

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION SUMMARY

October 14, 2008

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

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

Motion by Ellinger to approve the October 7, 2008 work session summary, seconded by Blues motion passed without dissent.

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

Motion by Beard to approve new business, seconded by Gorton. motion passed without dissent.

VI. Continuing Business/Presentation

Services Committee Update - was given by Ellinger with several motions regarding the smoking ban and Transylvania on- street parking coming forward:

Motion by Ellinger to adopt the smoking ban ordinance draft as presented and move forward to put it on the docket for Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008 and to establish a public forum on Oct. 23, 2008 at 8:00 pm, seconded by Myers, passed without dissent.

James asked what was the difference between a public hearing, public meeting and public forum and was told it is like a public meeting where anyone can speak however, there is no required.

Motion by Ellinger to add "leased" after the word owned in Section 4, paragraph 1A of the draft ordinance, seconded by Myers, and passed without dissent.

Motion by Ellinger to change the word "facilities" to "buildings" in Section 4 (1), seconded by Blevins passed without dissent.

Motion by Ellinger to Section 3 establishment add" including but not limited to banks, laundry mat, retail stores, professional offices, restaurants, bars, gaming facilities such as bingo halls, pool halls, bowling alleys, childcare facilities, adult daycare facilities, seconded by Myers, passed without dissent.

Motion by Ellinger to amend the motion to include, "but not limited to", seconded by Myers, passed without dissent.

Motion by Ellinger to accept No. 1 of the recommendations brought forward by the Parking Authority and if for some reason they are not allowed two spaces by the BOAR then they will reconsider it for the resident at 315 Transylvania Park, seconded by Decamp, motion passed with one dissenting vote by Beard.

Motion by Ellinger to amend the motion and allow under recommendation No. 1 and 3 for additional residential parking permits and give the opportunity to go to the BOAR to request a permanent spot in the back of his property, seconded by Crosbie, motion passed with one dissenting vote by Beard.

Lane referred the smoking ban public forum, Thursday, October 23, 2008 asking how the public would be notified about having an opportunity to speak. Ellinger asked Lane to get with him about specifics so something could be prepared for notification and gotten out to the public in the next week.

Recognition of Employee Customer Service Awards – by Rama Dhuwaraha, CIO

The Lexcall staff lead an effort to identify and nominate six internal front line employees for exemplary customer service with the top award winner being, Phyllis Arnold. He also thanked the Lexcall staff who has handled 198K calls this year and recognized three of those staff members for their excellent customer service skills.

Comm. Koch said that not only Lexcall but many other departments and divisions also handle both external and internal requests everyday with great customer service. She introduced Tammy Walters, with Human Resources to tell about the Winners Circle Program. Ms Walters told the council the Winners Program was established was established last October to recognize employees who have completed at least five customer service workshops. She introduced the first six employees who have accomplished this.

Safety Awards Presentation by Patrick Johnson, Director Risk Management

Mr. Johnson explained there were many key elements taken into consideration when selecting these awards. He explained they are divided into two categories:

administration and operation areas. The first place winner in the administration was the Div. of Historic Preservation and first place winner in the operation area was the Div. of Code Enforcement.

Mayor Newberry congratulated all the winners in both customer service and safety saying even though constituent feedback is not always positive sometimes there is so much being done right by LFUCG employees.

Council Report

Gorton announced that October is National Shelter Month and encourage everyone to visit the shelter and adopt an animal. She explained the Lexington Human Society had place nearly 5,000 animals in homes this year. She also announced the Holiday Boutique to be held Oct. 22, 2008 to benefit the Human Society.

Myers announced the Centre Parkway Neighborhood Assoc. meeting to be held tonight at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church and the Gainesway Neighborhood Assoc. meeting also tonight at 7:00 pm at the Tates Creek Golf Course. He commended the Mayor and McChord for their efforts with the Second Sunday event, saying it was a huge success. He also thanked McDonalds for donating water and apple chips.

Ellinger echoed those remarks saying the event was great. He thanked everyone for their participation and said he hoped to see more events of this type in the future.

McChord said there were 72 Kentucky counties that closed their streets/roads at the same time in participation of a similar event. He thanked Lt. Doug Pape, Shaye Rabold and McDonalds for their hard work in making the event a success. He announced the Legacy Trail Ride, Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008 at 8:00 am from Cheapside to Coldstream.

Crosbie said the MPO 2035 long range transportation study was available on line and encouraged everyone to check it out. She told the Mayor the citizens of district seven were looking forward to his upcoming visit on Monday.

Beard congratulated the winners of the customer service and safety awards. He also commended the aides and staff of the Council Office who are also in constant contact with the public and other government departments representing council members and are often overlooked for their efforts.

Stevens said the two candidates running for 5th district council member will be at a forum at 7:00 pm tomorrow. The forum will take place at Henry Clay High School. He also announced the Ashland Neighborhood Assoc. Annual meeting Sunday, October 10, 2008 at 3:00 pm at the Ashland, the Henry Clay House on Richmond Rd. He said the state transportation cabinet awarded a grant for sidewalks on Tates Creek Pike.

Jams announced a public meeting of the East End Small Area Plan at 5:30 tonight at the William Wells Brown Center. She said the consultant would be there to show the concepts.

Blues told of the Meadowthrope Neighborhood Assoc. meeting at 7:00 pm tonight at the community center and on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008 the McConnell's Trace Homeowners Assoc. will meet at the First Baptist Church Bracktown.

Mayors Report

Mayor Newberry reminded everyone of the Neighborhood Summit to be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008 and encourage not only neighborhood associations but all others to attend. It will start at 7:30 am with a light breakfast and for details to contact his office at 859-258-3100. He also commented on the Second Sunday event, saying even though something like this is not an inexpensive proposition this is an example of our tax dollars at use.

Public Comment – Issues Not on Agenda

Mr. Lewis Cobb addressed the council

A motion by Ellinger to enter into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)© for discussion of pending litigation against Lexington – Fayette Urban County Government and proposed litigation on behalf of the Lexington – Fayette Urban County Government, seconded by Crosbie passed without dissent.

Motion by McChord to reconvene into open session, seconded by James, passed without dissent.

Motion by Beard to adjourn work session, seconded by Gorton, passed without dissent, meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM