

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Council Meeting

Lexington, Kentucky December 3, 2020

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and State of Emergency, this meeting is being held via live video teleconference pursuant to 2020 Senate Bill 150, and in accordance with KRS 61.826, because it is not feasible to offer a primary physical location for the meeting.*

The Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky convened in regular session on December 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Gorton in the chair presiding, and the following members of the council: Lamb, McCurn, Moloney, Mossotti, Plomin, Reynolds, Swanson, Worley, Bledsoe, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Farmer, Higgins-Hord, and Kay.

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

Ordinances No. 111-2020 through 112-2020, inclusive, and Resolutions No. 573-2020 through 596-2020, inclusive, were reported as having been signed and published and ordered to record.

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The Invocation was given by Councilmember Jennifer Reynolds.

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Upon motion by Vice Mayor Kay, seconded by Ms. Plomin, and approved by unanimous vote, the Minutes of the December 1, 2020 Council Meeting were approved.

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Mr. McCurn and Ms. Plomin departed the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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Mayor Gorton announced that it was a special night as four outgoing Councilmembers would be recognized by proclamation. She clarified that the Councilmembers who were wearing masks were attending the meeting in the Council Chambers, while those who were unmasked were in separate locations.

Mayor Gorton read a Proclamation declaring December 3rd, 2020 as Lisa Higgins-Hord Day in Lexington. She explained that Ms. Higgins-Hord had agreed to serve as the

Councilmember for District 6 after Ms. Angela Evans had left the position in August 2020 to pursue her master's degree. Mayor Gorton expressed her gratitude to Ms. Higgins-Hord for accepting the position and for serving commendably.

Ms. Higgins-Hord thanked Mayor Gorton for the opportunity to serve as a Councilmember. She shared that the opportunity had given her a chance to develop more skills and serve her community. She expressed her love for the 6th District and her constituents. Ms. Higgins-Hord thanked her legislative aide, Deborah Slone, for her dedication and commitment to helping Ms. Higgins-Hord build lasting relationships and augment her understanding of City Government. She also expressed admiration for her fellow Councilmembers, and thanked them for their support, advice, and knowledge. Mayor Gorton stated that Ms. Higgins-Hord would be missed and that even though her time on the Council was brief, she made the most of her term.

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Mr. McCurn and Ms. Plomin rejoined the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

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Mayor Gorton read a Proclamation declaring December 3rd, 2020 as Mark Swanson Day in Lexington. She expounded that Mr. Swanson had been appointed to serve as the Councilmember for District 3 after the sudden passing of Mr. Jake Gibbs, in March 2020. Mayor Gorton thanked Mr. Swanson for his dedicated service and spoke of his accomplishments and contributions over the last eight months. Mayor Gorton noted that due to COVID-19 restrictions, neither Mr. Swanson nor Ms. Higgins-Hord were ever able to serve alongside the full Council in the Council Chambers and acknowledged they had been through many serious and controversial issues together on the Council.

Mr. Swanson thanked Mayor Gorton for the opportunity to serve Lexington and declared it was the honor of a lifetime that he very much appreciated. He thanked his colleagues for making him feel welcome despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Swanson also thanked the city employees, who helped him learn so much so quickly. He reflected on what an honor it was to serve as a Councilmember especially during times of change and crisis. Mr. Swanson expressed his regrets that he would not be on the Council as the city starts to implement changes that arose from recommendations by the Mayor's Commission for Racial Justice and Equity. He urged the Council to seize upon

this moment to make Lexington a better place for everyone, though it would not be easy and may even be uncomfortable, by harnessing the strengths of those Commission members as officials look to implement change for racial justice and equality. Mr. Swanson emphasized the importance of utilizing a comprehensive approach to implementing new policies across many programs. He advised that the Council be cognizant of the varying impact some of the policy changes may have on different race groups and to consider the impacts before finalizing any new policy changes.

Mr. Swanson expressed pride in Lexington's COVID-19 response. He shared that the eight months he spent serving on the council helped him learn about the dedication, talent and intelligence of the city officials and employees. He praised the employees' work during the COVID-19 pandemic, but reminded the Council that there would be additional upcoming economic challenges. Mr. Swanson said that overall, serving on the Council had been a wonderful experience for him and he was particularly happy that Public Comment had recently been reinstated. Mayor Gorton expressed that Mr. Swanson will be missed and it would be good to see him at Public Comment. She shared her appreciation for the way Mr. Swanson immediately started his duties and learned about the City Government.

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Mayor Gorton read a Proclamation declaring December 3rd, 2020 as Bill Farmer Jr. Day in Lexington. She shared that she had served with Mr. Farmer since 1999 and spoke of Mr. Farmer's many accomplishments as a Councilmember over the past twenty years.

Mr. Farmer spoke of the privilege enjoyed while serving his community, recounting a selection of anecdotes illustrating the nature of the ever-present duties of the Council. He recalled several instances of travel that, despite the reason for the trips, he was required to seek out locations to complete tasks for the City. For these occasions, he sought out locations that he felt were unique. He spoke of how Councilmembers can create opportunities to do things in a better, more equitable way. Mr. Farmer spoke of the significant time the Council spends on items behind-the-scene. He resolved that those tasks, even if they only made a difference for one person or one street, are the reason

Councilmembers do the job. He concluded it had been a pleasure to serve with every one of his fellow Councilmembers. Mayor Gorton commented that Mr. Farmer will be missed.

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Mayor Gorton read a Proclamation declaring December 3rd, 2020 as Jennifer Mossotti Day in Lexington. She spoke of her time serving as a Councilmember with Ms. Mossotti.

Ms. Mossotti thanked the citizens of Lexington for their vote of confidence and remarked how much it meant to her. She shared an anecdote from her first run for the 9th District Council seat in 1994, when someone had asked her what her husband thought about her running for the Council Seat. She had responded that he was home washing the dishes and watching their children. She shared that her husband had been the one to encourage her to run for public office. She thanked the neighborhood volunteers and activists who had inspired her, as well as the Council Staff, the Mayor's Staff, the Directors and Commissioners, and the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government employees for their help and friendship. Ms. Mossotti spoke of the friendships she had made in City Government and in the community. She also thanked her Legislative Aide, Rob Bolson, and read his statement summarizing working with her over the past eight years, "It's like standing on a bowling ball. You're never sure how and where you're going to land." She spoke of the dedication and passion she had encountered from Councilmembers throughout her years, specifically complimenting the current Councilmembers. She expressed threnodic longing for past Councilmembers whom they lost unexpectedly, particularly Edwin "Ed" Green Lane III, and James "Jake" Gibbs. Ms. Mossotti said that she will miss having such a consequential job, and that her decision not to run for re-election was bittersweet. She said that leaving her seat on the Council did not mean she would no longer be an active member of the community. She spoke of the many activities she anticipated to partake in during her retirement. Mayor Gorton replied that she would look forward to seeing Ms. Mossotti in Public Comment with Mr. Swanson.

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

Aye: Lamb, McCurn, Moloney, Mossotti, -----15  
Plomin, Reynolds, Swanson, Worley,  
Bledsoe, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger,  
Farmer, Higgins-Hord, Kay

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: Angus Trail, Battery St., Bellefonte Dr., Captains Ct., Enterprise Ct., Fountain View Cove, Haymaker Parkway, Lucille Dr., Maybank Park, Moon Rise Way, Morning Glory Lane, Nantucket Dr., Rockaway Pl., Stolen Horse Trace, Tidewater Flat, Twilight Shadow Dr., Wescott Cir., and Wolf Run 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: Harper Woods Lane, Patchen Lake Lane, Spring Bay Ct., and Spring Leaf Ct.

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 the following streets: Argyle Dr., Claridge Ct., Darien Dr., Dundee Dr., Edinburgh Ct., Inverness Dr., Ipswich Ct., Loch Lomond Dr., and Westridge Cir.

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 2021 Schedule No. 22.

An Ordinance closing portions of DeRoode, Patterson, Merino, McKinley, and Neville St., as well as Byars Alley; determining that the Urban County Government owns all property abutting the portion of the streets to be closed and hereby consents thereto; and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Quitclaim Deed and/or a consolidation plat transferring the former right of way to the Urban County Government as abutting owner.

An Ordinance amending the authorized strength by abolishing one (1) vacant classified position of Recreation Manager Sr., Grade 520E, and one (1) vacant classified position of Golf Course Superintendent, Grade 519N, and creating one (1) classified position of Parks & Recreation Superintendent, Grade 525E and restore funding for one (1) classified position of Information Office Supervisor, Grade 522E, and change the position title for the Cultural Arts Program Administrator, Grade 525E, and the incumbent, to Parks & Recreation Superintendent, Grade 525E, in the Div. of Parks and Recreation, effective upon passage of Council.

An Ordinance closing Powell St.; determining that the property owner abutting Powell St. has been identified, provided with written notice of the proposed closing, and consented thereto in writing; and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Quitclaim Deed and any other documents necessary to transfer the former right of way to the abutting owner, subject to the reservation of easements and restrictions.

An Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for funds in the amount of \$2,000 from Neighborhood Development Funds for Sister Cities to assist with ongoing programming needs, Schedule No. 27.

An Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for funds in the amount of \$2,000 from Neighborhood Development Funds for Public Arts Commission to assist with the Public Art Master Plan, Schedule No. 28.

An Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for funds in the amount of \$1,873 to provide additional funds for Council Projects in the Div. of Environmental Services to assist with the Richmond Rd. Beautification Project and appropriating and re-appropriating funds, Schedule No. 23.

An Ordinance pursuant to Section 2-1(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, adopting a Schedule of Meetings for the Council for the calendar year 2021.

An Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for funds in the amount of \$3,000 to provide funds for Council Projects in the Div. of Streets and Roads for a sidewalk connectivity project on Wyatt Parkway and appropriating and re-appropriating funds, Schedule No. 24.

An Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for funds in the amount of \$17,290 to provide funds for Council Projects in the Div. of Traffic Engineering to cover costs associated with the installation of traffic calming/safety devices in the 11th district and appropriating and re-appropriating funds, Schedule No. 25.

An Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for funds in the amount of \$4,000 to provide funds for Council projects in the Div. of Historic Preservation for the fabrication and installation of local historic district signage for Pensacola Park and replacement of other signs as needed and appropriating and re-appropriating funds, Schedule No. 26.

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Upon motion by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. J. Brown, and approved by unanimous vote, an Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to provide funds for renovations at the Tate Building related to the Div. of Water Quality, and appropriating and re-appropriating funds, Schedule No. 29 received first reading and was ordered to be placed on file for public inspection until January 14, 2021.

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Upon motion by Mr. J. Brown, seconded by Mr. Farmer, and approved by unanimous vote, an Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for funds in the amount of \$14,870 to provide funds for Council Projects in the Div. of Facilities and Fleet Management for repairs to the Carnegie Center and appropriating and re-appropriating funds, Schedule No. 31 received first reading and was ordered to be placed on file for public inspection until January 14, 2021.

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A Resolution of the Urban County Council expressing support of amendments to KRS Chapter 67A to allow for the furlough of Classified Civil Service employees in order for the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to meet financial obligations and address budgetary shortfalls received second reading.

Upon motion by Mr. Swanson, and second by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Lamb, McCurn, Moloney, Mossotti, -----14  
Plomin, Reynolds, Worley, Bledsoe, F.  
Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Farmer,  
Higgins-Hord, Kay

Nay: Swanson -----1

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The following resolutions received second reading. Upon motion by Mr. Swanson, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolutions were approved by the following vote:

Aye: Lamb, McCurn, Moloney, Mossotti, -----15  
Plomin, Reynolds, Swanson, Worley,  
Bledsoe, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger,  
Farmer, Higgins-Hord, Kay

Nay: -----0

A Resolution accepting the bids of Bluegrass Contracting Co.; FPF Concrete Service, Inc.; Ground Hog Excavating & Farm Service, Inc.; L-M Asphalt Partners, Ltd dba ATS Construction; Sensabaugh Design and Construction, LLC; The Allen Co., Inc.; Tom Chesnut Excavation & Construction, LLC; and Woodall Construction Co., Inc., establishing construction unit price contracts, for the Div. of Engineering and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute any necessary related Agreements.

A Resolution accepting the bids of Alton Blakley Ford; Clarke Power Service, Inc.; O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc. d/b/a O'Reilly Auto Parts; Paul Miller Ford; and TruckPro, LLC, establishing price contracts for Filters (Supplemental), for the Div. of Facilities and Fleet Management.

A Resolution accepting the bid of Premier Power Maintenance, in the amount of \$55,061, for electrical switch gear maintenance and testing for West Hickman WWTP, for the Div. of Water Quality.



A Resolution ratifying the Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointments: Justin Huber, Golf Course Superintendent Sr., Grade 520E, \$2,072.80 biweekly in the Div. of Parks and Recreation, effective December 7, 2020, David Reed, Vehicle & Equipment Mechanic, Grade 512N, \$22.699 hourly in the Div. of Streets and Roads, effective December 7, 2020, Elizabeth Jefferson, Administrative Specialist, Grade 513N, \$19.036 hourly in the Div. of Planning, effective January 4, 2021, Brian Knapp, Traffic Engineer Manager, Grade 527E, \$3,700.00 biweekly in the Div. of Traffic Engineering, effective December 7, 2020, and Leon Powell, Facilities Manager, Grade 523E, \$2,373.36 biweekly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective December 7, 2020; and ratifying the Probationary Sworn Appointments of: Mark Ada, Police Sergeant, Grade 315N, \$32.408 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective December 7, 2020, Maulana Trowell, Community Corrections Captain, Grade 115E, \$2,761.00 biweekly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective November 23, 2020, and Eric LeGear, Community Corrections Lieutenant, Grade 114E, \$2,289.00 biweekly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective December 7, 2020.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Second Amendment to Master Service Agreement with Securus Technologies, Inc., to authorize Securus Technologies, and its affiliate, AllPaid, to act on behalf of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, as an authorized agent to accept payments by use of a credit card, debit card, or prepaid credit card for payments for services provided, at no cost to the Urban County Government.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit a Grant Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant Application, and to accept this Grant if the application is approved, which Grant funds are in the amount of \$47,332.50 in Federal funds under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and \$7,573.20 in Commonwealth of Ky. funds under the Weather Radio Project, and are for the purchase of Emergency Weather All Hazard Radios for Fayette County mobile homes, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government for the expenditure of \$8,204.30, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Resolution No. 256-2019 to increase the amount of the Agreement with Resource Recycling Systems by 400,000. The new not to exceed amount is \$424,855.

A Resolution authorizing the Div. of Waste Management to purchase parts and services for equipment at the Material Recovery Facility from Machinex, a sole source provider, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute any necessary Agreement with Machinex, related to the procurement.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Machinex, for capital project equipment upgrades at the Material Recovery Facility, at a cost not to exceed \$4,200,000.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Bluewater Toxicology, LLC, d/b/a Bluewater Diagnostic Laboratory, to conduct coronavirus testing at the Fayette County Detention Center for FY 2021, at a rate of \$85 per test and a total cost not to exceed \$175,000.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Lease Agreement with Winmar Corporation for the property located at 125 Lisle Industrial Ave., for space to be used by the LFUCG Wellness Center.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to accept \$61,440 in Federal funds under the CARES Act from the Ky. State Board of Elections, for the purpose of offsetting expenses incurred by the Fayette County Clerk's Office during the 2020 general election as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the acceptance of which does not obligate the Urban County Government for the expenditure of funds, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 2 (Final) to the Agreement with Hazen & Sawyer, P.S.C., for Investigation, Design, and Construction Inspection Services for the West Hickman Waste Water Treatment Plant Final Clarifiers #7 and #8 Structural Repair Project, increasing the contract price by the sum of \$7,100, from \$185,085 to \$192,185.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit a Grant Application to the Federal Emergency

Management Agency's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program, and to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant Application, and to accept this Grant if the application is approved, which Grant funds are in the amount of \$11,775 in Federal funds, and are for the expenses of obtaining accreditation for the Divs. of Code Enforcement and Building Inspection, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government for the expenditure of \$3,925, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement (awarded pursuant to RFP No. 30-2020) with Boyd Co., for installation of a roof mounted solar photovoltaic system at Fire Station #7 and Fire Station #15, at a cost estimated not to exceed \$77,038.20.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a multiyear Sales Agreement (awarded pursuant to RFP No. 24-2020) and other related documents with Novotx, LLC for a right of way permitting system for the Div. of Engineering, at a cost not to exceed \$32,500 in FY 2021.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with the Ky. Justice and Public Safety Cabinet to accept a Grant in the amount of \$100,000 Federal funds under the Victim Assistance Formula Grant funded by the Victims of Crime Act ("VOCA"), for the implementation of the Underserved Minorities Victims Advocacy Program in the Dept. of Social Services in FY 2021, the acceptance of which will include the Urban County Government making an expenditure of \$59,183 to balance the project Budget, 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 accept an award of \$511,078 in Federal funds from the U.S. Dept. of Justice through its Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site Based Program, in order to create the Lexington Overdose Outreach Project 2 (Loop 2) for FY 2021, the acceptance of which does not obligate the Urban County Government for the expenditure of funds, and authorizing and directing 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 Amendment to the Agreement with the Ky. Transportation Cabinet for the Rosemont Garden Sidewalk Project, in order to move funds in the amount of \$15,120 from the design phase to the right of way phase, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute all documents necessary for the purchase of four (4) permanent easements and twenty eight (28) temporary construction easements along Rosemont Garden from Southland Dr. to Pin Oak Dr., for the Rosemont Garden Sidewalk Project, at a total cost not to exceed \$15,120.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. Two (2) to the Agreement with Pace Contracting, LLC, for the Fourth Street Corridor Enhancement and Legacy Trail Phase 3 Projects, extending the Contract term to April 30, 2021.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute the Sunset Provisions for Newtown Pike extension Environmental Justice Mitigation with the Ky. Transportation Cabinet and the Lexington Community Land Trust, requiring matching funds not to exceed \$200,000 in FY 2022 for Park Construction.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Amendment to an Agreement with the Realtor Community Housing Foundation, extending the period of performance through December 31, 2021, to complete accessibility renovations for low income persons with disabilities.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Downtown Lexington Partnership to present public events on behalf of, and in partnership with, LFUCG, including Luminate Lexington Christmas Tree Lighting, Christmas Parade, And Thursday Night Live.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Agreements with FoodChain, (\$500), Idle Hour Neighbor's

Alliance (\$1,720), and the Lexington Public Library Foundation (\$1,125), for the Office of the Urban County Council, at a cost not to exceed the sums stated.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute the 2021 General Term Orders for the Fayette County Clerk and the Fayette County Sheriff, establishing the number of deputies and assistants allowed to each and their respective compensation, subject to the limits for each category as specified in the General Term Orders and the requirements established by law.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit an application and other related documents for additional Coronavirus Relief funds from the Commonwealth of Ky., to accept any such funding, which is anticipated to be in the amount of \$2,000,000, and to take any other necessary related action.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Amendment to an Agreement with the University of Ky. Research Foundation related to the Lexington Overdose Outreach Project (LOOP), extending the period of performance through September 30, 2021, and reducing the Contract amount from \$198,638 to \$108,639.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to accept a Grant from the Ky. Dept. of Military Affairs, Div. of Emergency Management which Grant funds are in the amount of \$103,545.50 Federal funds, under the FY 2021 Emergency Management Assistance Project, and are for the support of emergency preparedness activities in Fayette County, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government for the expenditure of \$106,900.00 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 Vitality DX, LLC, d/b/a SphereDX Laboratory, LLC, to conduct coronavirus testing at the Fayette County Detention Center for FY 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$500,000.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor on behalf of the Urban County Government to Grant all employees of the Urban County Government, Full Time

Classified, Unclassified and Sworn, an additional half day of leave time to be added to their holiday leave balance for Calendar Year 2020.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, Inc., for the Office of the Urban County Council, at a cost not to exceed \$2,300.

A Resolution amending the Change Order Approval Process by authorizing designated personnel, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute any necessary Change Orders and related documents meeting the criteria provided in this Resolution.

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Upon motion by Ms. Mossotti, seconded by Ms. Plomin, a Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Agreements with Greenhouse17, Inc. (\$675), Baby Health Service, Inc. (\$600), CASA of Lexington, Inc. (\$600), God's Pantry Food Bank, Inc. (\$1,100), Salvation Army (\$600), Chrysalis House, Inc. (\$900), and LexArts Inc. (\$700), for the Office of the Urban County Council, at a cost not to exceed the sums stated was placed on the docket to receive first reading.

Upon motion by Vice Mayor Kay, seconded by Ms. Mossotti, and approved by unanimous vote, the Resolution was amended to include an Agreement with Seedleaf, Inc. (\$400).

The original motion, as amended, was approved by unanimous vote. A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Agreements with Greenhouse17, Inc. (\$675), Baby Health Service, Inc. (\$600), CASA of Lexington, Inc. (\$600), God's Pantry Food Bank, Inc. (\$1,100), Salvation Army (\$600), Chrysalis House, Inc. (\$900), LexArts Inc. (\$700), and Seedleaf, Inc. (\$400) for the Office of the Urban County Council, at a cost not to exceed the sums stated was placed on the docket and received first reading.

Upon motion by Vice Mayor Kay, seconded by Mr. Worley, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Mr. Swanson, and seconded by Ms. Higgins-Hord, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Lamb, McCurn, Moloney, Mossotti, -----15  
Plomin, Reynolds, Swanson, Worley,  
Bledsoe, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger,  
Farmer, Higgins-Hord, Kay

Nay: -----0

Ms. Reynolds inquired if the Amendment had been distributed to the Councilmembers. Vice Mayor Kay responded that as it was a direct allocation, the amendment language had not been passed around.

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Vice Mayor Kay complimented Ms. Higgins-Hord's willing to join the Council during the COVID-19 pandemic and commented that the positive attributes that made her good at being a Councilmember would help her succeed in her role at the University of Kentucky and in her other roles in the community. Vice Mayor Kay stated that he was grateful Mr. Swanson had agreed to serve on the Council during such a turbulent time and praised his passion, diligence, and his thoughtfulness. He thanked him for the many contributions Mr. Swanson had made as a Councilmember. Vice Mayor Kay expressed his appreciation for Mr. Farmer's service and output of achievements during his tenure. He remarked that Mr. Farmer was a large presence with a notable laugh, and commented that he valued their time together on Council. Vice Mayor Kay spoke in admiration of Ms. Mossotti's persistence and her passion, especially for women's history and rights. He expressed his appreciation for all her hard work and her time on the Council.

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Mr. Moloney remarked on Ms. Higgins-Hord's talent as a leader and wished they had more time to work together on the Council. He thanked Mr. Swanson for his work on the Council concerning environmental issues, specifically his work on the Resolution condemning the tree removal practices of KY Utilities. Mr. Moloney spoke of Mr. Farmer's work with the Div. of Water Quality, complimenting his leadership skills, and shared that he would be missed. Mr. Moloney mentioned a 24 hour long Zone Change hearing that he and Ms. Mossotti had attended for a zone change matter in her district. He praised her accomplishments, particularly the improvements on Clays Mill Rd, and added that every time he sees the Breaking the Bronze Ceiling statue on Vine St., he will be reminded of

Ms. Mossotti who was instrumental in ascertaining the project. Mr. Moloney said that he would miss the departing Councilmembers and wished the city government employees happy holidays.

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Mr. J. Brown expressed his condolences to the family of Councilmember Tanya Seabrooks of Radcliffe, Kentucky, who had also previously served as the Kentucky Director for the National Foundation for Women Legislators. He expressed that it was not just a loss for the city of Radcliffe, but for the state of Kentucky. Mr. J. Brown commended Ms. Higgins-Hord and Mr. Swanson for accepting the Councilmember positions during such a turbulent time. Mr. J. Brown said he found it remarkable that Ms. Mossotti was able to juggle both being a successful realtor and Councilmember. He said tough was the best word to describe Mossotti and gave an example of her toughness and unwillingness to back down. He cited her fight to raise the minimum wage in the city and her efforts to erect the monument, *Breaking the Bronze Ceiling*. He called Mr. Farmer “a true Statesman” and recalled a tale where Mr. Farmer had encouraged him during a difficult Council Meeting. Noting where they sit on the dais, he called Mr. Farmer and Ms. Mossotti Bookends of the Council, pillars of the community. He suggested that the other Councilmembers will now have demonstrate the leadership as Ms. Mossotti and Mr. Farmer had shown. Mr. J. Brown thanked the Mayor, the Council, and the city employees for their work during the challenging year. He wished Happy Holidays to all the employees, reminded everyone to be grateful, and recognized the janitorial and maintenance staff in the Dept. of General Services for their efforts in keep the building clean this year.

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Mr. Worley spoke of the difficulties of saying goodbye to the departing Councilmembers. He commended Ms. Higgins-Hord and Mr. Swanson for their hard work and lamented that the COVID-19 pandemic had prevented normalcy in their experience serving on the Council. He commented on the common bond he and Ms. Mossotti shared over Eastern Kentucky University and the city of Richmond, Kentucky. He recounted a previous contentious discussion between the two of them and remarked that it had been a pleasure to work with her, especially on the Planning and Public Safety Committee and



the Planning committee as the Mayor's Transition Team. Mr. Worley also shared memories about his professional relationship with Mr. Farmer and remarked on how Mr. Farmer had encouraged and inspired him. He stated that he would miss their debriefing after Council Meetings at various Lexington watering holes. He added that it was fun to serve alongside Mr. Farmer.

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Ms. Bledsoe revealed that although it appeared as if she were in the Council Chambers, it was actually a virtual background, and clarified that she was not wearing a mask as she was in her office. She touched on an incident involving a Lexington Police Department Officer who had patronized a Lexington coffee shop that had been defying Governor Andy Beshear's COVID-19 mandates. She also spoke in support of Implicit Bias Training and discussed why she felt the training was important. She spoke of Mr. Swanson's tenacity and determination. Ms. Bledsoe lauded Ms. Higgins-Hord's wit and smile and hoped she would continue her public service. She described Mr. Farmer as the "consummate gentleman" and praised his effectiveness as a leader and shared that she will miss him. Lastly, Ms. Bledsoe talked briefly of the lessons she had learned from Ms. Mossotti. She shared her hope that the departing Councilmembers would be able to take pride in the projects they helped facilitate as members of the Council, even if the public did not know about their involvement.

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Ms. Plomin shared her admiration for Ms. Higgins-Hord's and Mr. Swanson's ability to quickly acclimate to the challenges of being a Councilmember, especially during a pandemic. Ms. Plomin spoke of Mr. Farmer's past twenty years of accomplishments and praised his humor and eloquence. She thanked her personal friend Ms. Mossotti for years of guidance and mentorship. She shared a memory of a time with Ms. Mossotti. She also remarked that Ms. Mossotti's son had recently moved into Ms. Plomin's district and that she intended to continue to see her when Ms. Mossotti was visiting at her son's residence. She applauded the hard work and efforts of all city employees throughout the strenuous challenges of 2020.

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Ms. Reynolds explained that her remarks would be brief as she had written cards to the departing Councilmembers. She wished her colleagues, constituents, and city employees Happy Holidays, and hoped everyone could be together in person again soon, reminiscing on the previous year's Christmas luncheon. She remarked on how the Council felt like a second family despite their different backgrounds. She recounted the kindness that Ms. Mossotti and Mr. Farmer displayed after the passing of Councilmember Jake Gibbs in March 2020, and shared her appreciation for them both as leaders and individuals. She thanked Ms. Higgins-Hord and Mr. Swanson for accepting the opportunity to become Councilmembers.

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Ms. Lamb thanked her Legislative Aide, Kelley Farley, as well as the Council Core Staff, the Council Clerk's Office, and LexTV for their professionalism and hard work during the tenuous year. She thanked the Mayor and her staff for holding the government together and talked about her pride in the city employees. She wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Ms. Lamb talked about how much she appreciated being able to work with Ms. Higgins-Hord and Mr. Swanson and hoped to work with them in the future. She spoke the unique experience she had of working with Ms. Mossotti and Mr. Farmer in two different capacities – as former Council Clerk and as a Councilmember. She commented about their kindness, ability to listen, and respect for others and remarked she was a better person for knowing them both.

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Mr. McCurn noted that he was also using the virtual Council Chambers background on the video teleconference. He thanked Chris Edwards, LexTV Video Production Supervisor, and the LexTV staff for their continuous efforts to help facilitate hybrid meetings in order for Councilmembers to be in the Council Chamber. He thanked Ms. Higgins-Hord and Mr. Swanson for their service on the Council this year, remarking that he was happy to get to know them both and looked forward to seeing them further participate in the community. Mr. McCurn shared his experience meeting Ms. Mossotti for the first time at the Fayette County Courthouse Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. He admitted how similar they were sometimes and that it had been a pleasure to serve with her. He thanked Mr. Farmer for being a great mentor and shared several photographs

commemorating their friendship, including when Mr. Farmer delivered a cocktail to him when Mr. McCurn was quarantined due to COVID19 earlier in the year. Mr. McCurn expressed regret that the time spent serving along the outgoing councilmembers was not longer. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

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Mr. Ellinger also disclosed that he was using an image of the Council Chambers as his virtual background and expressed anticipation that the Council would be able to resume working together in-person soon. He expressed that it had been a privilege to work with the outgoing Councilmembers. He shared his respect for Mr. Swanson's tenacity and also spoke of his previous work with Ms. Higgins-Hord in her role as Miss Indiana. He hoped for her to return to the Council in the future. Mr. Ellinger commented on the length of his relationship with Ms. Mossotti, having known her since the time his father, former Councilmember Charles W. Ellinger, had served on the Council. He noted her professionalism. He reminded everyone to hug their loved ones in light of recent health struggles his family was experiencing. He remarked that the job of Councilmember could be tough, but that there was no more rewarding job than serving his community. He thanked Mayor Gorton for her leadership during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor Gorton noted that the Council would keep Mr. Ellinger's father in their thoughts and prayers.

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Vice Mayor Kay added his thoughts about how well the government had functioned this year as a result of the leadership of the Mayor, her administration, and the Council. He thanked Mayor Gorton and the Council for honoring his preference to conduct Council Meetings via video teleconference during the COVID-19 pandemic. he wished that all of Lexington could listen to the remarks made during this meeting as they were prime examples of how good the government can be and how it could serve the community well.

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Mr. F. Brown lamented that he was unable to properly acquaint himself with Ms. Higgins-Hord and Mr. Swanson due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. He talked about the many years he served alongside Ms. Mossotti and how well she served her district. He

wished her lots of time spent with her grandchildren. He remarked that he had too many memories of Mr. Farmer to recount them all. He thanked him for his friendship, both as a Councilmember and personal friend. He remarked that Ms. Mossotti and Mr. Farmer will be missed by their districts as well as the Council, and described the impact they both had made on the community. He reminisced on his own experience of what it was like to work on the Council before he wished everyone Happy Holidays.

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To commemorate the end of the year, Ms. Plomin led the Council and Mayor in a self-penned contrafactum arrangement of Jingle Bells.

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Upon motion by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Mossotti, and approved by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Deputy Clerk of the Urban County Council