



Planning and Public Works Committee Meeting
January 13, 2015
Summary and Motions

Vice Mayor Kay called the meeting to order 1:00 p.m. Council Members Akers, Bledsoe, Farmer, Gibbs, Henson, Lamb, Mossotti, Scutchfield, and Stinnett were in attendance. Council Members Moloney, Ford, Evans, Brown, Bledsoe, and Lane were also in attendance.

1. Election of Committee Chair

Vice Mayor Kay made a request for nominations for Chair.

CM Lamb made a Motion to nominate CM Mossotti as Chair, seconded by CM Henson. Motion was approved by a 5-4 vote. (Yay: Akers, Gibbs, Henson, Lamb, Mossotti; Nay: Bledsoe, Farmer, Scutchfield, Stinnett; Abstained-Kay)

CM Farmer made a Motion to nominate CM Scutchfield as Chair, seconded by CM Bledsoe. Motion was denied by a 4-5 vote. (Yay: Bledsoe, Farmer, Scutchfield, Stinnett. Nay: Akers, Gibbs, Henson, Lamb, Mossotti; Abstained-Kay.)

2. Appointment of Vice Chair

Mossotti asked CM Scutchfield to serve as Vice-Chair of the Planning and Public Safety Committee. CM Scutchfield accepted.

3. November 11, 2014 Committee Summary

CM Farmer highlighted Planning and Public Works Committee Summary from November 11, 2014.

Motion to move forward prior request to conduct annual review of the fee structure and schedule of electrical inspections by CM Farmer, seconded by CM Akers. Passed unanimously.

Motion to move forward a prior motion to amend resolution 343-2012 to include zoning enforcement activities in addition to nuisance abatement, made by CM Farmer, seconded by CM Henson. Passed unanimously.

Motion to move forward former motion to allow mobile food vendors as accessory uses if located 500 feet or greater from a property zoned residential, made by CM Farmer, seconded by CM Akers. Passed unanimously.

Motion to move forward former motion for planning commission to consider some P-1 usage for food trucks, made by CM Farmer, seconded by CM Akers. Passed Unanimously.

CM Henson, former Chair, read the summary of the December 2, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

4. EMS Transport Fees

The EMS fiscal year review presentation was given by Rusty Cook, Director of Revenue. CM Henson inquired about the potential cost to the city if the City did not charge fees above what Medicare pays. Cook stated that would mean giving up the total of all Medicare funds. CM Henson was concerned that the extra cost for individuals would be a burden to seniors, who are the majority of Medicare patients.

CM Henson asked Cook what the cost would be to city be if additional fees were not charged to patients. Rusty stated it was his belief they would have to give up the entire Medicaid revenue.

Bill O'Mara stated that he was concerned about eliminating single insurance providers. In addition, O'Mara raised his concern that the Medicare revenue of 2.3 million would have to be created by other venues. Chair Mossotti stated they would leave item in committee.

5. Ridesharing/Taxicab Services

CM Henson stated that Council is still waiting on state determination regarding transportation network companies, Uber and Lyft. CM Henson inquired if there were any remaining items for the City to address. Glenda George from the Law Department stated that the State has implemented their regulations leaving no further actions at the local level. CM Henson asked if the City would be collecting revenue from ridesharing companies. O'Mara offered that Revenue would be reaching out to register participating corporations/companies.

CM Stinnett asked who would enforce regulations locally and if the responsible parties would be following current ordinances as written. O'Mara stated that enforcing occupational licenses would be handled through the Revenue department and their field inspectors. He also stated that Revenue is in talks with Public Safety to coordinate with divisions appropriately. CM Stinnett raised concerns about having enough staff, in light of the upcoming budget, and voiced his concern about any future staffing needs becoming a financial burden to the City. CM Stinnett inquired when their final plan would be prepared. O'Mara stated he believed this process would be finished within 30 - 60 days.

George reiterated that the City would not handle any of the regulations other than collecting occupational license fees. In response to a question by Chair Mossotti, Rick Curtis, Administrator Officer for Public Safety, informed that there are approximately 70 ridesharing cars currently in the city.

CM Akers requested the date of compliance for rideshare companies. Curtis stated that all companies and their drivers must be in compliance by February 2, 2015. CM Henson stated that public comment regarding ridesharing regulations will be held on February 22, 2015 at the Transportation Cabinet Building in Frankfort, KY. CM Henson request that Council review current taxicab ordinances to ensure that they allow for taxi cabs to be competitive

with ridesharing companies. CM Henson asked for another month to work on these concerns with Public Safety.

6. Current & Future IT Needs in Public Safety

Aldona Valicenti, Chief Information Officer, gave a presentation on current Public Safety IT issues. CM Lamb asked if they had talked about working with other local public safety agencies such as UK Airport and the University of Kentucky. Valicenti says that has not been part of the discussion. Robert Stack, director of 911 for Lexington, confirmed that they do share information with the University of Kentucky Police Department, but states that UK and the Bluegrass Airport are on different dispatch systems and software. Stacks said this could be explored as a future possibility at in the future. CM Lamb stated it is important for public safety throughout the city and all of its agencies be as inclusive as possible.

CM Stinnett inquired about the cost for Phase 2 of the correction system, and the completion timeline for the radio technology updates for Police and Fire. Stack informed that the cost for Phase 2 is \$ 1.5 million, which is the same as for Phase 1 of the project. Police has been updated at this time and Fire updates will be completed by late spring. Stinnett asked for a Council Member to be added to the RFP working group.

Chair Mossotti asked Valicenti to brief new Council Members about recent technology updates in Police and Fire. Valicenti said that former technologies were implemented in the 1990's and that most of the code and systems that are at the end of their life cycle and are no longer relevant or supported, or capable of communicating with one another to share data.

7. Items Referred to Committee

Motion to remove possible revision of sign ordinance from committee, made by CM Farmer, seconded by CM Henson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to change H1-Notification Process to CM Farmer and to keep in committee, made by CM Farmer, seconded by CM Henson. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion to change assistance to low-income homeowners with code violations to CM Akers and to keep in committee, made by CM Akers, seconded by CM Farmer. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion to change building inspection fine and civil offences to CM Gibbs, and to keep in committee, made by CM Gibbs, seconded by CM Akers. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion to remove zoning text amendments for food trucks in the P-1 and AU Zones, made by CM Akers, seconded by CM Farmer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to remove electrical inspection fees, made by CM Stinnett, seconded by CM Farmer. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion to remove nuisance abatement process, made by CM Stinnett, seconded by CM Farmer. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion to remove electrical inspection fees from committee, made by CM Stinnett, seconded by CM Farmer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to remove permanent barricading of Agape Drive from committee, made by CM Farmer, seconded by CM Moloney. Passed without dissent.

Motion to change taxicab ordinance to CM Henson, made by CM Henson, seconded by CM Farmer. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion to remove design excellence update, made by Vice Mayor Kay, seconded by CM Farmer. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion to keep ridesharing regulation in committee, and to have an update in March, made by CM Henson, seconded by Farmer. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion to remove IT needs for public safety and to have a quarterly update, made by CM Henson, seconded by CM Scutchfield. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion to approve summaries made by CM Farmer, seconded by CM Stinnett. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion to adjourn made by CM Farmer, seconded by CM Stinnett. Motion passed without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.