



General Government & Social Services

February 6, 2018

Summary and Motions

Chair Lamb called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Committee members Moloney, F. Brown, Henson, J. Brown, Evans, Farmer, Kay, Stinnett, and Smith were present. Council Member Plomin was also in attendance as a non-voting member.

I. Approval of December 5, 2017 Committee Summary

A motion was made by CM Farmer to approve the December 5, 2017 General Government & Social Services Committee Summary, seconded by CM Henson. The motion passed without dissent.

II. Voices of Hope

CM Stinnett introduce the Voices of Hope presentation highlighting how they are a needed recovery program in Lexington. Alex Elswick, Co-Founder of Voices of Hope, started the presentation explaining how Voices of Hope is a program that focuses on long term recovery. He said, generally, there is a focus on getting people sober through prevention, law enforcement and treatment, but post-treatment continuum of care is often neglected. He said addiction is a chronic brain disorder that should be treated over the long term but instead it is treated like an acute condition, highlighting how people need resources across the long term to maintain recovery. He highlighted three components to long term recovery. Sharon Tankersley, the Executive Director, finished the presentation with approaches and projects for Voices of Hope. She explained their pilot project, the telephone recovery support program, where Voices of Hope representatives follow up by calling their clients once a week to check in with them. She pointed out that their recovery meetings are more open than the traditional model and that people are welcome to attend at all stages of their recovery. She highlighted their recovery coaching program, a one on one mentor style of recovery support, and how they hope to launch that soon. She highlighted that their big goal is to finding a location for Voices of Hope, which will act as a recovery community center.

CM Stinnett asked how members of the community can get in contact with Voices of Hope. Tankersley provided their email address and phone number: info@voicesofhopelex.org or 859-303-7671.

CM Evans praised Elswick and his advocacy for the SAVI position. She pointed out what Elswick had to go through and how people didn't start caring about the opioid epidemic until kids like Elswick started dying and overdosing. She said she appreciates how Elswick has made this his mission in life and his education. She said she is proud of him for making this his life's work and pointed out Elswick's mission to make sure we, as a city and country, acknowledge the opioid issue and that we provide the resources for everyone, reaching across all geographic, economic and socio-economic boundaries. She thanked him for doing this work.

CM Moloney asked how Voices of Hope works with the Hope Center. Tankersley said they have considered them a community partner from day one. She said they plan to reach out to them soon about the telephone recovery support program for the Hope Center's clients as they prepare to exit their programs.

CM Plomin asked about who makes the weekly recovery support calls. Tankersley said they used primarily individuals who are not in long term recovery for the pilot project but said their goal is have a healthy percentage of their volunteers include people who have been impacted by addiction. She explained they have a specific training for their volunteer callers, and pointed out the unique support a person with personal experience with addiction can provide someone in recovery. CM Plomin commented about how she heard Elswick speak at the Lexington Forum and how Voices of Hope sounds like a wonderful program.

No further comment or action was taken on this item.

III. LFUCG Buildings Dedication Policy

CM Moloney pointed out how the Division of Parks and Recreation has their own process for naming their buildings but said in general, if someone wants to name a building its best to go through this committee. He said this resolution defines a clear process, outside of a CAO policy, and that he would like to send this resolution to the full council.

CM Farmer asked what facilities are covered by CAO Policy 49. CAO Hamilton read a portion of the policy stating how it only applies to park facilities under \$50,000 and anything valued at \$50,000 and above would come before the council. CM Farmer asked what we are changing with this proposed resolution. CAO Hamilton said this came about because of the question, how do you name a building, when the city was in the process of renaming the Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center. She said she did not believe it was appropriate for this to be CAO Policy because it would have to come before the full council for approval. CM Moloney mentioned CM Henson's effort to rename the Day Treatment Center.

CM Lamb mentioned how there is a subcommittee reviewing the rules and procedures and how issues come to committee. She said as it is written now, items can be referred through the Vice Mayor or by a Councilmember; the CAO would not be able to bring an item straight to committee. She pointed out how the resolution doesn't state who can bring the renaming item to committee and asked if we plan to follow the rules and procedures. CM Moloney said the only way items get placed in committee are through councilmembers and a renaming item would follow that same process. Stacey Maynard commented that we discussed this during the creation of the resolution and we assumed that the division director or commissioner could go through the committee chair to get the renaming item into committee. CM Lamb said she wanted to make sure this is a simple process so it does not confuse people down the road. VM Kay pointed out how the resolution uses a passive voice, shall be submitted, and does not say by who or how. He said he believes it should indicate who makes a request to the vice mayor or a councilmember to place this in committee.

CM Evans said this type of item would usually come from a commissioner or director, and usually from someone within government but she said you could have a petition from citizens and then the question is who they would go to, would they go to the chair or their councilmember. She said she thinks the chair of the committee is the correct person.

CM Henson said she thought we were complicating it more than it should be, we have procedures for placing items in committee, any councilmember can place an item in committee. She pointed out how

she initiated the renaming of the Day Treatment Center, how she placed it in committee and worked with the commissioner to get that done. She said in the case of the arts center, we should probably start with the council district where that building is located but said regardless, to get the item in committee it needs to be placed by a councilmember. CM Henson said if a group of citizens wanted to name a facility they would go to their councilmember and gave Valley Park as an example. She thinks we are okay with what we have in the resolution. She asked to have CAO Policy 49 sent to the committee.

A motion was made by CM Moloney to amend the resolution to add that a proposal to name or dedicate a government facility be submitted by a councilmember to the General Government and Social Services Committee, seconded by CM Stinnett. The motion passed without dissent.

VM Kay suggested the resolution to say for all proposals to name or dedicated a government facility, other than a facility covered by CAO Policy 49, in honor of an individual or group, the administration shall request that a councilmember place the proposal on the agenda of the General Government and Social Services Committee. CM Moloney asked what would happen if a councilmember gets a request from a citizen. He pointed out that the rules say a councilmember has to make the motion to place items in committee. He said he doesn't think there needs to be a motion and that the council should follow the council rules. CM Lamb commented that 10-20 years down the road, people won't remember that this resolution exists.

CM Lamb repeated the motion to amend the resolution to add "submitted by a councilmember". VM Kay asked the chair to restate the resolution how it would read as amended. CM Lamb read, a resolution requiring that all proposals to name or dedicate a government facility, other than a facility covered by CAO Policy 49, in honor of an individual or group, be submitted by a councilmember to the General Government and Social Services Committee of the Urban County Council for review prior to adoption or approval by the Urban County Council. VM Kay said the resolution still does not assure that the intention is going to be met and asked how a councilmember would know if something needs to be placed in committee. CM Lamb said a councilmember will know by several avenues, such as by a person from the administration, a citizen, or a colleague and stated she believes the amendment is sufficient.

A vote was taken on the motion to amend.

A motion was made by CM Henson to approve the resolution as amended, seconded my CM Evans. The motion passed without dissent.

IV. Items Referred to Committee

A motion was made by CM Evans to remove the hiring practices as they relate to criminal history item from committee, seconded by F. Brown. The motion passed without dissent.

For the item of removing elected officials, VM Kay stated that existing state ordinances allow Louisville to remove officers under certain conditions but that the enabling legislation for Lexington does not. He asked the administration to come back next month, showing the two ordinances and how they are

different to discuss whether the council wants to instruct the administration to pursue the sponsorship of a change to KRS with our delegation that would allow Lexington to do the same thing that Louisville can do.

A motion was made by CM Moloney to remove the buildings dedications policy item from committee, seconded by CM Farmer. The motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by CM Stinnett to remove the Voices of Hope item from committee, seconded F. Brown. The motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by CM Farmer to adjourn, seconded by CM Stinnett. The motion passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

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