

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY

DECEMBER 9, 2008

Dr. Stevens chaired the committee meeting, calling it to order at 1:00 pm. All committee members were present except CM McChord and CM Myers.

I. The Equine Economy in Central Kentucky – Equine Task Force

Dr. Stevens gave some background information regarding the Equine Task Force. He suggested that he and Jerry Southers go call on all the various elements and prepare specific recommendations for the committee's next meeting.

A motion by CM Gorton to take the issue of sales tax inequities for horse farm owners to the Central Kentucky Caucus and LFUCG's Director of Government Relations, seconded by CM Ellinger, passed without dissent.

II. Financial Discussions

Commissioner Koch handed out a draft of the November revenue and the October report. She went over the November report for the committee. She stated right now for November we are not in a decline, however; they do not know what December will bring. Commissioner Koch stated 2010 will be very difficult. She stated anything they can come up with in 2009 will soften what they will have to deal with in 2010.

Several CMs asked questions regarding the reports, national trends and about the number of retirees in 2008. Administration has asked all divisions to cut an additional 5% from their operating expenses. Commissioner Koch stated they are in touch with people at UK who is helping guide them to the indicators they should be looking at. She stated much of the national information is delayed by a few months. Commissioner Koch stated they had budgeted 170 retirees and as of December 5th there were a total of 107 retirees. Bill O'Mara explained the change to the minimum licensing fee that was changed by ordinance in June. He also explained the insurance premium tax requirement change.

Mary Fister, Director of Accounting, went over the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Dr. Stevens suggested giving everyone a chance to look over this report and place it on the agenda for next month.

Ms. Fister stated the CAFR will be on the LFUCG website for the public to see.

Commissioner Koch stated they want to look at a different format for the 2010 budget and will bring that to the committee after the holidays.

III. Internal Audit Reports

Bruce Sahli, Director of Internal Audit, reported out on the audits of Division of Engineering Project Management and Haley Pike Landfill Collection Process.

Several CMs expressed concerns with some of the audit findings. Mr. Sahli stated he will be revisiting with senior management in a few months to determine what processes have been put in place to address the findings.

Mike Webb, Acting Commissioner Public Works and Development, stated they are working on some changes and will bring those to Council as soon as they can.

IV. Man-O-War Projects and SLX Status

Max Conyers, Transportation Planning Manager, gave an overview of the Man-O-War study and the low build project rankings. He stated the projects were ranked according to the MPO's project ranking criteria. Mr. Conyers also went over the SLX status.

Bob Bayert, Division of Engineering, went over the proposed SLX allocations for 2009-2014.

Meeting adjourned 2:54 pm