



LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Budget Committee of the Whole (COW) Discussion of Budget Link Reports May 28th, 2013

SUMMARY

VM Linda Gorton called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Council Members present were Charles Ellinger, Steve Kay, Chris Ford, Shevawn Akers, Diane Lawless, Julian Beard, Bill Farmer, Kevin Stinnett, Jennifer Scutchfield, George Myers, Jennifer Mossotti, Harry Clarke, Peggy Henson, and Ed Lane.

1. Discussion of Budget Link Reports

Connie Underwood came to the podium and walked the Council Members through her packet.

Link	Recommendation	Fund	Amount
General Government	Remove Code for America funding. The Link does not support bonding this cost.	General Fund	(\$180,000)
General Government	Add \$12,000 in capital funds to each Councilmember's cost center.	2014 Bond Fund	\$180,000
General Government	Add fleet services funds to replace Coroner's van.	2014 Bond Fund	\$20,000
Environmental Quality and Public Works	Carry over funding to FY 2014 for Idle Hour stormwater project.	Water Quality Management Fund	\$475,000
Environmental Quality and Public Works	Carry over funding to FY 2014 for Anniston stormwater project.	Water Quality Management Fund	\$455,000
Environmental Quality and Public Works	Additional funding for Streets and Road for striping and painting of asphalt.	General Fund	\$75,000
General Services and Planning	Add \$1MM in bond funds for Purchase of Development Rights (PDR).	FY 2014 Bond Fund	\$1,000,000
		General Fund	\$70,400
General Services and Planning	Add \$100,000 in bond funds for golf cart replacement.	FY 2014 Bond Fund	\$100,000
		General Fund	\$24,000
General Services and Planning	Increase allocation for Downtown Arts Center (DAC).	General Fund	\$6,000

Ellinger asked about adding \$12,000 in Capital money to each Council Member's cost center. He said that he was told it should be a minimum of \$25,000 per Council Member if it they want it to stay in the Bond Fund. Underwood said they could leave it as a General Fund expense of \$180,000.

Henson asked Clarke when we would know if the Federal match would be available if we added additional money for PDR. Clarke said that Billy Van Pelt spoke to the federal government about it and felt confident that the money would be available.

Lawless asked if the Capital projects would each have to be \$25,000. Underwood said that each project would have to be \$25,000.

Farmer asked when the Mayor's late item list would be distributed. Gorton said that the Council would get the information on Thursday, June 6.

Akers asked Underwood about the Coroner. Underwood stated that there will be a \$20,000 expense in the General Fund as a transfer and another \$20,000 in the FY13 Bond Fund.

Akers asked about the additional \$75,000 allocated to Streets and Roads. Farmer said that the Link felt that it would be good to have additional monies allocated for these types of projects. Farmer said that additional markings can alleviate traffic problems.

Mossotti asked about having a part-time Budget Analyst employed with the Council. Gorton said the recommendation did not come out of the Link, so it would need to be an individual recommendation or a Link recommendation.

Clarke asked Ellinger why his Link did not support Code for America. Ellinger said that he was unclear on the specifics of the program, but had suggested that the Administration bring forth a presentation on the item.

Gorton said that she thought the Administration was preparing a presentation on it. Jamie Emmons said that he would like to do the presentation soon and Gorton suggested the June 6, 2013 Budget COW.

Several Council Members suggested having the presentation at a Work Session. Council Members decided to have the Code for America presentation at the Work Session on June 4, 2013.

Myers asked how long each Council Member would have to go through their individual recommendations. Gorton said that there would be approximately two hours dedicated to hearing the individual recommendations.

Akers asked Underwood what the process is when the Council is increasing the General Services Fund budget, who finds the money?

Gorton said that sometimes the Link finds the money, sometimes not. Underwood said there is more leeway this year than in other years due to a larger budgeted Fund Balance.

Beard spoke on the change in the Finance and Social Services Link recommendation regarding the Explorium. He said that \$91,812.93 will be remitted to the Explorium over three years. The Explorium will also provide programming for 24 Parks and Recreation events, each year, for five years. \$28,850.04 will be written off each year. At the conclusion of the five years, The Explorium will be in good financial standing with the LFUCG. Beard said that there would need to be some discussion with the Explorium.

O'Mara said that he spoke to the Director of the Explorium about this proposal. They believe it is a workable solution. The 24 events would be value added for the programming that is already in place.

Gorton asked O'Mara if this agreement will replace the verbal agreement with a written agreement. O'Mara said yes.

O'Mara said that the old arrangement would take too long. This agreement would allow them to work off their balance sooner.

O'Mara said that the LFUCG will remit \$30,604.32 per year of the remaining cash balance associated with the Explorium until the \$92,812.93 balance is relieved in three years. The Explorium would agree to furnish programming for 24 LFUCG events per year. These events would be coordinated with Parks to supplement active Parks programming for children and families. The LFUCG would then forgive one fifth of the outstanding loan receivable balance in the amount of \$28,850.04 each year upon receiving the services from Explorium for five years until the \$194,250.21 is relieved.

Gorton said that this recommendation will go on the Links Recommendation list. This agreement would start in 2014.

Gorton said that they would need a definitive answer from the Explorium by June 11, 2013.

Gorton said that Underwood would update the chart and distribute it to all Council Members.

All individual Links recommendations are due to Underwood, Ellinger, Maynard, Schoninger and Gorton by Friday, May 31, 2013.

Motion by Kay to adjourn. Seconded by Farmer. Motion passed without dissent.

Submitted by Jenifer Benningfield, Council Administrative Specialist