



## General Government & Social Services Committee

May 5, 2015

### Summary and Motions

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Chair Lamb called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Committee members Akers, Bledsoe, J. Brown, Evans, Gibbs, Henson, Moloney, and Scutchfield were present. Committee Member F. Brown was absent. Council Member Stinnett and Vice Mayor Kay were also in attendance.

#### I. Approval of Committee Summary

Evans noted that Stinnett was not listed as present at the April 7, 2015 meeting and the minutes were updated to reflect the change.

A motion was made by Moloney to approve the April 7, 2015 General Government & Social Services Committee Summary, seconded by Henson. Motion passed without dissent.

#### II. EMS Service Fees

Henson gave a brief history of the item.

Commissioner Ford presented the Emergency Medical Transport Assistance Program, and explained that the program is proposed to offer financial assistance for costs associated with emergency medical transport of low-income residents. He reviewed EMS operational data, and stated that Fayette County residents with household income at or below 150 percent of federal poverty guidelines will qualify for the program. Clients can access this assistance once within a 24 month period, and the program will be funded from the existing Emergency Financial Assistance ("EFA") funding administered by the Division of Adult and Tenant Services. Program funding will not be requested until FY 2017 when demand data is available.

Moloney inquired about the Housing Relocation (Condemnation) budget which shows no available current funding balance. Connie Godfrey, Director of Adult and Tenant Services, replied that zoning relocation funds are being utilized as necessary to meet those needs. Moloney inquired when the account was depleted, to which Godfrey replied it was met 3 weeks prior.

Bledsoe inquired if a comparison of cost between American Medical Response, Rural Metro and Lexington EMS had been completed. Chief Woods stated he does not have that information, but that Lexington EMS' service costs differ because the other companies primarily provide convalescent, non-emergent runs. Bledsoe requested clarification about the difference between those services. Woods stated that there is a general agreement with the companies so that EMS does not handle convalescent runs because of the demand for 911 service calls and noted that EMS training is more specific to emergency runs. Woods stated that there is no charge for EMS to assess a patient if transport service is declined.

Bledsoe also asked for clarification regarding service costs. Ford stated the numbers are based on the standards of Medicaid and Medicare. Rusty Cook, Director, Division of Revenue stated

that the amount billed does not reflect insurance rates paid by providers and/or Medicare. Bledsoe inquired if the service could potentially be provided without charge to patients, to which Cook replied \$90 is the typical Medicare payment for service.

Akers inquired about EMS service history, to which Ford replied the proposal of \$50,000 would allow for coverage of a maximum of 400 services. Akers also inquired if individuals with regular insurance policies would benefit from the services, provided they meet income requirements. Ford stated the service will be based on the federal poverty income guidelines. Akers further inquired if Medicaid patients would only qualify for this service once in the 24 month period, which Ford affirmed.

Ford stated the program cannot legally be advertised and he hopes that word of mouth will help to address the perception of low income residents who may feel they cannot afford EMS services. Akers inquired if it is possible for the billing company to note on billing statements to contact Adult & Tenant Services if individuals are unable to pay. Ford replied that point would be the earliest they could potentially advertise their program. Akers inquired if the vendors would be able to refer patients to Adult & Tenant Services. Ford stated they would like for individuals to realize their program is an avenue for assistance, similar to other assistance the government offers. In response to a question from Akers, Ford stated the verification of need would fall within Adult & Tenant Services.

Evans inquired how soon implementation of the program could begin, to which Ford replied that the program is proposed for implementation beginning July 1, 2015.

Lamb inquired about the addendum to the EFA program and if it would need to be approved by Council. Glenda George with Law replied that the proposed legislation provides for Council approval of the program.

Bledsoe inquired how the budget allocated for EFA is determined. Ford stated that \$200,000 has been allocated for several years to meet the need for emergency financial assistance. Ford stated these funds tend to be depleted quickly, which demonstrates that the level of funding does not capture all of the need for service. Bledsoe also inquired also about landfill and sewer user fees. Ford replied these are more recently programmed funds. Bledsoe stated support for allowing assistance through the program once every 24 months.

Evans inquired if this would be a separate fund in the budget or if it would show up as a part of the EFA total. Ford stated it would be a part of the EFA total. Evans stated her concerns for Adult & Tenant Services having adequate FY16 EFA funding. Ford stated the proposed approach is an attempt to do more with less funding, and stated that a future funding request may result from service needs.

Lamb stated her desire to see a 6 month update for the program.

A motion was made by Henson to approve authorization of the Department of Social Services to create and administer an Emergency Medical Transport Assistance Program to assist individuals who are income eligible with paying the cost of emergency medical transportation services, seconded by Moloney. Motion passed without dissent.

### **III. Inclusion of Veterans as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises**

Akers introduced the item, stating it was previously brought forth at the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Akers stated that since that time, and as the result of subsequent meetings, an amended proposal is being presented.

Todd Slatin, Director of the Division of Purchasing, stated that the revised resolution language proposes the adoption of a separate goal of 3 percent for veteran and service-disabled veteran owned businesses. Slatin stated they are not asking to fund the program at this time, but rather to incorporate it as a separate goal for evaluation over the next fiscal year.

Akers stated that adoption of the goal has no budgetary impact to the LFUCG, and will be evaluated for funding needs in 6 months.

Moloney thanked Akers for bringing this issue to the Council and inquired about the purchasing goal other cities have adopted for veteran owned businesses. Slatin stated that the adopted goal varies, and that the proposed 3 percent goal is subject to future adjustment by the Council as necessary.

Moloney stated that the local presence of a VA hospital and other veteran programs may result in a need greater than 3 percent, and that the goal should be revisited in the future. Slatin stated there are not many certified veteran owned businesses currently in Fayette County, and stated that the State is also considering similar goals for veteran preference.

Evans stated her concern that disabled veterans would already qualify under the current DBE requirement the LFUCG has adopted, and noted that House Bill 497 only applies to disabled veterans. She inquired if the intention is to mirror that legislation or to expand on it to include veterans. Slatin replied that including veteran owned small business may increase participation.

Vice Mayor Kay inquired about implementation. Slatin stated they will expand their outreach efforts to identify veteran owned businesses in Fayette County. Kay inquired if veteran businesses will receive preference when in competition for an RFP. Slatin stated this is a goal rather than a requirement.

Akers inquired if the point allocation would include veterans into the women and minority owned business criteria, or if they would be listed separately. Slatin stated they would be listed separately for the purpose of internal tracking.

Akers stated 3 percent is a good place to set a beginning goal as need continues to be evaluated. Akers further noted the proposed State bill was only meant to certify businesses as veteran owned, and stalled in the Senate committee. Akers noted the intent was not to emulate the state's legislation.

A motion was made by Akers to adopt the resolution to provide a 3 percent minimum goal for certified veteran owned small businesses and service-disabled veteran owned businesses, seconded by Henson. Motion passed without dissent.

#### **IV. Review of Ethics Ordinance**

Evans presented an update of the work of the Ethics Ordinance Review Subcommittee, stating that the Subcommittee has met monthly since January of this year. Evans stated that the discussion has focused on the structure and membership of the Commission. Evans noted a request for research examining methods other cities use to appoint members to their ethics boards. Professor Connelly, current Chairperson of the Ethics Commission, will be attending the next meeting to discuss amendments previously suggested by the commission and provide insight. The subcommittee's goal is to have a full report by the end of the year.

Lamb stated there is a memo in the packet appointing CM Bledsoe to the Subcommittee, replacing former Council Member Ford. There was no further discussion on the item.

#### **V. Bluegrass International Center**

Isabel Taylor, Multicultural Affairs Coordinator, provided a progress update of the Bluegrass International Center, and presented the Mayor's International Affairs Advisory Commission ("Commission") for Council consideration. The Commission will have 23 members, including 10 foreign born residents, 5 community at-large members, 2 Council Members, and 6 ex-officio members. The Commission will promote community education and guidance, and promote cultural understanding and civic engagement.

Lamb stated her support for the project and stated her hope that an accessible and engaging brand for the center is developed. Taylor stated that the logo and branding will be part of a community wide contest.

Henson stated her appreciation for Taylor's hard work and expertise. Taylor stated she is grateful for everyone's support and input.

A motion was made by Lamb to approve the proposed Ordinance creating the Mayor's International Affairs Advisory Commission and endorsing the name of the facility as the Lexington Global Engagement Center, seconded by Moloney. Motion passed without dissent.

#### **VI. Items in Committee**

A motion was made by Henson to approve the removal of EMS fees from Committee, seconded by Moloney. Motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by Akers to remove the Inclusion of Veterans as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises from Committee, seconded by Henson. Motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by Akers to remove the Masterson Station Park Master Plan Update, seconded by Scutchfield. Motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by Scutchfield to adjourn, seconded by Akers. Motion passed without dissent.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO CREATE AND ADMINISTER AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCOME-ELIGIBLE WITH PAYING THE COST OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

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WHEREAS, many Lexington-Fayette County citizens find it difficult or are unable to pay the fees associated with emergency ambulance transportation ; and

WHEREAS, because many Lexington-Fayette County citizens perceive that they are unable to pay for the cost of emergency medical transport, many make the decision to refuse emergency medical transport that is offered; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services' Adult and Tenant Services currently provides limited financial assistance for other program areas to certain income-eligible Lexington-Fayette County citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That the Department of Social Services is hereby authorized to create and administer an Emergency Medical Transportation Assistance Program. The Program shall be designed to assist individuals who are income-eligible with paying for the cost of emergency medical transportation services. The Department shall develop the application and procedures necessary for the administration of the program.

Section 2– That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2015

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A THREE PERCENT (3%) MINIMUM GOAL FOR CERTIFIED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES AND SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES FOR CERTAIN OF THOSE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY CONTRACTS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION AND/OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT GUIDELINES AND/OR POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION BY NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2015.

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WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government desires to honor the extraordinary service rendered to the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government by those veterans who have served in the Nation's military, naval or air service, including reserve components thereof, and of the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the Urban County Council has determined that it should encourage the retention of veteran-owned small businesses and service disabled veteran-owned businesses in performing certain contracts with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County; and

WHEREAS, the Urban County Council wishes to establish goals with respect to these businesses consistent with those found in federal law or regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 - That the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government be and hereby adopts a three percent (3%) minimum goal for certified Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and certified Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses for certain of those Urban County Government contracts related to Construction and/or Professional Services, and further provides for the following related thereto:

- a. That the terms Veteran-Owned Small Business and Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Business shall be defined and interpreted consistent with federal law or regulation as it may be amended from time-to-time.
- b. That the Division of Purchasing is authorized to adopt and implement guidelines and/or policies consistent with the provisions and intent of this Resolution which shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, including these goals in the advertisements for bids or requests for proposals and the

qualifications of bidders or respondents, requiring good faith efforts, providing assistance to qualified contractors or respondents, and creating a certification process for those businesses qualifying pursuant to this Resolution.

- c. That all construction-related contracts funded by the Urban County Government that are required to be formally bid pursuant to law are to include a process under which these goals and the appropriate aspects of the guidelines or policies are addressed.
- d. That all professional service contracts funded by the Urban County Government in an amount exceeding \$25,000 are to include a process under which these goals and the appropriate aspects of the guidelines or policies are addressed.
- e. That the guidelines or policies related to these goals shall be adopted and implemented by the Division of Purchasing by no later than July 1, 2015.

Section 2 - That it is the intent of the Urban County Government that these goals are in addition to those goals adopted under the Administrative Plan for Implementation of a ten percent (10%) goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as provided in Resolution No. 167-91, and that Resolution No. 167-91 is in no way amended or modified as a result of this Resolution.

Section 3 - If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 4 - That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

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MAYOR

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE CREATING ARTICLE XXXXVII IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO CREATE THE MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 - That Article XXXXVII of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances be and hereby is created to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-495. Created.**

(a) A commission is hereby created which shall be known as the "Mayor's International Affairs Advisory Commission".

(b) The Commission, consisting of individuals with experience and expertise in international affairs in both the public and private sectors, is established for the purpose of providing information and advice to the Mayor and the Urban County Council concerning issues affecting foreign-born residents of Lexington-Fayette County as well as international issues that affect the community-at-large.

**Sec. 2-496. Membership.**

The commission shall consist of twenty-three (23) members, seventeen (17) of which shall be

appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the council. The seventeen (17) appointed members shall consist of two (2) members from the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council; Ten (10) members shall be selected from Lexington-Fayette County foreign-born residents who shall be from and represent the following international geographic areas: two (2) representatives from Africa; two (2) representatives from Asia; two (2) representatives from Europe; two (2) representatives from the Americas; and two (2) representatives from the Middle East.

Five (5) members shall be from the community-at-large, from academia or other organizations which specialize in or have specific interests or competencies in global business, immigration, refugees, or international affairs.

Six (6) members shall be the following urban county government officers: the chief administrative officer or designee, the commissioner of social services or designee, the commissioner of general services or designee, the commissioner of public safety or designee, the chief development officer or designee and the Multicultural Affairs Coordinator. The six (6) members from the urban county government shall be

non-voting ex-officio members.

**Sec. 2-497. Terms of office.**

The members of the commission, other than ex-officio members, shall serve a term of four (4) years from the date of appointment, provided the terms of those originally appointed shall be staggered in the following manner: Eight (8) members shall be appointed for two (2) years and nine (9) members shall be appointed for four (4) years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner prescribed for the original appointment. Members of the commission may only serve two (2) consecutive terms. Members of the commission who have served two (2) consecutive full terms shall not be able to succeed themselves until the lapse of twelve (12) months from the end of said term. The membership of the two (2) urban county council members and the other ex-officio members shall be deemed to have terminated upon their leaving office as members of the urban county council or as officers of the urban county government.

**Sec. 2-498. Quorum.**

A majority of the voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for transaction of

business at any meeting of the commission. The acts of the majority of those present at any regular or special meeting of the commission shall be the acts of the commission.

**Sec. 2-499. General Powers.**

The commission may enter into contracts, expend such funds as may become available to it, and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out its duties and purposes set forth in this article. The commission shall not acquire any interest in real property without the expressed prior consent of the mayor and the urban county council.

**Sec. 2-500. Duties.**

The commission shall, as permitted by law:

- (1) Promote cultural understanding, education, civic engagement and cooperation;
- (2) Provide international expertise, advocacy and resources for the benefit of the greater community;
- (3) Lend vision, guidance, and support to the Lexington Global Engagement Center;
- (4) Assess the availability, accessibility, and effectiveness of services appropriate to enhance and provide the necessary quality of life of foreign-born

residents utilizing input from departments and divisions of the urban county government and the private sector;

(5) Foster international community relationships and inclusion to aid the integration and adaptation of immigrants and minorities into American culture and society being inclusive of local cultures and the community-at-large;

(6) Review and make recommendations on all aspects of the urban county budget pertaining to the duties and purpose of the commission;

(7) Apply for, receive and disburse funds and contracts with any state, federal, public or private agency for the purpose of carrying out its duties as set forth herein, utilizing staff made available to or employed by it;

(8) Review, provide technical assistance, recommend, stimulate and/or endorse projects, opportunities and programs in both the public and private sector which have a bearing on international affairs, services or persons;

(9) Engage local, state, national and international leaders and institutions to network and build mutual respect and understanding among the many nations

represented in the Lexington-Fayette county community;

(10) Solicit and receive contributions, prepare surveys and studies, conduct conferences, sponsor educational/promotional programs related to services and needs of international persons, and engage in other activities appropriate to the goals of the Commission.

**Sec. 2-501. Reports; no power to operate programs.**

The commission shall regularly report to the mayor and the urban county council. The commission shall not have the power to directly operate any program.

Section 2 - That this Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL