



## General Government & Planning (GGP) Committee

February 10, 2026

### Summary and Motions

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Committee members Liz Sheehan (Chair), Shayla Lynch, J.D. (Vice Chair), Dan Wu, James Brown, Chuck Ellinger II, Emma Curtis, Whitney Elliott Baxter, Dave Sevigny, Jennifer Reynolds, and Hil Boone were present. Council members Tyler Morton, Joseph Hale, and Amy Beasley were present as non-voting members. Chair Sheehan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### **I. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 10, 2026 COMMITTEE SUMMARY (Sheehan)**

A motion by Ellinger to approve the January 10, 2026 Committee Summary was seconded by Curtis and approved unanimously.

#### **II. BLUE SKY SMALL AREA PLAN (Boone & Hale/Miller)**

The Committee received an update from Senior Planner Eve Miller with the Division of Planning on the Blue Sky Small Area Plan (SAP). The Blue Sky Activity Center encompasses approximately 301 acres and supports roughly 150 businesses and over 1,000 jobs, many paying at least \$20 per hour. Work completed to date includes an existing conditions assessment, market analysis, and extensive public engagement with businesses and nearby neighborhoods. Miller highlighted key site characteristics, including its strategic location near I-64 and I-75, long-standing industrial use, steep topography, limited rear access, and infrastructure constraints. While water and sewer are available, concerns remain regarding electrical reliability, internet capacity, lack of street lighting, and safety at the I-75 interchange.

Committee discussion focused on infrastructure modernization, potential tax district transitions following inclusion in the Urban Service Boundary, business interest in cost-sharing for improvements, and the need to modernize industrial zoning regulations (B-4, I-1, and I-2) to reflect contemporary uses while avoiding unintended burdens on existing businesses.

Miller reported that draft frameworks and regulatory recommendations will be finalized with the advisory committee and presented to the Planning Commission for consideration as a component of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan.

#### **III. REVIEW & ANALYSIS OF LFUCG-OPERATED COMMUNITY CENTERS (Beasley & Morton/Postel)**

Beasley introduced the next item regarding a year-long review of LFUCG-operated community and neighborhood centers, conducted in collaboration with community partners. The review included visits to multiple centers operated by three departments. Christian Postel, CEO of Lexington Leadership Foundation, provided the presentation on behalf of the working group. Postel emphasized the role of community centers as critical civic infrastructure, particularly in neighborhoods facing economic and social challenges. Findings indicated strong staff commitment and positive outcomes at several centers, including Dunbar and Black & Williams. However, inconsistencies were identified across sites in staffing levels, operating hours, programming depth, capital investment, communication strategies, partner access, and safety readiness. These variations were described as contributing to inequities in service delivery.

The working group presented several recommendations, including:

- Adoption of a “Community and Neighborhood Center Promise” establishing minimum standards for operations, safety, programming transparency, and community engagement.
- Development of a shared performance measurement system and public dashboard to link funding inputs to outputs and outcomes.
- Long-term alignment of staffing models with service expectations (no new staffing requests proposed for the upcoming budget).
- Streamlining nonprofit partnership and onboarding processes.
- Continued investment in programming and capital improvements.
- Strengthening communication strategies and school partnerships.
- Formalizing consistent crisis response protocols across centers.

Committee discussion addressed implementation logistics, advisory board involvement, the importance of neighborhood voice and feedback, staffing considerations, and coordination across multiple divisions. Administration representatives outlined existing safety procedures, including CPR-certified staff, staffing ratios, and coordination with public safety partners. Interest was expressed in continued collaboration with the Administration to refine next steps.

#### **IV. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE (Sheehan)**

No action was taken on this item.

Chair Sheehan adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.