



## **Special Planning and Public Safety Committee Meeting**

July 2, 2019

### **Summary and Motions**

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Chair Mossotti called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Committee Members Chuck Ellinger, James Brown, Josh McCurn, Jake Gibbs, Susan Lamb, Preston Worley, Jennifer Reynolds, and Kathy Plomin were present. Committee Member Amanda Bledsoe was absent. VM Steve Kay, and CM Fred Brown were also present as non-voting members.

#### **I. Approval of June 4, 2019 Committee Summary**

A motion was made by CM Plomin to approve the June 4, 2019 Planning and Public Safety Committee Summary, seconded by CM Ellinger, the motion passed without dissent.

#### **II. Regional Land Use Planning**

CM Plomin provided a brief background to explain that the item has been in committee for over a year and there is a group comprised of multiple partners including Bluegrass Tomorrow, Fayette Alliance, and Bluegrass Conservancy. This group has been meeting once per month to discuss the importance of communication between counties in moving forward as a region. She introduced Rob Rumpke, Executive Director of Bluegrass Tomorrow, who provided a presentation on the need for responsible land use planning in the Bluegrass Region. He said there is a need for better communication in the region between cities, counties, planners, elected officials, and stakeholders to discuss important issues. He described the regional land use partnership principles of agreement and how those work toward the creating a strategic planning document for the region. He said this resolution has been shared and approved in various counties throughout the region and the goal is to have the 18-county region adopt the resolution.

VM Kay expressed appreciation for the long-term commitment that Bluegrass Tomorrow has made to develop a regional awareness and consensus and said these efforts have changed the way people think about the need for regional planning.

CM Lamb asked if the area represented is the same as Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) and Rumpke said it is the same area, but Montgomery County is also included in this region. Lamb asked about partners in other cities and counties and Rumpke said it depends on the region and said the board of directors is made up 52% of members outside of Fayette County. Lamb commented on Bourbon County's acceptance of the resolution Rumpke said several counties have already accepted the resolution and meetings have been scheduled for other counties to review.

Mossotti asked if the resolution is the kick start to get more input and more mileage on this program. Rumpke said it has always been a scenario that Commerce Lexington has its job to do which is economic development and many things that are discussed on Chamber trips never get put into action. He said (Bluegrass Tomorrow) is a good vehicle to make that happen. He said our history proves that we have the ability to stop at any time and change direction to work on a new project or issue that the city needs.

CM J Brown asked who in Mayor's office has direct communication with Bluegrass Tomorrow. Rumpke said CM Plomin and Division of Planning have been involved, but currently there is no direct contact

with the Mayor's office. J. Brown said he is supportive of the resolution and asked what the next step is. Plomin said the first step is having the recognition that we need to have better communication in place. She said once there is consensus on this resolution and input received, we will develop next steps. Rumpke said each of the principles of agreement becomes a goal in the strategic plan so the next step is to continue meeting and communicating to address what is next.

CM Lamb commented on training for elected officials and pointed out that Kentucky League of Cities' has education in place for newly elected and existing elected officials so there might be a way to work together and get more people to attend rather than set up two different training sessions. Rumpke said this was discussed at a recent meeting and we are on the same page.

A motion was made by Kathy Plomin to Approve the Resolution of support for and adopting a Bluegrass Regional Land Use Resolution proposed by Bluegrass Tomorrow, to be reported out at Work Session today, July 2, 2019, seconded by Chuck Ellinger II, the motion passed without dissent.

### **III. Residential Parking Permit Proposal**

There was no discussion on this item; however, CM J. Brown made a motion to approve this item and have it reported out the August 13, 2019 Work Session.

A motion was made by James Brown to Approve the Residential Parking Permit Proposal for the 400 block of West Second Street and move to full council to be reported out at Work Session Tuesday, August 13, 2019, seconded by Josh McCurn, the motion passed without dissent.

### **IV. Items Referred to Committee**

A motion was made by CM Plomin to remove the *Regional Land Use Planning* item from committee, seconded by CM Lamb, the motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by CM Lamb to adjourn, seconded by CM J. Brown, the motion passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.  
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