

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
May 15, 2012
Summary

Chair Blues called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM. All members were present except Myers and McChord. Kay and Beard were also present.

1. 3.13.12 Environmental Quality Committee Summary

On a motion by Vice Mayor Gorton second Councilmember Henson the 3.13.12 summary was approved as amended.

2. Sanitary Sewer Capacity Assurance Program Task Force Update

Charlie Martin provided an update on the recently appointed CAP Task Force. He noted that Councilmember Blues chairs the CAP Task Force. He said the initial meeting on May 3 illustrated the need to look at a timetable for key decisions that will need to be addressed, including approving sanitary sewer extension, tap on issuance, allocation of capacity, and the allocation of capacity credits.

Mr. Martin stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2012. Future meeting dates are June 14; June 28; July 12; July 26; August 9; August 23; September 6; and September 20.

Chair Blues said he was recommending that staff continue to develop and refine the decision-making elements for the Task Force to consider. He also stated that Law will need to provide some guidance as to how recommendations made by the Task Force can be considered via a resolution by the full Council and then consider ordinances that would be required in accordance with the resolution. He also stated that the Zoning Ordinance text will need to be amended to accommodate CAP provisions.

3. Update on the Capacity, Management, Operations & Maintenance (CMOM) Plan

Mr. Martin made a presentation on the Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) Plan. He stated that CMOM was an element of the EPA Consent Decree.

Mr. Martin indicated that 150 implementation elements are being directed by LFUCG with assistance from 9 sub contracting firms. Mr. Martin explained the various aspects of CMOM: including self-assessment; sewer overflow response; fats, oils & grease (FOG); pump station power outages; and gravity line preventative maintenance. Mr. Martin also discussed the information management system being utilized to collect and analyze data. He stated that CMOM had a low financial impact relative to the remedial measures plan elements.

Mr. Martin discussed implementation goals, customer impacts/benefits as well as success factors.

Councilmember Henson asked about homeowner notification on the fats, oils & grease (FOG) component. In response Mr. Martin stated that Bluegrass PRIDE has an excellent outreach component.

3. Emerald Ash Borer

John Saylor, with the Office of Environmental Compliance spoke about the Emerald Ash Borer. He stated that the ash borer has been in Fayette County since 2009. Lexington-Fayette County has approximately 50,000 ash trees, including about 6,000 street trees.

Councilmember Lane asked if we have a Blue Ash virgin tree forest in Fayette County. Mr. Saylor answered yes, that LFUCG is treating trees in our parks. He also stated that the Kentucky Horse Park is treating trees on their property as well.

In response to a question, Mr. Saylor said it costs between \$10-\$16 per trunk diameter inch to treat a tree and that treatment is required every 2 years.

Councilmember Beard asked if the trees can recover. In response, Mr. Saylor said yes, but with some exceptions.

4. Public Comment

Edward Kusche spoke about the water quality fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

