



LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Budget Committee of the Whole (COW)

Revenue Update, Mayor's Late Item, Link Recommendations,
Council Member Recommendations
June 6th, 2013

SUMMARY

VM Gorton called the meeting to order at 3:03pm. All Council Members were present.

1. Revenue Update

Commissioner Bill O'Mara came to the podium to present the revenue numbers.

O'Mara spoke of economic uncertainty at both the state and federal level. He said that he would encourage the Council to approve the revenue number of \$297,191,180.

Ellinger asked O'Mara what the percentage revenue increase is from FY2013 to FY2014. O'Mara said that it is 3.9%.

Ellinger asked what the growth for FY2013 was. O'Mara said that he thought it was 3.5% but will get the exact figure.

Stinnett asked how the year will end. O'Mara said that due to cost savings, we will end the year positive. O'Mara said that we saved money in payroll due to the timing of new hires.

Clarke asked why the franchise fees are estimated to be flat for FY2014. O'Mara said that it is not a sophisticated model because it is based mainly on weather which cannot be predicted. O'Mara said that we will not make the revised franchise number.

Lane asked about the fund balance and O'Mara said that the FY2013 budgeted fund balance was \$1.5MM.

In response to a comment from Kay, O'Mara said that although revenues are down, our expenses are also down.

Stinnett reminded the Council Members that they had balanced the FY2013 budget with a cushion.

Gorton asked Underwood if she had any additional comments.

Underwood said yes because regardless if the result would be a net zero or not, that we should change the budgeted figures because this time next year they will be looking at the latest figures that they should be comparing it to.

Stinnett reminded Council Members that the numbers have not been audited and he is not comfortable changing them.

Underwood said that she was referring to the FY2014 budget. She wants them to start the year with their best guess for the four revenue categories.

Motion by Ford to approve the revenue number of \$297,191,180 (General Fund) from the Mayor's Proposed Budget (MPB) as the total revenue from the FY2014 budget. Seconded by Clarke.

Stinnett asked O'Mara if they vote to approve the revenue number, will they be also accepting the franchise fee increase. O'Mara said that this motion would not be to ratify the budget.

O'Mara said that the Council can decide not to increase the franchise fee and then the revenue number would need to decrease.

Motion passed. 10-5. Beard, Ellinger, Myers, Farmer, and Lane voted nay.

2. Mayor's Late Items

Gorton said that the late items do not reflect any new items.

Melissa Lueker, the acting Budget Director, came to the podium to the present the Mayor's late items.

Motion by Farmer to approve pages one and two of the Mayor's late items. Seconded by Kay. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Farmer to approve the Urban Services Fund changes. Seconded by Ellinger. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Kay to approve miscellaneous special revenue changes. Seconded by Farmer. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Farmer to approve Sanitary Sewer Fund changes. Seconded by Kay. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Farmer to approve the Sanitary Sewer Construction Fund changes. Seconded by Clarke. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Lawless to approve PFC General Fund Revenue. Seconded by Akers. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Lawless to approve Water Quality Management Fund changes. Seconded by Kay. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Farmer to approve the Landfill Fund changes. Seconded by Kay. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Farmer to approve Right of Way Fund changes. Seconded by Kay. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Farmer to approve PFC Extended School Program changes. Seconded by Henson. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Kay to approve the E-911 changes. Seconded by Farmer. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Farmer to approve Police and Fire Retirement Fund revenue. Seconded Kay. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Farmer to approve Police and Fire Retirement Fund expense. Seconded by Kay. Motion passed without dissent.

3. Link Recommendations

Motion by Ellinger to remove Code for America from the FY2014 MPB. Seconded by Lane.

There was a lengthy discussion on the Code for America funding. Council Members debated whether or not to fund the program with bond funds or cash. They also debated whether or not funds should be allocated to the program at all.

Motion to amend by Akers to approve the funding for Code for America contingent upon obtaining the \$180,000 match by August 15, 2013 and the project will not be bonded. Seconded by Farmer.

Motion by Kay to call the question. Seconded by Clarke. Motion failed 4-11. Beard, Akers, Ellinger, Myers, Farmer, Gorton, Clarke, Mossotti, Lane, Stinnett and Scutchfield voted nay.

Motion by Kay to call the question. Seconded by Ford. Motion passed 10-2. Beard and Lane voted nay.

Amendment passed 12-0-2. Beard and Ford abstained.

Amended motion failed 7-8. Beard, Ellinger, Farmer, Myers, Mossotti, Lane, Ford and Scutchfield voted nay.

Motion by Ellinger to approve to add \$20,000 to fund a new van for the Coroner. Seconded by Myers. Motion passed 12-1. Akers voted nay.

Motion by Ellinger to adjourn. Seconded by Farmer. Motion passed without dissent.

Submitted by Jenifer Benningfield, Council Administration Specialist