

SERVICES COMMITTEE SUMMARY

AUGUST 11, 2009

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

1. Taxicab Special Permits

Glenda George, Law Department, addressed the changes that are in the draft ordinance that are for special events only and for a specified time.

Don Daughtery, Operations Manager for Yellow Cab, showed pictures of cabs they are currently using in Louisville.

Committee members asked about the cost of painting the taxicabs and if there is a different fare for the painted taxicabs.

Mr. Daughtery stated they currently paint the taxicabs themselves. He stated if the partner wanted them to use a certain logo then the partner may cover the cost. He stated they do not want to make a profit on painting the taxicabs. Mr. Daughtery stated the fare is the same for all taxicabs.

CM Gorton stated any taxicab company could participate and it is a win win for the city as it is great advertising for a special event.

Ms. George stated this ordinance addresses specific events only. She stated it is not drafted for promoting public awareness but they can do another draft to include it.

A motion by CM Myers for the Law Department to look into what Louisville has done to permit the public awareness use as well and bring back to next meeting, seconded by CM Lawless, passed without dissent.

CM Martin expressed concern of unintended consequences. He stated he is concerned with the full scope of freedom of speech that could be put on the side of taxicabs.

CM Beard asked about the ordinance that Council passed concerning a geographical area that prohibited World Equestrian Games signage as it relates to people using it to draw people into their business. He asked if there is any conflict with this.

David Lord, Lexington Convention & Visitor's Bureau, stated there is nothing they would do without working with World Equestrian Games. He stated he would see this as promoting the games.

Mike Sanner, Law Department, stated the Clean Zone ordinance would not affect the advertising on a taxicab.

CM Gorton asked if Louisville has some sort of standards for the designs they approve.

A motion by CM Myers to move forward with the draft ordinance with the exception of (6) – definition of taxicab, seconded by CM Henson, motion passed.

2. Golf Carts on Public Roads

CM Stinnett stated the state statute changed last year to allow local municipalities to adopt ordinances permitting the use of golf carts on designated public roadways. He stated he has had some requests from constituents who would like to have this use of golf carts.

Mike Sanner, Law Department, stated the draft ordinance in packet is taken directly from statute. He stated his memo outlines the requirements of local governments and requirements of golf cart operators. Mr. Sanner went over some requirements LFUCG may want consider including in an ordinance.

Paul Schoninger went over the memo from the police department with their concerns. Their concerns are safety, administrative process and enforcement issue.

Committee members had questions and comments regarding this issue as far as accident reports from other areas that allow this, added responsibility to the police department and the scope of demand.

A motion by CM Beard to remove this issue from committee, seconded by CM Myers, passed without dissent.

3. Underground Utilities

CM Feigel gave some background information on the draft ordinance that would pertain to all new developments.

Ed Gardner, Law Department, went over the changes to the ordinance. He stated this ordinance does not include construction projects nor should this ordinance be the place to do that.

CM Lawless stated her concern is the cost that would affect affordable housing development.

David Friebert, KU, addressed the cost difference of underground vs. overhead utilities. He stated the cost for a project such as Newtown is \$35 vs. more than \$400. He stated in a green space such as a neighborhood development the difference would not be as dramatic.

Committee members asked questions and commented on the difference of overhead vs. underground utilities.

Mr. Friebert stated if an underground transmission has a fault/failure it may take time to find out where it is.

CM Lane stated Home Builders Association should review this draft ordinance as well.

A motion by CM Feigel to move the Subdivision Regulations as drafted forward, seconded by CM Myers, motion passed.

4. Items In Committee

A motion by CM Beard to remove the issue of Zandale Storm Water Ditch from committee, seconded by CM Lane, passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

