



Safety and Well-being Committee Summary Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

1:30 PM

City & County Building, Room 391

Committee Members: López, Chair; Faatz, Vice-Chair; Brooks; Kniech;
Lehmann; Susman

Committee Staff: Zach Rothmier

Council Members Present: Faatz, Kniech, Lehmann, Lopez, Susman

Members Absent:

Brooks

Presentations

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Honoring Division Chief Steve Garrod

Charlie Drennan III, Division Chief of Operations

*** Councilman Lopez called the meeting to order ***

Faatz, Kniech, Lehmann, and Susman present

Lopez changed the order of the agenda to hear the IGA with Englewood to the second item.

Steve Garrod is retiring after 37 years. His involvement in Station 3 in five-points and leadership are heralded by the Denver Fire Department.

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Presentation from Evolvement Denver on the evolution of tobacco products and their impact on youth tobacco consumption.

Evolvement Denver

Councilman Lopez introduced the Evolvment Denver group and elaborated on the importance of their work in the community.

The Evolvment Denver students introduced themselves and presented on their program. The group has a nationwide presence to reduce tobacco-related illness and death. Many underage youth find it easy to purchase tobacco products. Non-cigarette retailers are not licensed or checked on but sell newer tobacco products not identified in statute. The decline in cigarette smoking among youth is outweighed by the increased use of newer tobacco products such as hookah and E-cigarettes. The goals of the initiative is 3-fold: Licensing will provide a list of establishments that sell these products; funding will provide for enforcement; and increased penalties for non-compliance. The estimated ordinance fee would be \$180-250 for a license. Evolvment's survey have shown a strong public support for a licensing scheme. Reducing the availability of tobacco to youth will result in long-term behavioral changes.

*** Questions ***

Kniech - Is it currently illegal to sell tobacco products to youth?

E.D. - Yes, it is illegal, but currently happens regularly.

Bill Requests

BR15-0256 Approves an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Englewood through 12-31-2035 for \$148,352,911 to provide fire protection services to the City of Englewood

(FIRES201521807-00).

Charlie Drennan III, Division Chief of Operations

Lopez invited Division Chief of Operation Charlie Drennan III to speak about the IGA with Englewood for fire service.

Drennan elaborated on the staffing of two fire stations (37 and 38) by Denver Fire. The capital equipment needed will be paid for by the agreement. The economy of scale allows Denver to provide the same level of services to Englewood at a lower price than Englewood. This is in line with the skyline agreements with Glendale and Sheridan. The 20-year agreement allows Denver to plan effectively in expenditures and staffing. The IGA was modeled after the agreement with Glendale.

*** Questions ***

Lehmann - What will happen to Englewood's equipment and employees?

Drennan - All employees will be allowed the opportunity to make a lateral move to Denver Fire. To standardize the fire equipment for Denver, Denver will utilize reserve equipment in the mean time. Denver will be the defacto owner of the Englewood equipment, most is which is leased. The acquired equipment that is owned will be sold eventually.

Kniech - How will dispatch work?

Drennan - Any calls for service will go through Englewood - calls for fire or medical will be forwarded to Denver dispatch.

A motion offered by Councilmember Lehmann, duly seconded by Councilmember Kniech, to file the bill carried by the following vote:

AYES: Faatz, Kniech, Lehmann, Lopez, Susman(5)
NAYS: (None)
ABSENT: Brooks(1)
ABSTAIN: (None)

BR15-0268 Revises the Denver Municipal Code to align with Colorado and Federal laws regarding tobacco products. a) Presentation. b) Fifteen (15) minutes of public comment on proposal. Two minutes per speaker and equal opportunity for opposing perspectives as determined by the Committee Chair. Individuals wishing to speak must sign up in the Council conference room (3rd Floor, City & County Building, Rm. 391) between 1:00 pm and 1:15 pm. The order of speakers is determined by the Committee Chair. c) Discussion/Action.

Councilman Paul Lopez

Lopez elaborated on the updates to the code. While it is illegal to sell to minors, the code needs to be updated to reflect newer tobacco products and changes in state and federal laws.

Jessica Brody (Assistant City Attorney) presented on the enforcement provisions (through Department of Environmental Health).

A motion offered by Councilmember Kniech, duly seconded by Councilmember Faatz, to file the bill carried by the following vote:

- AYES: Faatz, Kniech, Lehmann, Lopez(4)
- NAYS: (None)
- ABSENT: Brooks, Susman(2)
- ABSTAIN: (None)