Budget, Finance, & Economic Development Committee



2025 Items in Committee

Review of the Exaction Program

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: 1225-23 C. Ellinger August 28, 2018 November 28, 2023

The Exaction Program provides an equitable means to allocate a fair share of the cost of infrastructure needed to serve new growth and development in the expansion areas. Stakeholder resolutions are in progress with the goal of dissolving the program as soon as agreements are finalized.

Downtown Projects Update

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: O964-24 H. LeGris August 27, 2019 September 24, 2024

This item was placed in committee for informational purposes to invite the public or private sector to participate in a series of presentations featuring development projects in the downtown area. In 2019, the committee heard presentations about the City Center, the Hub on Campus, University of Kentucky's Winslow site, and the MET. In 2021, the committee heard a presentation about LexLive, and in 2024, the committee heard a presentation on the downtown master plan.

Facilities and Fleet Maintenance Plan

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: May 31, 2023 N/A

This item was referred as a result of the FY24 Council Links process. Capital requests for facility repairs and fleet purchases have exceeded budgeting expectations and Council would like to see a formal maintenance plan for the divisions.

Medical Debt Relief

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: O857-24 D. Wu September 26, 2023 August 27, 2024

This item was placed into committee to consider programmatic or partnership opportunities to relieve medical debt in Lexington/Fayette County. This initiative received \$1,000,000 in funding during the FY2023 fund balance discussion on October 29, 2024.

Technology Ecosystem Development

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: O128-24 D. Sevigny October 31, 2023 January 30, 2024

In partnership with the Technology Association of the Bluegrass (TAB), ideas are being evaluated and considered for how to attract technology centric occupations and events to Fayette County.

Robert H. Williams Cultural Center funding

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: O856-24 J. Brown October 31, 2023 August 27, 2024

This item was placed into committee as a result of the FY2022 fund balance discussion with intent to evaluate possible funding options. Funding has been provided to General Services to conduct a feasibility study for building improvements.

LexArts Finance and Equity Review

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: O965-24 D. Wu May 28, 2024 August 27, 2024

This item was placed into committee as a result of the FY2025 budget process when LexArts requested additional programmatic funding. Council requested an update on LexArts audit results and remediation, diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, Arts Master Plan, Arts Equity Grants, and the impact of the grant writer position funded in FY2024.

Digital Accessibility

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: J. Brown August 20, 2024 N/A

To create a strategic plan and consider funding opportunities to enhance Lexington's digital accessibility to ensure everyone has equal access to digital content, products, and services.

City Hall Feasibility Study

File ID: Current Sponsors: Referral Date: Last Presentation: 1096-24 J. Brown September 12, 2024 October 29, 2024

Financing and feasibility options are under consideration for a new government center. Funding has been placed in a capital reserve for future decision-making opportunities.

Parks Referendum Policies and Procedures

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation:

W. Baxter November 12, 2024 N/A

As a result of the passage of the park tax referendum during the November 2024 election, this item was placed into committee to consider and implement policies and procedures for allocating new revenue for parks capital projects.

Disparity Study

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: O405-24 C. Ellinger November 1, 2022 April 16, 2024 (in GGP)

Sherita Miller, Minority Business Enterprise Liaison, presented the study, which reviewed business participation, availability, and disparities; analyzed marketplace conditions; collected qualitative and anecdotal information; provided policy and program recommendations; and provided legal compliance guidance.

Annual/Periodic Update

Financial Updates: Quarterly Presentations with Monthly Updates

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: N/A November 19, 2024

The structure of the financial updates changed in 2020 with quarterly presentations reports in October, January, and April. During the months a quarterly presentation is not taking place, a monthly financial update will be shared with Council for informational purposes.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: O127-24 J. Brown N/A January 30, 2024

Each year the city's annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is presented to the committee once it is published. In January 2024, Strothman and Company, who conducted the audit, reported LFUCG received an unmodified opinion, the highest level of opinion an organization can receive.

Lexington Economic Outlook & Occupational Tax Forecast

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: December 3, 2019 February 27, 2024

This item is intended to be heard annually on the front end of the annual budgeting process before the Mayor proposes the budget in April. Dr. Mike Clark, Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the

University of Kentucky, presents an economic outlook for Lexington that includes payroll and net profit tax revenue forecasts.

Fund Balance

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: 0008-24 J. Brown N/A October 29, 2024

This item comes to committee each year, typically in October, to review any remaining funds from the previous fiscal year budget. Typically, the administration will make recommendations associated with the fund balance and Council members then determine how to move forward.

Lexington Jobs Fund Update

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: 1224-23 J. Brown January 29, 2019 November 28, 2023

This item was placed in committee for a routine update about the Jobs Fund program, an incentive program to support business expansion. Jobs Fund was established in 2013 and utilizes both grants and loans to spark job creation.

Economic Development Grant Update

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: 1089-21 J. Brown January 29, 2019 October 26, 2022

This item was placed in committee for a routine update on the grant program, which focuses on workforce development and utilizes community partners. The presentations reviewed the outcomes of each grant cycle, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Industrial Development Authority update

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: August 29, 2023

September 10: Last Presentation: August 29, 2023

This item was placed in committee for a routine update on the Industrial Authority, created to promote and stimulate the acquisition, retention, and development of land for industrial and commercial purposes.

Change Orders report

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: O855-24 J. Brown December 3, 2019 August 27, 2024

<u>Resolution 620-2020</u> amended the change order approval process allowing certain designated personnel to approve changes with certain thresholds for construction contracts and associated professional services agreements without seeking Council approval. In 2024, the Committee requested to receive annual updates on this item for information only via an emailed report.

Economic Development Partnerships Update

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: O152-22 J. Brown March 16, 2021 February 8, 2022

This item was placed in committee for routine updates from the city's economic development partners under the Economic Development Partnerships Services RFP.

Subcommittees, Task Forces, & Work Groups

Division & Program Review Process Subcommittee

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: 1231-21 J. Brown December 3, 2019 November 30, 2021

The subcommittee reported out its work and recommendation to implement an evaluation process of LFUCG divisions and programs in 2022. The Council approved a motion to support its recommendation at Work Session on November 30, 2021, to initiate the evaluations within the standing committee structure.

LFUCG Property Assessment Subcommittee

File ID: Current Sponsor: Referral Date: Last Presentation: J. Brown September 22, 2020 January 26, 2021

The subcommittee provided an interim report in January 2021 that included the framework used to review and rank properties and make preliminary recommendations.