

Health, Environment and Human Services Committee Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: April 26, 2005

Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 11:38 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Lois G. Finkelman, Chair
Veletta Forsythe-Lill
Dr. Elba Garcia

Leo V. Chaney, Jr., Vice-Chair
James Fantroy

City Staff Present:

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager
Karen D. Rayzer, EHS
Shannon O'Quin, EHS
Rodger Jayroe, EHS

Kathleen Davis, DCC
Lisa Christopherson, CAO
Zaida Hagar, DDS

AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Minutes for April 26, 2005 Meeting**

Presenter: Lois G. Finkelman, Chair

Action Taken:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2005 meeting as submitted.

Motion made by: Dr. Garcia

Motion seconded by: Ms. Lill

Passed Unanimously

2. **Chapter 7 – Animal Ordinance Amendments Follow-up**

Presenter: Kathleen Davis, Director for Code Compliance

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Include "Caged/Domestic Birds in Definition of Domestic Animal Section 7-1.1 (13)

- * Staff, Animal Shelter Commission (ASC), and City Attorney's Office requested to include caged/domestic birds in the definition of "domestic animal" in the ordinance.

Commercial Breeders – Fiscal Impact, Volunteers Component, Ch. 51A

- * Staff recommendation was that the commercial breeder section not be included in the revised ordinance at this point in time. It would appear a need for further discussions of what might be the best way of dealing with this. Staff had a strong concern about ability to enforce this with existing staff and suggested that this be a budget consideration and it be brought back at budget time to ask for additional staffing to accomplish this.

Include "Dog On Dog" Attacks in the Dangerous Dog Section (Extend Same to Cats)

- * Staff and ASC's recommendation is to not include "dog on dog" attacks in the proposed new amendments.

Include Invisible Fence As Defense to Prosecution of New Chapter 7, Section 7-3.1 (Proper Restraint)

- * From a public safety protection standpoint, staff and the ASC is not in support of including the provision for allowing invisible fences in the ordinance.

Motion was made to adopt the staff's recommendation with respect to domestic birds and not including at this point the commercial breeders, the dog on dog, or invisible fence issues.

Motion made by: Dr. Garcia

Motion seconded by: Ms. Lill

Passed Unanimously

Sec. 7-6.1 Prohibited Animals

- * The current existing class for domestic animals has been redefined to include basically dogs, cats and “pocket” animals. Any other animal that does not fall into the common domestic animals or are prohibited dangerous type animals will then fall into the regulated category. Staff looked at the permit requirements that the State law outlines and have found that they have some good language so staff would like to adopt the State’s language for the requirements for permits.

City Attorney’s Office advised that exceptions related to “dangerous wild animals” be consistent with those set forth in Section 822.102 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

Motion was made to approve the recommendation as initially developed by the Commission, staff and stakeholders and to follow the State law language.

Motion made by: Dr. Garcia **Motion seconded by:** Mr. Chaney **Passed Unanimously**

Follow-Up:

Commercial Breeders

Schedule further discussions about the options for dealing with commercial breeders and how to define a commercial breeder.

3. **Groundwater Management Discussion of the Municipal Setting Designation**

Item was postponed until May 9, 2006 due to continuing discussions between City staff and stakeholders.

4. **Chapter 30 Noise Ordinance Revision**

Presenters: Rodger Jayroe, Environmental Assessment Manager for Environmental & Health Services
Lisa Christopherson, City Attorney

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

It was suggested that staff engage the building industry and homeowners association in a discussion on the proposed revisions.

Committee requested staff outline which legal holidays to be applied to construction noise revision.

City Attorney’s Office to add defenses for prosecution such as concrete trucks and refrigerated trucks in the truck idling provision of the ordinance.

Follow-Up:

Return to HEHS to further discuss noise revisions and address issues with respect to defining “vibrations”.

Memorandum (FYI) to be sent to all Councilmembers advising that the noise ordinance revisions will be discussed again.

5. **Environmentally Preferred Procurement Update**

Presenter: Zaida Hagar, Assistant Director for Business Development & Procurement Services

Information Only: X

Follow-Up:

With regard to vehicular products, the EPA provides recommendations that conform to federal performance specifications (rather than the standard recovered content specification for re-refined oil, re-tread tires, and reclaimed engine coolants) and recommendations for the servicing of vehicles with rebuilt vehicular parts. Staff is to provide information as to what the City is doing with all of the recycled and remanufactured products it has and whether they are involved with any of the EPA’s recommendations.

5. **Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program**

Presenter: Shannon O'Quin, WIC Program Manager for Environmental & Health Services

Information Only: X

Follow-Up:

At the request of Dr. Garcia, staff is to provide listing and map of the 15 WIC clinic sites in the city of Dallas to Councilmembers.

Lois G. Finkelman, Chair
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