

**Urban County Council
Special Committee of the Whole
Table of Motions
May 23, 2023**

Vice Mayor Wu called the meeting to order at 5:10pm. All Council Members were present.

I. Presentation: 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update Rural Sewer Capability Study

Director Charlie Martin provided an update on the study status and schedule. There was a discussion of the presentation and no action was taken on this item.

II. Continued Review and Discussion of 2045 Comprehensive Plan Themes

There were no additional questions from Council regarding the draft Goals and Objectives.

III. Council Member Recommendations for Amendments to the 2045 Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives

Motion by Sevigny to postpone to June 1st at 3pm the discussion of Theme E. Seconded by Ellinger. Motion failed 5-9. Wu, Ellinger, LeGris, Sevigny and Sheehan voted yes. J. Brown, Lynch, Monarrez, Gray, Worley, F. Brown, Baxter, Reynolds and Plomin vote no. Fogle did not vote.

Motion by Sheehan to approve amending the preamble to read as follows: To ensure that long range planning policies and other urban growth boundary issues address the expected needs for new urban development and equitably contribute to the health and prosperity of Lexington-Fayette County, these goals and objectives have been drafted based upon an evaluation of existing conditions, "robust" public input, examination of land use planning best practices, review of current local plans and documents, and the projected community needs for the future. While these goals and objectives look forward to 2045, they will continue to be reviewed and revised as necessary on the five-year review cycle mandated by state statute. Anytime in the interim, the Planning Commission may recommend that Council amend the Goals and Objectives, and any recommendation shall be presented for consideration, amendment, and adoption by the Council. Seconded by J. Brown. Motion passed 14-1 as amended. Wu, J. Brown, Ellinger, Fogle, Lynch, LeGris, Monarrez, Sheehan, Gray, Worley, Baxter, Sevigny, Reynolds and Plomin voted yes. F. Brown voted no.

Motion by J. Brown to amend and replace "extensive" with "robust". Seconded by Gray. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Worley to approve amending the mission statement to read as follows: The 2045 Comprehensive Plan, Imagine Lexington, seeks to provide flexible yet focused planning guidance to ensure equitable development of our community's resources and infrastructure that enhances our quality of life, and fosters regional planning and economic development. This will be accomplished while protecting the environment, promoting successful, accessible neighborhoods, promoting job growth opportunities for all residents, and preserving the

unique Bluegrass landscape that has made Lexington-Fayette County the Horse Capital of the World. Seconded by Ellinger. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Sheehan to approve amend Theme A, Goal 1, Objective C to read as follows: Plan for safe, affordable, and accessible housing to meet the needs of Lexington's aging population and residents with disabilities. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Sheehan to approve the addition of a new objective to Theme A, Goal 1: Improve access to stable long-term housing for those experiencing homelessness. Seconded by Lynch. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by J. Brown to approve the addition of a new objective to Theme A, Goal 1: Explore opportunities for "unused and underused" publicly owned land to be developed for affordable housing developments. Seconded by Worley. Motion passed without dissent as amended.

Motion by Wu to amend to add "unused and underused". Seconded by LeGris. Motion passed 12-3. Wu, J. Brown, Ellinger, Lynch, LeGris, Monarrez, Gray, Worley, Baxter, Reynolds, Plomin and Sheehan voted yes. Fogle, F. Brown and Sevigny voted no.

Motion by Reynolds to approve amending Theme A Goal 2, Objective E to read as follows: Create materials about the Comprehensive Plan and do outreach to educate the public about infill and redevelopment. Seconded by Sheehan. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Gray to amend and add "expansion". Seconded by Monarrez. Motion failed 4-10. Monarrez, Gray, Worley and F. Brown voted yes. Wu, J. Brown, Ellinger, Lynch, LeGris, Sheehan, Baxter, Sevigny, Reynolds and Plomin voted no. Fogle did not vote.

Motion by Baxter to approve the addition of a new objective to Theme A, Goal 3: Improve Lexington's transportation network through ample street "and sidewalk" connections between new and existing development. Seconded by F. Brown. Motion passed 12-3 as amended. Wu, J. Brown, Ellinger, Lynch, LeGris, Monarrez, Sheehan, Gray, Worley, Baxter, Sevigny and Plomin voted yes. Fogle, F. Brown and Reynolds voted no.

Motion by LeGris to amend and add "and sidewalk". Seconded by Plomin. Motion passed 14-1. Wu, J. Brown, Ellinger, Fogle, Lynch, LeGris, Monarrez, Sheehan, Gray, Worley, Baxter, Sevigny, Reynolds and Plomin voted yes. F. Brown voted no.

Motion by Baxter to approve amending Theme A, Goal 4, Objective C to read as follows: Establish and promote road network connections to reduce police, EMS and fire response times and improve efficiency and operations of city services. Seconded by J. Brown. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Lynch to approve the addition of a new objective to Theme A, Goal 5: Provide an ongoing and contextualized educational curriculum on historical planning practices and policies, acknowledging their impact on marginalized neighborhoods in Lexington. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion passed 14-1. Wu, J. Brown, Ellinger, Fogle, Lynch, LeGris, Monarrez, Sheehan, Gray, Worley, Baxter, Sevigny, Reynolds and Plomin voted yes. F. Brown voted no.

Motion by Reynolds to approve amending Theme A, Goal 5, Objective B to read as follows: Protect existing housing affordability “for all” and expand all housing across the city with an emphasis on low income housing for all and expand low- and middle-income housing across the city. Seconded by Monarrez. Motion passed without dissent as amended.

Motion by Worley to amend to read: Protect existing housing affordability for all and expand low- and middle-income housing across the city. Seconded by J. Brown. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Lynch to approve the addition of a new objective to Theme B, Goal 1: Provide an ongoing educational curriculum that focuses on sustainable planning, development, and at-home behaviors to help build a culture focused on creating a more resilient, equitable, and livable future for all. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by J. Brown to approve the addition of a new objective to Theme B, Goal 1: Ensure stormwater and sanitary sewer infrastructure is placed in the most efficient and effective location to serve its intended purpose. Seconded by Ellinger. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Plomin to amend failed for a lack of second.

Motion by Sevigny to approve amending Theme B, Goal 2 to read as follows: Identify and mitigate local impacts of climate change by tracking and reducing Lexington-Fayette Urban County’s carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions, and commit to community-wide net zero greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Fogle to approve amending Theme C, Goal 1, Objective A to read as follows: Strengthen efforts to develop a variety of job opportunities that support a living wage and lead to prosperity for all. Seconded by Sheehan. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Lynch to approve the addition of a new objective to Theme C, Goal 2: Encourage minority businesses to locate in areas that have experienced displacement and gentrification by creating incentives and removing barriers to entry. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by J. Brown to approve amending Theme C, Goal 2 to read as follows: Attract a wide array of employment opportunities that encourage an entrepreneurial spirit, and enhance our ability to recruit and retain a talented, creative workforce by establishing opportunities that embrace diversity, equity and inclusion in our community. Seconded by Sheehan. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Reynolds to approve amending Theme C, Goal 3 to read as follows: Continue to identify, provide and sustain readily available publicly-controlled economic development land to meet Fayette County’s need for jobs, amending the Comprehensive Plan as necessary to ensure it remains an up-to-date and workable framework for economic development. Seconded by Worley. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by J. Brown to approve the addition of a new objective to Theme C, Goal 2: Encourage land development that attracts, expands, and retains jobs in employment sectors that provide upward mobility and prosperity for all and prioritizes identifying land opportunities for job creation and housing needs. Seconded by Worley. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Baxter to approve amending Theme C, Goal 3, Objective A to read as follows: Create and implement mechanisms for ~~all income levels~~ “low, moderate and middle income residents” to access affordable and equitable home financing options for those who desire to own a home. Seconded by F. Brown. Motion passed 14-1 as amended. Wu, J. Brown, Ellinger, Fogle, Lynch, LeGris, Monarrez, Sheehan, Gray, Worley, Baxter, Sevigny, Reynolds and Plomin voted yes. F. Brown voted no.

Motion by LeGris to amend to read: Create and implement mechanisms for low, moderate, and middle income residents to access affordable and equitable home financing options for those who desire to own a home. Seconded by Fogle. Motion passed 14-1. Wu, J. Brown, Ellinger, Fogle, Lynch, LeGris, Monarrez, Sheehan, Gray, Worley, Baxter, Sevigny, Reynolds and Plomin voted yes. F. Brown voted no.

Motion by LeGris to approve amending Theme C, Goal 3, Objective B to read as follows: Collaborate with developers, commercial entities, and nonprofits to ensure food security, providing all residents access to affordable and nutritious food. Seconded by Lynch. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Worley to reconsider Theme C, Goal 3: Continue to identify, provide and sustain readily available publicly-controlled economic development land to meet Fayette County’s need for jobs, amending the Comprehensive Plan as necessary to ensure it remains an up-to-date and workable framework for economic development. Seconded by Ellinger. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Reynolds to approve the addition of a new goal to Theme C: Continue to identify, provide and sustain readily available publicly-controlled economic development land to meet Fayette County’s need for jobs, amending the Comprehensive Plan as necessary to ensure it remains an up-to-date and workable framework for economic development. Seconded by Sevigny. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Lynch to approve continuing the meeting to complete Theme E. Seconded by Monarrez. Motion failed 5-10. Lynch, Monarrez, Gray, Worley and Baxter voted yes. Wu, J. Brown, Ellinger, Fogle, LeGris, Sheehan, F. Brown, Sevigny, Reynolds and Plomin voted no.

Motion by Sevigny to continue this discussion at the meeting. Seconded by LeGris. Motion passed without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm
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