



LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

QUARTERLY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SUMMARY

AUGUST 27TH, 2013

Vice Mayor Linda Gorton called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. Council Members present were Chuck Ellinger, Julian Beard, Harry Clarke, Ed Lane, Jennifer Scutchfield, Chris Ford, George Myers, Kevin Stinnett, Peggy Henson, Jennifer Mossotti, Shevawn Akers, Diane Lawless and Bill Farmer Jr. Steve Kay was absent.

Others in attendance included Stacey Maynard, Paul Schoninger, Scott Seymour, Steve Smith, Jenifer Benningfield and Elizabeth Chatterton.

1. Welcome (Gorton)

Gorton welcomed all Council Members and went over the agenda for the meeting.

2. Blue Sheet Process (Meredith Nelson)

Meredith Nelson, Council Clerk, provided an overview of the Administrative Review "Blue Sheet" Process and Types of Legislative Items for Council Members in attendance. Ms. Nelson explained how Council Members get items on the docket as well as how aides can get information in Legistar. She also offered to set up another training session if necessary.

3. Job Description Work Group Recommendation (Ellinger)

Ellinger provided an overview of the work group discussions.

The work group recommended that Council create a Budget Analyst Senior position for the Council Office. He added that Commissioner O'Mara and Melissa Leuker would like to add to the proposed job description.

Motion by Ellinger to move forward with recommendation 1 and move the position of Budget Analyst Senior to the full Council. Seconded by Scutchfield. Motion passed 10-3. Gorton, Ellinger, Scutchfield, Mossotti, Myers, Beard, Lane, Henson, Stinnett and Ford voted yes. Akers, Clarke and Farmer voted no. Lawless was absent.

The work group discussed several options for the front desk position and ultimately decided to fund a security officer position to serve as the Council receptionist.

Motion by Ellinger to move forward with recommendation 2 and hire a security officer position, which security will hire and manage. Seconded by Myers. Motion passed 9-4. Gorton, Ellinger, Scutchfield, Mossotti, Myers, Beard, Henson, Stinnett and Ford voted yes. Lane, Farmer, Clarke and Akers voted no. Lawless was absent.

4. Council Calendar (Myers)

Myers commented on the requested calendar changes. There was discussion about the timing of the calendar distribution and requests for information from areas outside of the Council office.

Motion by Myers that the annual Council calendar be distributed to all Council Members by the third week in October. Seconded by Scutchfield. Motion passed 11-3. Ellinger, Scutchfield, Mossotti, Myers, Beard, Lane, Henson, Clarke, Lawless, Akers and Ford voted yes. Stinnett, Farmer and Gorton voted no.

There was discussion about adding a quarterly public hearing to the calendar. Gorton stated that the legal opinion was that if Council wanted to do this, they should add one per month or one every other month due to timing issues with notices from the Planning Commission.

Motion by Akers to add a public hearing in full meeting months at 4:00pm. Seconded by Beard. Motion passed 12-2. Gorton, Ellinger, Scutchfield, Mossotti, Myers, Beard, Henson, Clarke, Lawless, Akers, Lane and Ford voted yes. Farmer and Stinnett voted no.

There was discussion about switching standing committee start times annually. Council decided to leave the Budget & Finance Committee and Economic Development Committee at 1:00pm.

Motion by Myers to switch standing committee start times annually, except for Budget & Finance and Economic Development. Seconded by Clarke. Motion failed with a tie vote of 7-7. Myers, Clarke, Beard, Ford, Henson, Lawless and Akers voted yes. Stinnett, Farmer, Gorton, Ellinger, Scutchfield, Mossotti and Lane voted no.

Motion by Ellinger to reconsider. Seconded by Myers. Motion passed 8-6. Myers, Clarke, Beard, Ford, Henson, Ellinger, Lawless and Akers voted yes. Stinnett, Farmer, Gorton, Scutchfield, Mossotti and Lane voted no.

There was discussion about coordinating the calendar with FCPS schedule. Council breaks currently coincide with FCPS breaks. There was no motion for this item. Stacey Maynard said she would email Council Members a copy of the FCPS calendar.

5. Other Business (Gorton)

There was agreement to ask Connie Underwood to prepare a preliminary FY2013 fund balance estimate for Council as soon as possible.

Motion by Stinnett to adjourn. Seconded by Scutchfield. Motion passed without dissent.