



General Government Committee
February 5th, 2013
Summary and Motions

Vice Chair Jennifer Scutchfield called the meeting to order at 11:00am. Council Members present were Linda Gorton, Harry Clarke, Chris Ford, and Shevawn Akers. Steve Kay, George Myers, and Ed Lane were absent.

1. Approval of Summary

Motion by Gorton to approve the summary. Seconded by Ford. Motion passed without dissent.

2. Amendment of Section 4.104 of the Council Rules

Glenda George from the Department of Law came to the podium and said that she had made the changes the committee requested at the January 2013 meeting.

George reviewed the changes with the committee members. Gorton asked George what the asterisk items were. George said that they are also in the Council rules but the Council Clerk's office does not know what they are. Gorton asked George to remove them and she agreed.

Gorton then asked about the documents that will be included in the information from the Mayor. Gorton said that she wants the public to be able to see the information. For example, with a new contract, will the public see the name and amount of tax dollars spent? George said that she is not that far in the process but she would appreciate Council input as they work through developing the process. Gorton requested that, since the LFUCG has a history of being very open, they include more information rather than less. George said that they could have a process to load these documents into legistar. Meredith Nelson said that the items are hyperlinked through the public website.

George said that each item will be numbered.

Clarke asked George if Gorton's suggestions could be reflected in a statement in Section 4.104. Clarke also requested that George re-letter section (h) since item (g) was removed.

Scutchfield said that the item would be placed on the March 2013 agenda for final review with the recommended changes.

3. Metro Employees Credit Union Lease Update

Chief Administrative Officer, Sally Hamilton, came to the podium to present the update. Hamilton said that the issue came to the forefront last year. She said that it is because of the LFUCG Ordinance that requires the LFUCG to require tenants to pay Fair Market Value (FMV) for rent. Hamilton went on to say that they have negotiated and have tentatively agreed to a five-year graduated lease that also requires the Metro Employees Credit Union to pay for their utilities.

Hamilton said that after much discussion, she would like to recommend writing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) instead of a Public Service Agreement (PSA). Hamilton said that the LFUCG shares some data with the Metro Employees Credit Union. The MOU will describe this data sharing in detail. One of these services allows the credit union to release payroll funds into member's accounts a day earlier than other financial entities.

Bill O'Mara is now working on this. He is meeting with staff and will bring a draft MOU back to the General Government Committee in April 2013. Hamilton stressed that she will work with the credit union to make sure they are comfortable with the language of the MOU as well.

Beard asked about the execution of the MOU and asked Hamilton if a new service comes up that the credit union wants to offer, if the credit union will be able to do it. Hamilton said that the MOU will list broad terms so the credit union can make changes that it wishes to make. Beard asked to see the MOU before it is executed. Hamilton agreed to provide it.

Clarke asked Hamilton how the agreement compares to those with other facilities. Hamilton said that she has worked on rental agreements for a year. Hamilton said that the PSA or MOU was requested by Council. The Council Members felt that in this particular instance, a PSA or MOU would be appropriate.

Ford thanked Hamilton for her update. He said that he thinks that the MOU is more fitting than a PSA.

Hamilton said that she envisions that the benefits should be noted in the MOU. However, she does not want to restrict additional services that the credit union might want to add in the future.

Piper Graham said that their charter said they can only service employees of the LFUCG. They have not paid rent for 73 years. Graham wants to continue their relationship the LFUCG.

Beard and Gorton had questions about who can be members of the credit union. Graham said that employees can remain members when they leave the LFUCG as long as they don't close their account upon their departure. Graham also said that the immediate family members of an employee of the LFUCG can also be members.

4. Website Linking Policy

Keith Horn from the Department of Law came to the podium to answer questions. Scott Shapiro was unable to attend the meeting. Horn said that he had been working on the language with Shapiro and he thought Shapiro had revised the document to reflect requested changes.

Gorton said that the document had not been revised and the document in the packet did not reflect the changes that Council Members asked for.

Horn said that one of the changes was made, but said that he would work with Shapiro to make the revisions.

Clarke directed Horn to page 13 and asked about the outside link section. Horn said that he interprets the section to read that the LFUCG has no control over the content on external links.

Clarke also asked Horn to add “shall” after “website” under the *Rollout of Policy* section.

Lawless asked that Shapiro attend the next meeting and also that the Information Technology division have a representative provide a visual example of the external linking at the next General Government meeting. Jenifer Benningfield said that she will ask Phillip Steifel to attend and do a brief demonstration.

5. Items Referred to Committee

Gorton asked about the franchise fee referral from Chuck Ellinger. She said that the franchise fee was increased in the FY13 budget. She asked for research to be done on the issue to determine what the General Government Committee was supposed to be discussing.

Gorton made a motion to transfer the franchise fee issue to the Budget and Finance Committee. Ford seconded the motion.

Akers asked the committee members to wait to discuss the issue with Ellinger before transferring the item to a new committee.

Gorton withdrew her motion. Ford withdrew his second.

Akers made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Gorton. Motion passed without dissent.

Submitted by Jenifer Benningfield, Council Administrative Specialist