



General Government & Social Services

June 7th, 2016

Summary and Motions

Chair Lamb called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Committee members Bledsoe, F. Brown, J. Brown, Gibbs, Henson, Moloney and Scutchfield were present. Committee members Evans and Akers were absent. Vice Mayor Kay was also in attendance.

I. Approval of Committee Summary

A motion was made by Bledsoe to approve the May 3, 2016 General Government & Social Services Committee Summary, seconded by F. Brown. The motion passed without dissent.

II. Substance Abuse and Violence Intervention – Update

Amy Baker, Program Coordinator, provided an update regarding the Substance Abuse and Violence Intervention (“SAVI”) program. She presented program accomplishments, and demonstrated the Get Help Lex program, which provides online resources for people seeking facilities and services for substance abuse disorders.

Baker presented community partnership information, including the needle exchange program with the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department and substance abuse programming at the Fayette County Detention Center.

Henson asked if there is an educational component for families with a child dealing with addiction. Baker provided recommendations for support programs.

Bledsoe asked for the timeframe for reported website visits, and information regarding search strings being used by visitors to the website. Baker responded that the website launched in March, and stated that tracking for specific search strings has not been initiated.

Scutchfield spoke in favor of the program, and asked for additional information regarding the Fayette County Detention Center program partnership. Baker reviewed the treatment programming provided by the Detention Center, and explained that assessments are completed to identify appropriate treatment. She stated that the program capacity is only twenty beds, and there is a waiting list.

In response to a question from J. Brown, Baker stated that the funding for the Detention Center program is approximately \$66,000 annually, or \$9 per person per day. J. Brown asked for information regarding program outcome information, and Baker stated that outcomes are measured each year. J. Brown asked for additional information regarding the needle exchange program.

Moloney asked about community availability and training regarding Naloxone to address heroin overdoses. Baker stated that the city’s police officers will be carrying Naloxone soon, and it is already available to EMS.

Baker introduced Larry Johnson, Program Specialist, and Johnson presented the Violence Intervention Initiative, which was created as a result of a recommendation by the Mayor's Commission on Youth Development and Public Safety. He explained that the Initiative's focus areas are: social/emotional well-being; parent/child relationships; targeted learning opportunities; job readiness and employment opportunities; and peer and personal networks.

J. Brown asked for a list of community partners.

Bledsoe discussed the Train Up Foundation as a resource.

III. Council Rules and Procedures – Legislative Review

Vice Mayor Kay presented background information for the item, and reviewed the materials in the committee packet. He stated that this change would separate the Mayor's report into two parts, with one being a Consent Agenda. Staff from the CAO's office would be responsible for identifying items as appropriate for the Consent Agenda. He presented information regarding potential time savings resulting from implementation of this item, and stated that Council could choose to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for further consideration. He stated that the changes required to Legistar to support the use of a Consent Agenda can be implemented without additional cost.

Lamb asked that the Council Clerk, CAO, and Council Administrator discuss the impacts of the proposed changes. Council Clerk Martha Allen presented an overview of the existing legislative file approval process, and discussed the changes to the process and software that would be required to accommodate the proposed Consent Agenda.

Lamb asked for information regarding required changes to Legistar. Allen stated that there would need to be an additional status item added to Legistar for Consent Agenda items.

Sally Hamilton, CAO, discussed additional staff resources that would be required to implement this item, and stated that Law and staff from the CAO's office would be engaged in reviewing the agenda for consent items. She stated that the time commitment would exceed that presented in the memo included in the committee packet.

Stacey Maynard, Council Administrator, discussed the impacts to the Work Session packet production process associated with implementing a Consent Agenda.

In response to a question from Lamb, Allen stated that a new reference system would need to be created in Legistar for Consent Agenda items.

Moloney stated that the process would result in additional time demands on staff, and spoke against the proposal.

Bledsoe asked for clarification regarding the order of department approvals in Legistar. Hamilton discussed the approval process, and stated concern that the Administration would be responsible for identifying Consent Agenda items. Maynard provided clarification regarding the order of department approvals in Legistar.

Gibbs spoke in favor of the proposal, and reiterated that items can be removed from the Consent Agenda at the discretion of the Council.

F. Brown asked if the proposal affects the LFUCG Charter. Law stated that the proposal would not affect the Charter, and would not necessitate any changes to Charter language.

Lamb asked Law for an opinion regarding change orders that had previously been approved through legislation, which would now be subject to the Consent Agenda. Glenda George responded that the challenge will be in ensuring that appropriate documentation for Consent Agenda items is provided and can be referenced for each item.

Kay provided additional information and history on the item, and stated he does not want to move the item forward for Council consideration at this time.

Lamb suggested that there may be benefit in reviewing the legislative review process as a whole in the future.

IV. Items in Committee

A motion was made by Henson to remove the Substance Abuse & Violence Intervention Update referral item from Committee, seconded by J. Brown. The motion passed without dissent.

A motion was made by F. Brown to adjourn, seconded by Gibbs. The motion passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.