

Planning & Public Works Committee  
January 14 2014  
Summary

Farmer called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. All committee members were in attendance except Lawless. Stinnett also attended.

1. November 12, 2013 Committee Summary

On a motion by Gorton, second by Ellinger the substitute November 12, 2013 Committee summary was approved unanimously.

2. Merge Streets & Roads and Traffic Engineering

Farmer stated he referred the item at the request of the Administration.

Martin addressed the item. He stated that the Administration has reconsidered the merger and is now recommending that the divisions be left unchanged. He stated that the plan will consist of 3 actions: 1. Re advertise the vacant Director of Traffic Engineering; 2. Work with Human Resources to reclassify the vacant Director of Streets & Roads to remove the requirement of a Professional Engineer's license; and 3. Advertise the vacant Director of Streets & Roads position based on the outcome of the reclassification process.

Martin stated that the reclassification process will require Council authorization.

On a motion by Mossotti, second by Gorton the issue of Merging Streets & Roads with Traffic Engineering was removed from the Committee Referral List. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Design Excellence Update

Gorton stated that she appreciated concerns raised by the Committee were incorporated into the new draft. She also was supportive of the item being moved as a package rather than in pieces.

Kay provided background on the item. He stated that the Design Excellence Task Force met after the Council presentation to address outstanding issues. Kay stated that the Lexington Downtown Authority will conduct an economic analysis of residential and retail markets and develop an economic incentive program proposal in early spring.

Kay also stated that the Lexington Parking Authority will develop a 10-year capital improvement plan for new garages and other public parking facilities.

In response to a question from Farmer Fugate stated that the DDA will utilize internal funds to hire the consultant and their recommendations should be finalized in the March-April time period.

On a motion by Kay, second by Gorton, the Design Excellence text amendments was moved to the full Council to be initiated and submitted to the Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Development Fee Structure

Paulsen presented the fee structure issue. He stated that the scope includes permits and associated fees in the Department of Planning, Preservation and Development, except the exaction fees assessed in the expansion areas.

Paulsen stated that the fees seem to be reasonable and business friendly compared to surrounding communities. Paulsen stated that he is recommending that the residential permit fees be left unchanged. He also stated that the commercial permit fees need further examination before a recommendation is made.

In response to a question from Mossotti, Paulsen discussed the commercial fee structure and make up.

In response to a question from Farmer, Paulsen stated that they can come back in March to further discuss the fee structure.

#### 5. Items Referred

On a motion by Clarke, second by Gorton the issue of Utility Poles in Right-of-Way was removed from the Committee Referral List. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Clarke, second by Gorton the issue of the Re Paving program was removed from the Committee Referral List. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Ellinger, second by Gorton the issue of Working with Fayette County Schools to Sustain Road Salt Services from the Committee Referral List. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Gorton, second by Mossotti the issue of Alternative Fuels was removed from the Committee Referral List. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Gorton, second by Henson the issue of Performance Bonds was removed from the Committee Referral List. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.