



Environmental Quality and Public Works Committee Meeting
August 18, 2015
Summary and Motions

Chair Farmer called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. All Committee Members were in attendance. Council Members Lamb and Scutchfield were also present.

I. Approval of Committee Summary

A motion was made by Mossotti to approve the June 16, 2015 Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee Summary, seconded by Evans. The motion passed without dissent.

II. Snow & Ice Control Plan Update

David Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works, gave a presentation of the Snow & Ice Plan update, outlining options for amendments to the Plan. He explained the amendment options as follows: Option 1, providing for enhanced LFUCG staffing to enable the clearing of an additional 1,025 lane miles; Option 2, utilizing private contractor support for rank 1 through rank 4 streets; and Option 3, hiring private contractors to assist as needed without long-term contracts.

Susan Plueger, Director of Environmental Services, gave a presentation of the proposed sidewalk clearance plan, and provided an overview of the three-year implementation plan, level of service considerations, and equipment costs.

In response to a question from Mossotti, Holmes stated the formula they used to calculate costs assumes a single pass of the plow.

Evans inquired about the cost of the additional mobilizations and Holmes provided information regarding cost calculations.

Moloney inquired about the salt barn progress and Holmes provided an update, noting the new salt barn will begin construction in 2017.

A motion was made by Evans to extend the presentation time, seconded by Gibbs. The motion passed without dissent.

In response to a question from Moloney, Plueger stated the LFUCG would be responsible for the sidewalks adjacent to LFUCG owned property in the city's inner core.

In response to a question from Stinnett, Plueger confirmed that walking trails are included in the plan. Stinnett stated he would like to see collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Department to ensure that sidewalks adjacent to parks are cleared before trails.

F. Brown stated that the staff communication process is administrative and should be separate from the snow plan. He stated that sidewalk clearing should also be addressed separately. F. Brown further stated his desire for areas with hills to be given preferential consideration in the ranking system, and noted that he would like to see alternate funding options considered.

Farmer stated he would like to see an update before the Committee next month, with a final plan presented in October.

Moloney requested a map of sidewalks that LFUCG will be responsible for clearing. He then inquired about the enforcement of uncleared sidewalks, noting safety concerns. Glenn Brown, Deputy CAO, stated that the administration is meeting with Commissioner Bastin to address the issue. Moloney noted Code Enforcement could also assist with this effort. Brown stated that Code Enforcement would be included in the conversation.

Gibbs noted that enforcement for sidewalk clearing may be outside the jurisdiction of the Environmental Quality and Public Works Committee and believes it should be placed into the Planning and Public Safety Committee. Gibbs noted that rank 1 roads need to be cleared immediately, rather than within 48 hours. He further stated that the Plan should incorporate thresholds for snow removal on neighborhood streets, and noted this information needs to be available to the public.

There was discussion about the estimated time of service associated with the proposed snow removal options. Stinnett inquired about the Public Works Department's preferred option, and Holmes stated that Option 2 provides for a timely response.

Lamb inquired about the cost effectiveness of purchasing equipment, and the utilization of LFUCG man hours versus hiring contractors. Plueger stated that the equipment could provide benefit to LFUCG throughout the year in other capacities. Lamb stated she would like the Parks & Recreation Department work with Fayette County Public Schools to ensure that sidewalks near schools and parks are cleared.

Stinnett asked about points of contact during storm events. Holmes responded that he can be contacted directly, and future discussions should consider points of contact. Stinnett noted that the best solution may be to incorporate a combination of the three proposed options depending on the severity of the event.

Moloney inquired about previous salt run-off issues. Holmes stated this issue has been addressed.

F. Brown restated his desire to see a finalized street ranking.

Stinnett inquired if Streets & Roads will have any equipment needs this winter. Miller stated they will be adding at least 4 new trucks.

Moloney inquired about using CNG fuel for the snow removal trucks. Jamshid Baradaran, Director of Fleet and Facilities, noted that CNG vehicles were considered, but were not purchased due to life cycle cost and other considerations. Moloney stated he hopes the city will transition into more energy efficient vehicles.

III. Division of Water Quality Projects Report

Charlie Martin, Director of Water Quality, provided an update and overview of the status of Water Quality projects.

Stinnett inquired how much has been spent to date since the consent decree. Martin stated they are running roughly \$3 to \$4 million in the positive on projects and stated that approximately \$23M has been spent to date.

Farmer asked if revenues have increased as a result of the implementation of revised rates. Martin stated he has not noticed a change yet, but this may be related to timing.

Mossotti inquired if the city is still experiencing significant residential stormwater issues. Martin stated these are chronic problems that happen during large rain events. Mossotti inquired if the basement flooding prevention program is advertised on the website. Martin stated it is noted and that it will be available soon.

IV. Items Referred to Committee

A motion was made by Mossotti to adjourn, seconded by Stinnett. The motion passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

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