



General Government and Planning Committee

April 16, 2024

Summary and Motions

Chair Worley called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Vice Mayor Wu and Committee Members J. Brown, Ellinger, Lynch, LeGris, Sheehan, Baxter, Reynolds, and Plomin were in attendance. Council members Monarrez, Gray, F. Brown, and Sevigny were present as non-voting members.

I. February 13, 2024 General Government and Planning Committee Summary

Motion by Ellinger to approve the February 13, 2024, GGP Committee Summary. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

II. Annual PDR Update

Beth Overman, Director of the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program, presented on behalf of the item. She gave background information on the Rural Service Area (RSA) and the Rural Land Management Plan (RLMP). The RLMP was adopted in 1999 as an element of the 1996 Comprehensive Plan; it was designed to document the natural and historical attributes of the RSA and recommend ways to manage and preserve them. The PDR program was created from the RLMP recommendations and was established in 2000. The Rural Land Management Board (RLMB) was created to govern the program.

Overman explained how PDR easements function and how they are issued. She also shared financial benefits of farmland preservation and explained how the federal funding partnership works. Potential PDR parcels are ranked based on the Land Evaluation and Site Assessment provided in the Code of Ordinances. This includes categories like agricultural support, environmental protection, historic preservation, and others. The PDR program has preserved 286 farms and over 32,000 acres, which is roughly 2/3 of the way to the 50,000-acre goal. The Program recently issued the largest easement in PDR history. PDR staff and the RMLB are currently working with 27 PDR applicants and stewarding easements on nearly 300 farms.

No action was taken on this item.

III. Short Term Rentals: RLMB Recommendations

This item was postponed due to time constraints.

IV. Consent Agenda

Jennifer Sutton, Council Research Analyst, presented on behalf of the item. She gave an overview of what a consent agenda is and a brief history of the item. It was first introduced in 2009 and failed its second reading in 2011. It was reintroduced in 2016 but did not make it out of committee. The Urban County Council started implementing pieces of a consent agenda model in 2021. The actions to date include: change orders and contract modification implemented in 2021, grant budgets implemented in 2022, Price contracts implemented in 2022, and budget amendments implemented in 2022.

The proposed changes include amending the Code of Ordinances to allow for Council Capital Projects to move as a budget adjustment instead of requiring a budget amendment and to allow for fixed price bid

recommendations and sole source vendors to move forward on the Mayor's report. Additionally, the proposed changes include amending the Council Rules to move the Mayor's Report between New Business and Continuing Business, change title to "Communications from the Mayor," and will include Appointments, Donations, and Procurement. Votes would take place at Appointments, Donations, and at each new sub-item under "Procurement." The benefits of the changes include preparation time savings for staff, council meeting time savings from the reduction of readings, and speeds up the approval process. Items can still be questioned and/or removed.

Motion by Plomin to approve the resolution and ordinances pertaining to the consent agenda, seconded by Baxter. The motion passed without dissent.

V. Disparity Study

Sherita Miller, Minority Program Coordinator, gave an update on the Disparity Study. She shared the study's accomplishments thus far and what is currently in progress. They have implemented a prompt payment police to ensure that subcontractors are paid timely. They have also marketed the programs offered to the area business community through the existing partnership with KY APEX Accelerator. The race and gender-neutral measures that are still in-progress include small contract opportunities, unbundling large contracts, supportive services, comprehensive data collection and monitoring, creating a Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) Program, and expansion of the Minority Business Enterprise Program (MBEP).

A race conscious measure that was implemented was the establishment of new aspirational goals for the participation of minority and women-owned businesses based on information from the disparity study. It resulted in a revised resolution to implement changes to address disparities found in the study and improve the MBEP. The revised resolution changes the goal to 5% for minority-owned businesses and 12% for women-owned businesses; expands goals to cover all LFUCG purchases; adds language for race conscious measures; and adds a sunset provision of five years that will require a re-evaluation of the program. The next steps for implementation includes Council approval of the revised resolution, stakeholder meetings, Bonding Assistance Program RFI release, and Small Local Business Enterprise/Sheltered Bidding Program Development.

Motion by J. Brown to approve the resolution pertaining to the Disparity Study Update, seconded by Ellinger. The motion passed without dissent.

VI. Items Referred

No action was taken on this item.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Ellinger to adjourn, seconded by Baxter. The motion passed without dissent.

The Committee adjourned at 2:48 pm.