URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION SUMMARY

October 28, 2008

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

I. Public Comment – Issues on Agenda - None

II. Requested Rezonings/Docket Approval – None

III. Approval of Summary - Yes

Motion by Gorton to approve the October 21, 2008 work session summary, seconded by Beard motion passed without dissent.

IV. Budget Amendments – Yes

Discussion:

Stevens asked for an explanation of 13 budget amendments covering purchase orders rolled over to FY09 saying the total was approx. $2 million.

Mayor Newberry asked that approval of budget amendments be tabled until Comm. Koch was present to comment.

Comm. Koch said this relates to purchase orders that are open for 2008 and continue to require spending in 2009. It is money that is reserved for encumbrances, involving contracts that start in one year and end in another. Stevens said he would like to see the list of purchase orders, to which Koch replied the Division of Purchasing can provide.

Motion by Gorton to approve budget amendments, seconded by Henson, passed without dissent.

V. New Business

Discussion:

Stinnett asked about new business items B & C regarding Cadentown, Versailles Rd. sanitary sewer project and item E Services Agreement with Wilbur Smith Assoc. He wanted to know if this was the number one project being recommended and if UK was putting any money towards it.

Max Conyers explained this was a matching fund for study and recommendations.

Motion by Henson to amend new business item E by changing Vine to Maxwell, seconded by Ellinger, motion passed without dissent.

Stevens questioned new business item D regarding Citation Blvd. asking if this will complete work from Georgetown Rd. to Leestown. He also wanted to know who is financing Citation Blvd. project and what the timeline is.

Ellinger also asked about the timeline and if this action would enable completion of the design phase. He also asked Comm. Bennett for an overview of new business item P involving an agreement with KSP for implementation of anti-gang law enforcement.

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

VI. Continuing Business/Presentations

Corridors Committee Update - by Stevens with no motions coming forward. He gave an update on sidewalks on Tates Creek Pike saying there are plans to write letters to citizens who live in that area and eventually hold a meeting for the public. He mentioned Versailles Rd. transportation enhancement grant. He told the council there was an issue about what the government can do regarding property, in reference to the Newtown Pike project, saying there is a meeting Nov. 22, 08 to further address the matter.

Planning Committee Update – by Gorton with the following discussion and motions coming forward:

Gorton explained contents of the tenant relocation draft ordinance which resulted from the committee's work on mobile home quality of life issue. The ordinance is designed to create relocation assistance to those displaced by rezoning, redevelopment or changes in use of property. She said the committee wanted to provide "seed" money for the program and discussed ways to finance the program.

Lane had a question about federal laws on relocation, stating there was no reference in the draft ordinance about limited scope.

James referred to section 5-105 to answer Lane's concern.

Paula King, Comm. Development told the council this program is similar but separate from the emergency housing program already in place and implementation would not be "reinventing the wheel".

Lane stated he was concerned the wording of the draft was too vague.

Myers pointed out a statement in section 5-107 referring to $200K, saying he was not comfortable with allowing money to sit in this fund year after year.

Motion by Myers to strike the third sentence in section 5-107 starting with "any amount of funding available to the program in excess of $200K that has been appropriated to the program by LFUCG may be re-appropriated to other programs or services provided by LFUCG", seconded by Ellinger, motion passes, with Beard and Lane dissenting.

Motion by Gorton to recommend the full council appropriate funding starting at $50K for the remaining fiscal year be appropriated funds permitting for this program, seconded by James, passed without dissent.

Other planning committee issues covered were to set up a workshop for a report and update on Newtown Pike status (Council Administrator and Andrew Grunwald, Project Manager) and initiation of a work group with council members Beard, Crosbie and Gray to further address the management audit.

Man O' War Boulevard Presentation Update

Steve Cummins Max Conyers & Ron Harrington covered current conditions and "things to remember", saying safety was paramount. Several conditions such as weather, poor signal timing, and work zones were contributing factors to congestion. They gave statistics on crashes over the last 5 years, traffic volume, peak volume increases and listed several traffic operation strategies, such as duel red signals, flashing yellow arrows, expanded fiber optic communications and traffic monitoring cameras as ways to enhance improvements.

Bob Bayert went over construction projects highlighting Liberty Rd, Osbourne Way, Helmsdale Todds Rd. and Star Shoot Bridge. There was also an overview of planned projects in 2030 long range transportation plan and current unscheduled project list.

Stinnett asked why there were so many projects taking priority over Man O' War, stating it was such an over used road with so many stop lights.

Mayor Newberry asked Max Conyers to review the process and how projects are selected.

Stevens referred to excessive semi truck traffic and asked if the police were enforcing thru truck traffic.

McChord talked about MPO and its responsibility to both Fayette and Jessamine counties. He said Man O' War was originally designed to be a neighborhood connector road and there were certain other projects supposed to happen and did not. This has caused huge demands on Man O' War that was never intended.

Crosbie also mentioned the strain on neighborhoods and police as drivers use neighborhood streets as cut- thru to avoid Man O' War. She also asked Max Conyers about how to coordinate responses from the state department of transportation. He said there are regular meetings with the state (district 7) office and told council members they were welcome to attend.

Myers asked about a list in the presentation and how it was prioritized. Mike Webb told council his team was not prepared to discuss priorities today, but would advise at a later date. He mentioned a guard rail on Appian Way in need of repair by the state.

Lane also expressed concern about Man O' War and making it a priority. He asked about a study regarding a by-pass. Max Conyers replied those results should be forthcoming soon.

Mayor Newberry asked Chris King about plans to complete sections of Polo Club. He observed the issues with Man O'War require a far better job of planning in advance and to be mindful that state and federal highway funds are currently in short abundance.

Council Report

Gorton asked Code Enforcement about campaign signs obstructing view of drivers. Cal Powell advised citizens to contact LexCall and report locations of signs. She announced the council office Bake Sale, Thursday, Oct. 30, 08 to support United Way and asked everyone to support Debbie Wagner, LFUCG Police in a Halloween contest for best decorated house. She unveiled the Div. of Fire's Susan B. Komen t-shirts in support of breast cancer awareness. She also announced the Fayette Co. 4-H Livestock Club start- up and asked Comm. Helm, Social Services for a report on aging in place effort, saying she would like to see a brief update at a future work session.

Stinnett thanked the Mayor for hosting the Neighborhood Summit. He asked about the possibility of installing a World Equestrian count-down clock in chambers, adding that many business owners are asking how they can get involved and be a part of WEG. The Mayor asked Comm. Koch to look into the request.

Motion by Blevins to refer the issue of back yard set backs to the Planning Committee, seconded by Blues, motion passed without dissent.

Blues also commended the Mayor's office on the Neighborhood Summit, saying feedback was good. He mentioned the public meeting held to discuss plans for the public safety operations center and announced two neighborhood association meetings next Monday at 7:00 pm.

Motion by McChord to refer the issue of SLX funding to the Budget & Finance Committee, seconded by Myers, motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Beard to refer the issue of dog tethering/chaining to the Services Committee, seconded by Gorton, motion passed without dissent.

There were no Neighborhood Development Funds submitted for approval at this work session.

Mayors Report - None

Public Comment – Issues Not on Agenda

Motion by Stinnett to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1) (b) and (g) in order 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 Gorton, passed without dissent.

Open session adjourned at 5:12 pm