

City Council Workshop

Agenda Item #1

May 22, 2017

Review of Upcoming Workshop Items

This item is brought forward to discuss upcoming City Council Workshop Items. This discussion is done on a monthly basis.

We will review two new proposals, one from Councilor Beecher and one from Councilor Rose, dealing with the creation of an *ad hoc* Committee on Aging and amending the role of the Planning Board on ordinance changes, respectively. Per Council's rules, at least two councilors will need to agree to sponsor an item for it to make it on a workshop agenda.

We will also review outstanding items on the workshop list and determine future workshop dates for these items.



City Manager



City Council
Workshop Proposal Form

Date Submitted: 05 / 22 / 2017

Title: Ad Hoc Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

Sponsored by Councilors Maxine Beecher, Susan Henderson, Claude Morgan

Nature of Proposal: **XXPossible Council Action-**To establish an Ad Hoc Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

If Possible Action: **XXOTHER-**permission for formation of a committee

Summary/Description:

Mission: Establish an ad hoc committee to ensure seniors have access to services and infrastructure enabling them to live safely and with dignity as they age.

Committee Goals: 1. Conduct needs assessment by age group (ie 60-69,70-79, 80-90, 91+) and dwelling type (Apartment, owner/renter-home, condo, SPHA, etc.)

2. Identify current programs in place that meet needs of older adults.

3. Analyze gaps between needs and available services.

4. With community, determine partnerships and options to meet needs.

5. Develop comprehensive strategy for communication of available programs and aids.

6. Recommendations will be delivered to city council within 16 months of project ad hoc committee starting meetings.

Is it time-sensitive? **XX No** Yes Deadline: / / Explain

Workshop Preparation Requested (i.e. staff presentation, guest speaker(s), Council discussion only, etc.): sponsor workshop: powerpoint presentation;
Move to council action workshop: TBD

Estimated Time Required: sponsor workshop-**10 minutes**.
Move to council action workshop: **20 minutes**



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Workshop Proposal Form

Date Submitted: 5/17/2017

Title: Defining the role of the Planning Board

Sponsored by Councilor(s) Eben Rose

Nature of Proposal: Information Exchange or Possible Council Action

If Possible Action: Change to §27-115 "Changes and amendments"

Summary/Description: The Planning Board (PB) should have no role in pre-screening draft ordinances.

Is it time-sensitive? No Yes Deadline: none in particular

Explain: The PB is not an elected legislative body and does not, in practice, initiate amendments independently of the Executive Branch. Reference to the PB in §27-115 should therefore be struck.

The Council, not the PB, is accountable to voters. The existing practice/structure empowers unelected Planning staff to use the unelected PB to pre-screen draft ordinances and to influence outcomes.

The PB, as matter of rule, possesses no more specialized training in land use or knowledge of Code than the Council. The PB's advisory role on any draft ordinance should therefore take place only *after* first consideration by the Council. To do otherwise curtails the likelihood of any Councilor's success in gaining support for amendments against the dual influence of (1) bandwagon momentum of prior PB support, and (2) reluctance to burden the PB schedule if substantively amended.

The sequence for ordinance changes should be maintained as: 1. Council workshop, 2. Council first reading, 3. PB public hearing, and 4. Council second reading (or new first reading if substantively changed, followed by steps 3 and 4).

The proposed reform ensures accountability in our representative democracy and will curtail abuse of the PB schedule by Planning staff.

Workshop Preparation Requested (i.e. staff presentation, guest speaker(s), Council discussion only, etc.):

Council discussion only; Planning Director and PB members may be present to testify and answer questions.

Estimated Time Required: 120+ minutes

Time Allocated	Workshop Date	Agenda Item	Date Added	Date Antic.	Sponsors
	6/12/2017	Knightville Zoning Discussion	5/16/17		Reny/Haeuser
	6/12/2017	Paper Streets Demo	5/1/17		Haeuser
	6/26/2017	Discuss Econ Dev, New ED Position/501(c)(3), Etc.	1/9/17		Morgan/Beecher
	6/26/2017	Review of upcoming workshop items			
	7/10/2017	Complete Streets Ordinance	4/24/17		Haeuser
	7/10/2017				
Ready to Go		Priority	Description		
	Council contact w/ Corp Counsel		Ordinance and Council Policy governing Councilors contact with Corp Counsel	2/9/17	Rose/Fox
	Council Goal Setting		Annual goal setting workshop (6/7 or 6/14)	4/24/17	June Smith
	Cable Ordinance		Discussion on updates to Cable TV Ordinance	5/16/17	Dumais
In Progress			Description		
	Portland Street Pier		Awaiting Coastal Prog. Grant; Master Plan for maint of pier, expansion, etc.	1/22/17	Summer Council
	Ban Single-Use Plastic Bottles		General discussion on the topic has been requested	2/9/17	Fox/Rose
	Open Space Plan		Staff to meet with Committee Chair; RFP for consultant		July Smith
	Aging in Place		Discussion on the topic has been requested (need workshop form)	4/24/17	July Beecher
	Chapter 14		Ordinance regarding Secondhand dealers & Pawnbrokers	5/10/17	Scully/Googins
Awaiting Memos			Description		
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