

SERVICES COMMITTEE SUMMARY

MARCH 3, 2009

CM Ellinger chaired the committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. All committee members were present. CM Gorton was present as well.

1. Man O' War Truck Restrictions

Lt. Doug Pape listed some considerations for the Division of Police before enforcing this ordinance or "No Through Trucks" a few of the considerations are: Man O' War was constructed and it's intersections reengineered to accommodate truck traffic, enforcement would be manpower intensive, currently, there is no signage advising truck traffic that they can't use Man O' War, and truck traffic would be pushed through the cities highest volume corridors; Nicholasville Rd between Man O' War and New Circle Rd and Richmond Rd between New Circle and Man O' War. He stated his recommendation is that they do not enforce RCO 18-44 and the ordinance be reconsidered.

Several committee members commented on this issue.

Dr. Stevens stated he had been contacted by constituents regarding the truck noise in the middle of the night. He stated the solution to the problem could be restricting the use of jake brakes.

Lt. Pape stated that could be included as part of the noise ordinance and could be enforced countywide. He stated signage could go up at all county lines stating that Fayette County is a "No Jake Brake" county.

CM McChord requested to place this on next month's agenda so they can have more information regarding signage and the cost.

2. Alexandria Rd 1300 Block: Remove On-Street Parking and Create Center Turn Lane

CM Henson gave background information regarding this issue. She stated since bringing this to the Services Committee they have come up with a plan for this area.

Brad Frazier, Traffic Engineering, went over the plan for this area.

A motion by CM Henson to proceed with restricting parking on the 1300 block of Alexandria Dr. as presented by Traffic Engineering, seconded by CM Myers, and passed unanimously.

3. 2003 Public Utilities Task Force Ice Storm Report & Recommendations

CM Gorton stated she put this into committee to look at the recommendations to see what can be done better, what has been accomplished since 2003 and what still needs to be done.

Dr. Stevens gave an overview of the 2003 recommendations.

Commissioner Webb commented on Streets, Roads, and Forestry and the things learned from the 2003 ice storm. He stated they were able to address things very quickly in this recent ice storm.

David Freibert, Kentucky Utilities, did an overview of the 2003 ice storm recommendations and the most recent ice storm as to how things went and what still needs to be improved. He stated communications is one area that they have made great strides since 2003 but they still have a lot work to still be done. Mr. Freibert stated another area improved on since the 2003 ice storm is vegetation management. Another area of great interest in the area is underground utilities. He stated underground utilities is a big issue and will be looked at statewide. Mr. Freibert stated approximately 65% of the new developments statewide are going with underground utilities.

Several committee members asked questions and made comments regarding this issue.

CM Gorton stated it would be interesting to see a comparison of power outages between those with underground lines and those with overhead lines.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm.

