

P. Worley, Chair
K. Plomin, Vice Chair
D. Wu
J. Brown
C. Ellinger
S. Lynch
H. LeGris
L. Sheehan
W. Baxter
J. Reynolds



A G E N D A
General Government & Planning Committee
February 14, 2023
1:00 P.M.

- | | | | |
|-------------|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| I. | January 17, 2023 GGP Committee Summary | | (1-3) |
| II. | PLN-ZOTA-22-00015: Intents ZOTA | (Reynolds/Woodall) | (na) |
| III. | Items Referred to Committee | | (4) |

"General Government and Planning committee, to which shall be referred matters relating to the department of general services and its divisions, the department of planning and its divisions, the department of law, any matter relating to the general administration of government and the divisions under the chief administrative officer, any related partner agencies, and any other matters relating to capital improvement projects." Council Rules & Procedures, Section 2.102 (2) Effective January 1, 2023. Adopted by Urban County Council September 22, 2022

2023 Meeting Schedule

January 17	August 15
February 14	September 19
March 7	October 17
May 9	



General Government and Planning Committee

January 17, 2023

Summary and Motions

Vice Mayor Wu called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Committee Members J. Brown, Ellinger, Lynch, LeGris, Sheehan, Worley, Baxter, Reynolds, and Plomin were in attendance. Council Members F. Brown, Gray, and Seigny were also present as non-voting members.

I. Election of Committee Chair/Selection of Vice Chair

A motion by J. Brown to nominate Worley as Committee Chair, seconded by Ellinger, the motion passed without dissent. Worley appointed Plomin as Vice Chair.

II. November 15, 2022 GGSS Committee Summary (for information only)

The final GGSS summary is included in the packet for information only because the committees were restructured and there was no action taken at the last meeting.

III. December 6, 2022 P&PS Committee Summary (for information only)

The final P&PS summary is included in the packet for information only because the committees were restructured and there was no action taken at the last meeting.

IV. PLN-ZOTA-22-00015 Intents ZOTA

Chris Woodall and Hal Baillie from the Division of Planning presented on behalf of the item. Woodall gave an overview of the documents that guide and regulate planning in Lexington which includes the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Ordinance and the Land Subdivision Regulations. Baillie shared the timeline of the work completed on the Intents ZOTA. The work began in 2019 with the majority of the work occurring in 2022. The importance of the zoning ordinance intents is to provide connective tissue between the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance. It differentiates the purposes of each zone and provides background for the community. Additionally, it reviews the context and appropriateness of zones. The intents statements need to be updated for technical/legal reasons, practical reasons and transparency purposes. The updates include various modernization and continuity between zones, it strengthens connection to the Comprehensive Plan and other adopted community studies, and it provides greater context for the appropriateness of zones in different locations of the community. Baillie provided a couple of examples of the updates.

The text also corrects various references to the Comprehensive plan, updates the zone nomenclature to match the Comprehensive Plan and modernizes the text for 2023 and beyond. The text does not change what people can do with their property and does not allow for new uses. The Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval.

There was a technical error with the presentation and a new presentation is to be shared with the Committee. During discussion, there was an emphasis that this does not add new regulation or change uses and provides additional information to individuals. CM Worley would like this to come back to committee for further information from the Division of Law regarding limiting language and its function

as a guide. The Intents Statements are not limit the Comprehensive Plan, it is trying to connect the zone change to Comprehensive Plan. There was no action taken on this item and there will be a follow-up on February 14th, 2023.

V. CivicLex Public Comment Proposal

Richard Young, Executive Director of CivicLex, presented on behalf of the item. He provided the final recommendations of CivicLex's Public Input Research. This research is to address how the public can best provide feedback to City Council. The process began in 2020. They had a survey for the public for their perspective on providing input for legislative items before council. The survey was developed in conjunction with the University of Kentucky and Transylvania University.

On average, most people who responded were not very engaged with the city. When people do engage, it is motivated by issues in their neighborhood and issues they are about. Most residents want to be more engaged and want to participate outside of meetings, in virtual meetings, and have a way to track items. CivicLex put together a flow chart for how legislation moves through Council. LFUCG staff responded to a survey as well. City staff thinks it is important for the public to engage and frequently impacts their work. Staff also doesn't think the public has a good understanding of its current public input options.

CivicLex's recommendations include: Move public comment for items on the agenda to beginning of meetings, including Council Meetings; allow for public comment for items on the agenda for all Council Committee, Work Session, Council, and Committee of the Whole Meetings; hold separate meetings specifically designated for public education and input that are outside of city hall; hold one additional monthly public meeting to present on items coming up before council and to solicit public input; move Work Session to weekday evenings and should direct the public to consider these as their primary public comment opportunity. Additionally, CivicLex recommended various technological advances and educational options that could be made to improve the public input process. Moving forward, CivicLex will submit their final report to LFUCG and will anonymize the data; both the report and data will be released to the public.

During discussion, CivicLex shared that CivicLex reaches 10s of thousands of Lexington citizens annually. The survey reached over 1000 people. Council Members would like to see a proposal or recommendations on costs and types of systems that would work for LFUCG. Additionally, there was an interest in see how people can enter things into the public record and a system for online feedback. Some questions regarding how and when public input is received may need to be addressed in the Council Rules. No action was taken on this item, but a Public Comment Work Group was established with LeGris as chair.

VI. Items Referred to Committee – Annual Status Report of Referrals

A motion by Baxter to remove *Review of Regulations and Guidance for Redistricting*, seconded by Ellinger, the motion passed without dissent.

A motion by Plomin to remove *Enhancements to PDR Program that will Allow for Public Access to Farmland*, seconded by Baxter, the motion passed without dissent.

A motion by J. Brown to remove *Mass Transit and Regional Zones*, seconded by Baxter, the motion passed without dissent.

A motion by Baxter to remove *How to Communicate with Broad Groups of Diverse People* and merge it with *CivicLex Public Comment Proposal*, seconded by Reynolds, the motion passed without dissent.

A motion by J. Brown to remove *Explorium PSA; Requirements/Achievements for Additional Funding*, seconded by Ellinger, the motion passed without dissent.

A motion by J. Brown to remove *Bluegrass Area Development District – Annual Update*, seconded by Wu, the motion passed without dissent.

A motion by Ellinger to remove *Expanded Public Hearing Notification (Pilot Program)*, seconded by Plomin, the motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Plomin to adjourn at 2:36 p.m. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

General Government and Planning Committee

Referral Item	Referred By	Date Referred	Last Heard	Status	File ID
1 CivicLex Public Comment Proposal	L. Sheehan	January 19, 2021	April 12, 2022	In progress	0362-22
2 Diversifying Hiring & Promotional Opportunities within LFUCG	S. Lamb	April 13, 2021	June 15, 2021		0612-21
3 Language Access in LFUCG and How to Improve It	J. Reynolds	August 10, 2021	April 12, 2022		0359-22
4 Study of a Consent Agenda Process for Council Meetings	K. Plomin	September 28, 2021		In progress	
5 Review of Neighborhood Access and Traffic Calming Measures	W. Baxter	August 16, 2022			
6 Review of Short-Term Rentals	J. Brown	June 11, 2019	November 29, 2022		
7 Recommendations for Ensuring the Continuous Operations for Shared Use Paths, Sidewalks, and Bike Lanes	C. Ellinger	August 10, 2021	January 18, 2022		
8 Examine Ways to Evenly Distribute Social Service Facilities in Neighborhoods	J. Reynolds	June 14, 2022			
9 Assessment of Lexington's African American Hamlets and Historic Preservation of Their Heritage	K. Plomin	April 26, 2022			
10 Examine opportunities to relocate programming and initiatives from the Mayor's Office to other relevant Divisions within LFUCG.	L. Sheehan	May 31, 2022			
11 Acquire investor owned or other properties	P. Worley	November 3rd, 2022			
12 Study of conditional use permits and related zone text amendments in the Rural Service Area	K. Plomin	December 6th, 2022			
13 PLN-ZOTA-22-00015: Intents ZOTA	J. Reynolds	December 6th, 2022	January 17th, 2023		
14 Equitable Representation on Boards and Commission	S. Lynch	January 24th, 2023			
Annual/Period Updates					
15 Lexington Global Engagement Center (Global Lex)	J. Reynolds	January 2015	November 15, 2022		1170-22
16 Annual PDR Review (Required by Ordinance)	J. Brown		December 6, 2022		
17 Follow-Up from Infill and Redevelopment Committee Regarding Council Sponsered Re-Zoning (Resolution)	D. Wu	March 1, 2022	April 19, 2022		
18 Division and Program Review - 2022 Evaluations Selection	BFED Committee	November 30, 2021	November 15, 2022		1172-22
19 Lexington History Museum	Plomin / Budget COW	FY20 March 21, 2017 / May 28, 2019	April 12, 2022	made an annual item on 8/17/21	0361-22
Subcommittees					
20 Electronic Billboards	K. Plomin	June 1, 2018	August 18, 2020		
21 Council Comment Work Group	H. LeGris	January 17, 2023			
22 Charter Review	L. Sheehan	November 1st, 2022			
23 Council Rules	W. Baxter	January 19, 2023			