



Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee Annual Status Review of Committee Referrals

Partnering with FCPS, Athletics Facilities

- Referred by: CM Moloney on June 21, 2016
- Last heard: January 30, 2018
- Item details: This item was placed in committee to look at the city's partnership with FCPS, including FCPS use of building permits and coordination with the Divisions of Planning and Parks and Recreation. A major discussion point is the exchange of services and assets between the two and whether the two could work together more effectively, particularly for parks and recreation. The presentation last January reviewed the different ways the city already works with FCPS. The Subcommittee on the Partnership with FCPS was initiated at the conclusions of that discussion.

Creation of Lexington Film Commission

- Referred by: CM Bledsoe on August 30, 2016
- Last heard: not presented yet
- Item details: This item was originally placed in committee to consider the creation of a film commission to recruit the film industry into Lexington. The state offers a tax incentives program for film production but it is currently under scrutiny and review; the continuation of the state tax incentives could impact the need to create a local commission. Next steps are still to be determined.

Review of LFUCG Debt

- Referred by: CM F. Brown on September 27, 2016
- Last heard: August 28, 2018
- Item details: This item was placed in committee to discuss a debt reduction plan, to consider more broadly the types of bonds the city will utilize in the future, as well as what types of projects bonds are used for (i.e. infrastructure needs). CM F. Brown explained in September that he would like to look at factors such as revenue, related to the annual audit. This will likely take place in early 2019, following the FY18 CAFR presentation.

Appropriate Types of Economic Development (from E.D. ZOTA)

- Referred by: VM Kay on December 6, 2016
- Last heard: November 28, 2017

- Item details: This item was placed in committee to consider the ways LFUCG thinks about economic development for the community in the long run. Commerce Lexington presented in 2017 highlighting their 2010 strategic plan. The discussion included target industries, prioritization of targets, how available land, the urban service boundary and the comprehensive plan impact economic development, as well as the relationship between Commerce Lexington and LFUCG. This will likely be revisited in 2019.

Review of the Exaction Program

- Referred by: CM Stinnett on July 3, 2018
- Last heard: November 27, 2018
- Item details: This item was referred to committee to receive a report on the exaction program including an update on the funds collected through the program. The item was heard in August and November, reviewing the purpose of the program, the economic development zones (i.e. the land) in which it applies to, and the rate table that outlines the fee amount that is collected based on the development. The database update is planned to go-live in January, 2019. CM Stinnett encouraged this item to remain in committee for consideration of how or if the program should continue. A new council member will need to take this item over.

Global Headquarters Initiative

- Referred by: CM Stinnett (placed on agenda by chair)
- Last heard: November 27, 2018
- Item details: This item was requested by the chief development officer, Kevin Atkins, to allow him to share a new initiative, *RecruitLex*, which was created by a working group made of representatives from the companies with global headquarters in Lexington, to address their talent issues. The presentation showcased a recruitment video put together by the working group. This item could remain in committee for an update, in which case a new council member will need to take this item over.

Career Academies by Business Education Network and FCPS

- Referred by: CM Stinnett (placed on agenda by chair)
- Last heard: November 27, 2018
- Item details: This item was placed on the agenda by the chair for informational purposes. The Business & Education Network and FCPS presented the successes of the *Academies of Lexington* program, which take place in some of our high schools. The academies are small learning communities in our public high schools connecting what the students are learning in the classroom to real-world experiences to help students thrive in today's economy.

Annual/Periodic Updates:

Financial Update

- Referred by: NA (item is on every agenda)
- Last heard: November 27, 2018
- Item details: The financials update is on the committee's agenda every meeting reporting comparative unemployment rates, economic indicators (i.e. Fayette County permits, business licenses, home sales, and foreclosures). The top four revenues sources are reviewed as well as revenues and expenses from a cash flow perspective, while comparing this year to last.

Fund Balance

- Referred by: NA (item comes to committee annually)
- Last heard: November 27, 2018
- Item details: This item comes to committee each year, most often in the fall, to review any remaining funds from the previous fiscal year budget. Typically the administration will make recommendations associated with the fund balance. Council members then determine how to move forward. This year, the council adopted the administration's recommendations to move additional funds to the economic contingency fund and the budget stabilization fund. There was much discussion about maintaining the overall fund balance and the city's bond rating, as well as future budgetary impacts in the years to come.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

- Referred by: NA (item comes to committee annually)
- Last heard: January 30, 2018
- Item details: Each year the city's annual audit, the CAFR, is presented to the committee once it is published. The FY18 CAFR will take place in January 2019. The audit is governed by Sec. 8.08 of the Charter, which says an audit shall be completed no later than four months after the close of the fiscal year.

Subcommittees:

Subcommittee on Partnership with Fayette County Public Schools

- Referred by: CM Moloney on January 30, 2018
- Last heard: not presented yet
- Item details: Following the FCPS partnership – athletic field discussion in January, 2018, CM Moloney motioned to create a subcommittee to work on the overall partnership between LFUCG and FCPS. Partnerships for programming, facilities and land will all be discussed by the subcommittee, which consists of council members, city officials, and a FCPS representative. They have met once (February 22, 2018).

Items for Removal:

Review of Resolution 156-94 – 27th Pay Period Funding

- Referred by: CM Lamb on April 25, 2017
- Last heard: November 27, 2018
- Item details: A resolution rescinding the original 27th pay period funding (resolution 156-94) has been approved by the full council. **We need a motion to remove this item from committee.**

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