

Lexington- Fayette Urban County Government Council Meeting

Lexington, Kentucky December 4, 2025

The Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky convened in regular session on December 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Gorton in the chair presiding, and the following members of the Council: Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, Brown, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Higgins-Hord, LeGris, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, and Sevigny. Absent were Council Members Boone, Curtis, and Hale.

The reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

Ordinances No. 110-2025 through 111-2025, inclusive, were reported as having been signed and published and ordered to record.

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The Invocation was given by Chistian Postel, Chief Executive Officer of Lexington Leadership Foundation.

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Upon motion by Mr. Sevigny, seconded by Mr. Morton, and approved by unanimous vote, the Minutes of the November 20, 2025 Council Meeting were approved.

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Mayor Gorton asked Robert (Dee) Bishop, Director of Bands, Dr. Chris Strange and Aaron Jones, Associate Band Directors, and the four field commanders of the Lafayette High School Marching Band to join her at the podium, and read a Proclamation declaring December 4, 2025 as Lafayette High School Marching Band Day in Lexington.

The Mayor congratulated the band on their 25th State Championship title and highlighted the many personal connections the Lafayette High Marching Band has within the city.

Dir. Bishop thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition and remarked on the hard work and achievements of the students and parents.

Mr. Sevigny congratulated the band on their recent win, noting the many victories they have earned.

Ms. Elliott Baxter reflected on her time in the band as a student and spoke with pride about now watching her own child carry on with the tradition.

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The following ordinances received second reading. Upon motion by Mr. Ellinger, and seconded by Ms. Elliott Baxter, the ordinances were approved by the following vote:

Aye: Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, Brown, Ellinger, -----12
Elliott Baxter, Higgins-Hord, LeGris,
Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny

Nay: -----0

An Ordinance expanding and extending the Full Urban Services District #1 for the Urban County Government for the provision of street lighting, street cleaning, and garbage and refuse collection, to include the area defined as certain properties on the following streets: Belhurst Way; Belleville Park; Blackford Parkway; Blue Sky Parkway; Buttermilk Rd.; Carnation Dr.; Cravat Pass; Denton Trail; Geneva Place; Halford Place; Meadowlark Rd.; Ontario Place; Polo Club Blvd.; Rabbit Warren Flat; Seneca Lake Rd.; Shady Cove; Ward Dr.; Berry Ridge Circle; and Lamont Dr.

An Ordinance expanding and extending Partial Urban Services District #3 for the Urban County Government for the provision of garbage and refuse collection, to include the area defined as certain properties on the following streets: Bourbon Walk; Branham Park; and Weston Park.

An Ordinance expanding and extending Partial Urban Services District #4 for the Urban County Government for the provision of street lighting, to include the area defined as certain properties on Stedman Dr.

An Ordinance expanding and extending Partial Urban Services District #5 for the Urban County Government for the provision of street lighting and garbage and refuse collection, to include the area defined as certain properties on Redberry Circle.

An Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for municipal expenditures, and appropriating and re-appropriating funds, FY 2026 Schedule No. 20.

An Ordinance amending the authorized strength by abolishing twelve (12) classified positions of Park Maintenance Supervisor, Grade 517N, and creating twelve (12) classified positions of Park Maintenance Supervisor, Grade 518N, and transferring the incumbents, all in the Div. of Parks and Recreation, effective the first pay period following passage of Council.

An Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to provide funds towards future expenditures recommended by the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness and appropriating and re-appropriating funds, Schedule No. 19.

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The following resolution received second reading. Upon motion by Ms. Reynolds, and seconded by Ms. Higgins-Hord, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, Beasley, Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----10
Baxter, LeGris, Lynch, Morton,
Reynolds, Sevigny

Nay: -----0

Recuse: Sheehan, Higgins-Hord

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with the University of Ky., for an athletic trainer at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

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The following resolution received second reading. Upon motion by Ms. Reynolds, and seconded by Ms. Higgins-Hord, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, Brown, -----11
Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Higgins-Hord,
LeGris, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny

Nay: -----0

Recuse: Lynch

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Purchase of Service Agreement with the Downtown Lexington Corporation d/b/a Downtown Lexington Partnership to provide funding to conduct a Downtown Development Strategic Analysis and Overview for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, at an additional cost not to exceed \$15,000 in FY 2026.

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The following resolutions received second reading. Upon motion by Ms. Reynolds, and seconded by Ms. Higgins-Hord, the resolutions were approved by the following vote:

Aye: Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, Brown, Ellinger, -----12
Elliott Baxter, Higgins-Hord, LeGris,
Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny

Nay: -----0

A Resolution accepting the bid of Tribute Acquisition Co., in the amount of \$10,762,511, for the Merrick Trunk Sewer Project, for the Div. of Water Quality, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Tribute Acquisition Co., related to the bid.

A Resolution ratifying the Permanent Classified Civil Service Appointment of: Jeremiah Asberry, Administrative Specialist, Grade 516N, \$24.435 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective November 5, 2025; and ratifying the Permanent Sworn Appointment of: Ryan Wells, Police Sergeant, Grade 315N, \$42.126 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective October 28, 2025.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Containerpros, LLC., for dumpster bin refurbishment at a cost not to exceed \$12,822.74.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc., for the Haley Pike Landfill Leachate Treatment System Improvements Project, for the Div. of Environmental Services, increasing the Contract price by the sum of \$177,600.00 from \$743,000.50 to \$920,600.50 in FY 2026.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit a revised application to the Ky. Infrastructure Authority (KIA), and to provide any additional information requested in connection with the application, for a low interest state revolving fund loan in the amount of \$20,000,000 in order to provide funding for the North Elkhorn Wet Weather Storage Tank Consent Decree Remedial Measures Project.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Gresham Smith, for Main and Vine Streetscape plan at a cost not to exceed \$116,750.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to accept a Grant from the Ky. Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Ky. Dept. for Medicaid Services in the amount of \$125,000 under the Ky. Community Crisis Co-Response Grant Program to expand the Community Paramedicine Crisis Response Program, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government to the expenditure of \$12,500 as a local match, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Addendum to the Evaluation Services Agreement with University of Ky. Research Foundation, for evaluator for the Community Paramedicine Program.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement with New Life Day Center, Inc., for the operation of the litter pickup services with Panhandler Participation Program, increasing the Contract price by the sum of \$60,000, from \$150,000 to \$210,000 annually.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Third Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement with Northern Ky. Legal Aid Society, Inc., dba Legal Aid of the Bluegrass ("Legal Aid"), reallocating an additional \$95,305.99 in Federal funds to Legal Aid for housing stability service.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Blue Grass Community Foundation, Inc., for the Be The Change Scholarship fund for FY 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$65,625.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute the Naming Rights Agreement with Fifth Third Bank, N.A., providing the naming rights of the Pavilion at Henry A. Tandy Centennial Park, at no cost to the Urban County Government.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute six Community Project Agreements (RFP No. 28-2025), to be paid with Grant funds awarded under the Nonprofit Capital Grant Program-Facilities

Improvements, with Bluegrass Council of the Blind (\$36,320), Bluegrass Care Navigators/Hospice of the Bluegrass (\$70,000), Greenhouse17 (\$68,463), Lexington Children's Theatre (\$70,000), the Nathaniel Mission (\$66,186), and the Urban League of Lexington Fayette County (\$70,000), at a total cost not to exceed \$380,969, and authorizing the Mayor, or her designee, to execute any other necessary amendments, addenda, or other documents with these entities related to these funds.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute eight Community Project Agreements (RFP No. 29-2025), to be paid with Grant funds awarded under the Nonprofit Capital Grant Program-Operational Investments, with Bluegrass Care Navigators/Hospice of the Bluegrass (\$30,000), Children's Advocacy of the Bluegrass (\$21,684), God's Pantry Food Bank (\$30,000), Independence Place (\$29,201), Lexington Habitat for Humanity (\$29,523), Moveable Feast (\$29,000), New Beginnings Bluegrass (\$30,000), and The Nest (24,000), at a total cost not to exceed \$223,408, and authorizing the Mayor, or her designee, to execute any other necessary amendments, addenda, or other documents with these entities related to these funds.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with the Drug Enforcement Administration to increase assigned Officers from one to two on the Task Force.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. Eight (8) to the Agreement with Haire Construction, LLC, for the Phoenix Park Reimagined Project, increasing the Contract price by \$53,920.00 and raising the total Contract price to \$3,440,966.91.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Newgen Strategies & Solutions LLC., for a Collection Efficiency Study at a cost not to exceed \$99,440.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute amendments to existing loan documentation for multiple projects that have been awarded Federal funds pursuant to the multi-year Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan Home Investment Partnerships Program, in order to adopt the annual utility allowance established by the Lexington-Fayette Housing Authority, where

the final form of the amendments shall materially comply with the attached exemplar Agreements, subject to the approval of the Dept. of Law and the Div. of Grants and Special Programs; and further authorizing the Mayor to execute all other necessary documents related to these amendments.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. Two (2) to the Contract with L-M Asphalt Partners Ltd, d/b/a ATS Construction for the Salt Dome & Associated Improvements Old Frankfort Pike, Contract No. 58-2024, decreasing the Contract price by the sum of \$24,967.98, from \$4,887,177.60 to \$4,862,209.62.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Postal Inspection Service, for a part-time task force officer.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions providing for the proper use, development, and maintenance of each parcel within the Legacy Business Park, the final form of which shall be subject to the approval of the Industrial Authority Board and the Dept. of Law.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit a Grant Application to the National PAL Mentoring Grant Program, to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant Application, and to accept this Grant if awarded, which Grant funds are in the amount of \$30,000 in Federal funds to support operation of the Youth Programming expenses, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute the Line Extension Agreement with Columbia Gas of Ky., Inc. for the installation of natural gas service for the Legacy Business Park, a cost of \$433,278.98 to be used as a refundable deposit pursuant to the terms of the Line Extension Agreement.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, as the Collaborative Applicant, to execute and submit the 2025 Continuum

of Care Grant Application to the United States Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant Application, which seeks up to \$4,640,674 in Federal funds for the operation of Programs by community nonprofit organizations to reduce homelessness in Lexington-Fayette County, and to accept an amount, up to \$161,074, of the Grant funds, if the application is approved, for project planning expenses related to monitoring Programs funded by the Grant, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government for the expenditure of an amount, up to \$40,269, as a local match, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Baptist Health Lexington, for paramedic students to gain practical experience.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Agreements related to Neighborhood Development Funds with Volunteers of America Mid-States, Inc. (\$500); LFUCG - Partners for Youth (\$800); the Salvation Army (\$1,000); Louisiana Avenue Neighborhood Association, Inc. (\$500); Bluegrass Families First, Inc. (\$1,100); Sisters & Supporters Working Against Gun Violence Inc (\$2,000); Ky. Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Inc. (\$950); and Black Church Coalition of the Bluegrass, Inc. (\$2,150), for the Office of the Urban County Council, at a cost not to exceed the sum stated.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Agreements related to Council Capital Project Expenditure Funds with LFUCG Div. of Parks and Recreation (\$70,500.00); Lexington Children's Theatre, Inc. (\$11,384.34); Chrysalis House, Inc. (\$10,000.00); Lexington Children's Theatre, Inc. (\$11,000.00); Radcliffe-Marlboro Neighborhood Association, Inc. (\$2,000.00); and LFUCG Div. of Streets and Roads (\$15,000.00), for the Office of the Urban County Council, at a cost not to exceed the sum stated.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to accept a Grant in the amount of \$77,221 from the Ky. Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, for the State Crisis Intervention Program, to further provide any information requested in connection with this Grant Application, to execute any

documents necessary for the acceptance of this Grant, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

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Mr. Brown reflected on the Police Cadet graduation and commended Chief Weathers for inspiring the officers and their families to recognize that the role extends beyond law enforcement and involves being active members of the community. He also expressed his gratitude to the employees for their dedicated work.

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Ms. Beasley congratulated the recent police officer graduates and announced two upcoming events: a sensory-friendly Christmas celebration at the Government Center on December 13, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and the annual Chuck Williams Auction and Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, held in honor of a fallen firefighter and to help Kentucky families provide toys for their children at Christmas. She also shared highlights from a recent event where she joined members of Community Corrections in serving Thanksgiving dinner. She concluded by wishing everyone a joyful and Happy Holidays.

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Ms. Lynch thanked the Bluegrass Runners for hosting the annual Thoroughbred Classic 5K on Thanksgiving and expressed her appreciation to the firefighters, paramedics, and police officers who attended.

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Mr. Sevigny thanked everyone who attended the Station 20 holiday event the previous weekend. He also shared details about the upcoming Annual Southland Dr. Tree Lighting, hosted by Station 12, on December 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., noting that dancers from the Bluegrass Youth Ballet would be performing excerpts from their production of *The Nutcracker*.

Mr. Sevigny motioned to place a STREEET Force Recommendation- Traffic Control item into the Environmental Quality and Public Works Committee. Ms. Elliott Baxter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sevigny motioned to place an item regarding a Bike Lane Ordinance into the Social Services and Public Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and passed unanimously.

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Ms. Elliott Baxter wished to recognize the Lexington Christian Academy Football Team for their 10-game winning streak and wished them luck on their upcoming matches and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

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Mr. Reynolds congratulated the newly graduating police officers and commended Chief Weathers for his motivating words to the recruits. She also encouraged everyone to attend the immersive Gatton Park Tree Lighting and Holiday Village event on December 4, 2025, which will run until 10 p.m., and noted that the Christmas Parade would take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2025. She closed by wishing everyone Happy Holidays—especially those working in social services and public safety.

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Chuck Eddy, Dist. 4, spoke in opposition to the New Government Center.

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Upon motion by Mr. Sevigny, seconded by Vice Mayor Wu, and approved by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Clerk of the Urban County Council