

SERVICES COMMITTEE SUMMARY

DECEMBER 2, 2008

CM Ellinger chaired the committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. All committee members were present except CM Henson and CM Lane. Dr. Stevens, CM Gorton, CM James, and CM Stinnett were present as well.

1. Dog Tethering Ordinance

CM Beard gave background information regarding this issue.

Pam Rogers, Kentucky Director for the Humane Society of the United States, did a PowerPoint presentation for the committee called "Breaking the Chain – Giving Dogs a New Leash on Life".

The committee heard from several citizens: Mary Ann Fugate, SOAR; Janet Cowan; Kim Stewart; Pat Harris; Nancy Carey; Dianne Servis; Shirley Powell and Susan Malcomb, Lexington Humane Society.

A motion by CM Crosbie to create a sub committee to look at an ordinance regarding tethering/pinning dogs and report back to the committee in 60 days, seconded by CM Beard, passed without dissent.

2. Solid Waste Fee Structure

CM DeCamp gave background information regarding this issue. He stated over the years he has heard from several people about having a level playing field so we can have a fair approach to the collection of solid waste in the city. He stated he brought it up to see if there is a fair way to charge people for the collection of trash.

Paul Schoninger gave the committee information on user fees.

Commissioner Taylor stated she was introduced to this study that was done in November 2006. She stated since becoming aware of this study they have spent a lot of time looking at the recommendations. Commissioner Taylor stated they have focused more on the fundamental systems that would need to be in place to be successful no matter what option is chosen.

CM DeCamp asked if staff is interested in looking at a user fee from the point of view of a fairness issue.

Commissioner Taylor stated they could look at any option the Council would want them to look at.

Several CMs asked questions regarding this issue and expressed their concerns.

A motion by CM DeCamp to remove this issue from the Services Committee based on a forthcoming recommendation to place it in Budget and Finance Committee, seconded by CM Crosbie, passed without dissent.

3. Man O War Truck Restrictions

Dr. Stevens gave background information regarding this issue.

Lt. Pape stated Section 18.44 could be difficult for officers to enforce.

A motion by Dr. Blues for the Police Dept. to report back to the committee in 60 days with their findings from the surveillance of the area and a plan of enforcement, seconded by CM Crosbie, passed without dissent.

4. Items in Committee

No motion came from this item.

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.