

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION SUMMARY

September 23, 2008

Mayor Newberry chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 3:01pm. All Council Members were in attendance.

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

Motion by Gorton to approve the September 16, 2008 work session summary, seconded by Stinnett motion passed.

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

Ellinger had a question about item G of New Business which refers to the living wage and was told by Michael Allen, HR Director, 17 employees have been identified to receive the living wage.

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

- VI. Continuing Business/Presentations

Down Syndrome Awareness and Buddy Walk Day Proclamation

Mayor Newberry declared Saturday, September 27, 2008 as the 6th Annual Buddy Walk Day to be held at Keeneland Race Track at 9:30 am

Intergovernmental Committee update by James, with one motion coming forward:

Motion by James for building inspection to provide a list of business affected by the temporary structure proposal and to notify those business that have received a temporary structure permit in the last three (3) years to attend the November 2008 Intergovernmental Committee Meeting, seconded by Stinnett, motion passed.

Stevens asked James if the intent was to add the motion as an ordinance and be placed on the work session agenda. Myers asked if the work of the committee was completed yet on this issue. James replied no. Stevens then withdrew his question since the issue is still under consideration by the committee.

Leaf Vacuuming Program Presentation was rescheduled for September 30, 2008 Work Session.

Downtown Survey Presentation – Renee Jackson, President, Downtown Lexington Corp. and Phil Osborne, Consultant presented the council with results of a survey conducted July 30, 2008 to August 13, 2008. There was much discussion regarding findings with several questions, observations and recommendations from council members. Council member Blues asked for hard copies of the presentation. Mr. Osborne agreed to provide.

Council Report

McChord announced the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting at 6:30 pm that evening at Southland Christian Church. He congratulated Div. of Police and officers recognized at the recent awards banquet. He also announced the Second Sunday Event to be held from 2:00 – 6:00 pm in October. South Lime Street will be closed during those hours for people to walk, bike ride, etc.

James asked McChord if any business owners along that route should have questions about the event who they should address them to. McChord recommended calling the Shaye Rabold, in the Mayor's Office.

Stinnett announced an Eastland Parkway Neighborhood Assoc. meeting and encouraged the public to attend since the high school property issue will be discussed. He also shared details of his recent visit to Larry Roberts's office and said he plans to coordinate a group visit including council members for a Wednesday morning at approx. 10:00 am. James also commented on her visit and observations made. He referred to the second TIF project that was walked on to the docket and was concerned about each TIF project request being treated differently. He wanted to know if there was a process or outline identified in preparation for the upcoming TIF public hearings. He asked the Mayor to direct the TIF hearings be broadcasted on GTV3.

Lane commented on his recent visit to the Horse Park stating he was very impressed and commended them on a flawless organization.

Blues announced the Spicewood Neighborhood Assoc. meeting and also encouraged public participation in the Bryan Station High School discussion previously referred to by Stinnett.

A motion by Myers to approve the NDF list dated September 23, 2008, seconded by Gorton, motion passed.

Myers also had a question about the sign ordinance and was told by DeCamp that motion and request for an ordinance had already been placed in the Services Committee. Myers asked the Services Committee chair if the issue might be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion by McChord to direct the TIF Delegation to create a project summary, list of standards that would be presented prior to any public hearing. The summary would include" timeframes & costing, general statement of finance, if or how much public money required upfront, track record/performance history of developer, seconded by Lane, motion passed.

Gray indicated he would like to discuss the motion before voting and suggested the TIF Delegation review, evaluate and determine the attributes of a report from Laura Daugherty.

Blevins also commented about the need for a basic list of standards since there have been not one but two TIF applications brought forward. He did not wish to slow the process of those, but stated beyond those, there was a need for a process, standards, etc.

Stevens talked about why the TIF Task Force Delegation was created and the intent and expectations for it.

Beard reminded the council of the time line starting with the first TIF meeting, July 17, 2008 and pressure to get things done with legislation in Frankfort. He said approx. 80% of the TIF process is dictated by state government and not by LFUCG.

James did not agree with the decision for a project summary and list of standards coming from the TIF Delegation but would rather see the matter in a council committee.

Mayor Newberry directed the Council Administrator to have Paul Schoninger, TIF Delegation staff person to add McChord's motion to the agenda for information/action/discussion at the next TIF Delegation meeting October 1, 2008.

VII. Mayor's Report - None

Mayor Newberry announced a reminder of 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.

VIII. Public Comment – Issues Not on Agenda

One citizen spoke before the council.

Motion by Gorton to adjourn work session, seconded by Myers, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.