URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION SUMMARY

October 7, 2008

Mayor Newberry chaired the meeting, calling it to order at 3:00

pm. All Council Members, except Andrea James were in attendance.

I. Public Comment – Issues on Agenda - None

II. Requested Rezonings/Docket Approval - None

III. Approval of Summary

Motion by Gorton to approve the September 30, 2008 work session summary, seconded by Blevins motion passed without dissent.

IV. Budget Amendments - None

V. New Business

Motion by DeCamp to approve new business , seconded by Stinnett, motion passed without dissent.

VI. Continuing Business/Presentation

Budget & Finance Committee Update by Stevens with no motions coming forward.

Family Care Center Health Clinic Update – Commissioner Helms introduced Mark Birdwhistell and Dr. Jay Perman and gave background on the Family Care Center which opened in 1989 to serve teen mothers and young children and received a primary care center license in April, 1990. The presentation highlighted the partnership with UK healthcare experts, concentrating on three critical issues, compliance, accountability and access, saying that both UK and LFUCG were working together to deal directly with these issues.

Several council members commented on the team's work and were pleased with the UK partnership. When asked what the council might do to enhance their endeavors, they were told that patience and good communication were key.

Recognition of Customer Services Employees was postponed until a later date.

Introduction of Junior Fire Chief – Meredith, a 5^{th} grader from Athens-Chilesburg Elementary was named as this years Junior Fire Chief as part of Fire Prevention Week.

Monument to the Fallen – Lt. Jeff Garris presented a proposal to erect a monument honoring seven firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The proposed site is Phoenix Park next to the Law Enforcement monument. Lt. Garris advised the council of fund raising efforts and cost of construction. He said information regarding making donations could be obtained from the FOF website.

Gorton congratulated the FOF for their efforts and hoped the monument might be ready by 2010 in conjunction with the World Equestrian Games. Lt. Garris said the goal was to dedicate the memorial one year from now if adequate funding was obtained.

A motion by Gorton requesting council to approve $10,000.00 from fund balance for the proposed Monument to the Fallen, seconded by Beard, motion passed without dissent.

Beard asked about the relation between the site for the monument and the proposed parking garage structure at Phoenix Park. Lt. Garris explained the monument plan has been on the drawing board for three years and even though they are aware of the recent proposals of a parking garage and Centre point, they did not know yet if site for the monument would be affected.

Lexington Fayette Emergency Operations – presentation by Commissioner Bennett was postponed until later in the work session, since a portion will be discussed during closed session and a portion discussed during open session.

Council Report

Gorton announced a book sale starting Sat. Oct. 11 through Oct. 19 at Mill Pond Center.

A motion by Gorton to refer the draft ordinance on Newtown Pike to the Planning Committee, seconded by DeCamp passed without dissent.

A motion by Stinnett asking that an update on the Day Treatment Center be referred to the Planning Committee, seconded by McChord passed without dissent.

Gorton advised Stinnett the October agenda of the Planning Committee was full. Stinnett agreed to wait until November to add the Day Treatment Center update.

Stinnett announced a joint meeting of the fifth and sixth districts at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 9. He also gave an update of road projects currently underway in the sixth district. He asked Logan Askew, Commissioner of Law to review and offer an opinion on the Neighborhood Development Fund (NDF) and council reports on GTV3 policies regarding any stipulations imposed 30 days prior to an election. He specifically wanted to know how any stipulations might apply when a council member was running either opposed or unopposed.

McChord again reminded the public about the Second Sunday event and gave status of trails in the ninth district.

Stevens announced the One World Film Festival, October 11 & 12.

A motion by Stevens to approve payment of $2750.00 from the Council Office's Economic Development Fund to Commerce Lexington for the Equine Industry Task Force, seconded by Lane passed without dissent.

Henson announced a ribbon cutting Sat., Oct. 11 for the new community center at the Village Drive apartments. She also announced a library branch dedication.

Gray announced the First Annual Art Shelter Summit, Sat., Oct. 11 to be held 8:30 at the Old Distillery on Manchester St.

Beard expressed opposition of residents of the fourth district regarding Tates Creek sidewalk money and said he would like to see a public meeting to discuss the project. Mayor Newberry suggested he and Beard meet to brainstorm a way to accomplish public input and allow those residents to be heard.

Mayor's Report - None

Public Comment – Issues Not on Agenda

Two speakers addressed the council

A motion by Lane to go into closed session for two purposes: (1) pursuant to KRS 61.810(1) (m) in order to discuss infrastructure records and plans related to the Pubic Safety Operations Center that are exempt from disclosure under KRS 61.878(1) (m) and; (2) pursuant to KRS 61.810(1) (b) and (g) in order to discuss an economic development matter involving real property. An open discussion would like 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 Gorton passed without dissent.

Open session adjourned at 4:25 pm

A motion by Blues to reconvene into open session, seconded by Crosbie, passed without dissent.

Commissioner Bennett told the council it was time to advertise for the first round of construction bids for the emergency operating center. He said the name of the facility has been broadened to public safety operations center. He asked the architect to give an overview of the Coldstream Master Plan which includes a 16 acre site which will now house the facility.

Blues referred to the change in location for the facility and stated there was a need for better communication regarding the relocation. He stated the new site chosen was near two neighborhoods in his district and he was concerned how any impact. He asked about the second access and where it comes out and if there would be any issues with radio, TV reception in those neighborhoods. He suggested a public meeting be held to hear citizen input on relocation and construction of this facility.

David Lucas, Enhanced 911 said Coldstream offered the LFUCG the alternate site which is twice as big, it offers a better elevation. Lucas added the buildings size needed to be increase due to a miscalculation about how much space was required for mechanical systems.

Vice Mayor Gray asked for further explanation regarding the increased cost of $42.8 million and was told there were two main components, 1) the need for dual sources for everything such as master generators, etc. 2) need for the facility be ballistic consistent by having bullet proof construction. Gray asked if they were asked to go back to the drawing board to cut cost, could there be a reduction.

Bennett said the original design for the project had all been done “in house”; however the cost of the project grew after LFUCG hired professional help to design the facility.

Several other council members had questions and comment about the presentation all revolving around the increased size, cost and relocation the project.

Work session adjourned at 6:45 pm