCG to the Intergovernmental Committee, seconded by Gorton, motion passed.

James expressed concern about the feasibility of continuing the training course while the issue was in committee. Mayor Newberry asked Michael Allen, HR Director to postpone conducting the course until after committee findings.

Motion by Stevens to prepare a resolution asking the Mayor to notify NAH in support of conducting a study of seizure medication, seconded by Gorton, Motion passed, with James voting nay.

Mayor Newberry asked Logan Askew, Law Dept. Commissioner to brief the Council on a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Bluegrass Fraternal Order of Police for Officers and Sergeants. A copy of the agreement was distributed to council members. Several council members had questions specifically about the council's involvement and role in approval of any negotiations, etc. Mr. Askew stated the Kentucky Legislature would have to provide interpretation & direction regarding the need or not for council approval.

Vice Mayor Gray recognized all the effort that goes into these types of negotiations and suggested a having meeting before Thursday, September 18, 2008 for further questions and discussion if necessary.

After a lengthy discussion, Stevens asked Michael Allen to "walk thru" the contract. Mr. Allen pointed out the contract before them only listed those articles being amended and would be glad to highlight them.

Motion by Beard to place on the docket for Thursday, September 18, 2008 discussion and vote to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Bluegrass Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge no. 4, for Police Officers and Sergeants, effective July 1, 2008 and remaining in effect until June 30, 2011, seconded by Stevens motion passed with Gorton and James voting nay.

Crosbie told council about students from the Academy's visit to the fire station to present candy bars to fire personnel on September, 11, 2008. She also announced meeting of the Eagle Creek Neighborhood Assoc. meeting on September 29, 2008.

VII. Mayor's Report - Yes

Tim Bennett, Public Safety Commissioner gave council an update on tract of land on Leestown Road where LFUCG applied to build a new fire station. He talked about mutual use of the property by Fayette County School System. There were two representatives from the school system talking about an expanded agriculture, equine science program, plans for stables and using "green" concepts.

Motion by Stinnett to place on the docket for Thursday, September 18, 2008 the matter of releasing 30 acres on Leestown Road to the Fayette County Public Schools, seconded by Gray, motion passed.

Mary Ann Blodgett from the Mayor's Office announced the Neighborhood Summit to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at the Government Center, 200 E. Main from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Lori Henry is the Council Office liaison for the summit. Mrs. Blodgett welcomed input and feedback from neighborhoods' and council members.

VIII. Public Comment – Issues Not on Agenda

Two citizens signed up to speak to the council regarding Centre Point, the courthouse and TIF application.

Motion by Henson to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1) (b) and (g) to discuss an economic development matter involving real property. An open discussion would likely affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use and would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion or upgrading of a business. seconded by Stinnett. motion passed.

Open Session adjourned at 4:45 p.m.