**URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**
**WORK SESSION**
**TABLE OF MOTIONS**
August 18, 2026

Mayor Gorton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Wu and Council Members Brown, Ellinger II, Morton, Lynch, Eblen, Curtis, Sheehan, Higgins-Hord, Hale, Beasley, Baxter, Sevigny, Reynolds, and Boone were present.

I. Public Comment – Issues on Agenda

II. Requested Rezonings/Docket Approval

III. Approval of Summary

Motion by Wu to approve the August 11, 2026 Table of Motions. Seconded by Ellinger II. Motion passed without dissent.

IV. Budget Amendments

V. Budget Adjustments – For Information Only

VI. New Business

Motion by Sevigny to approve New Business. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

VII. Communications from the Mayor- Appointments

VIII. Communications from the Mayor- Donations

IX. Communications from the Mayor- Procurements

X. Continuing Business/Presentations

Motion by Reynolds to approve Council Capital Projects, as amended. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Brown to amend the Council Capital Project allocation to the LFUCG Division of Parks and Recreation from $500.00 to $825.00. Seconded by Wu. Motion passed without dissent.

Council Member Sevigny provided a summary of the June 16, 2026 Environmental Quality and Public Works Committee.

Motion by Sevigny to place on the docket for the August 27, 2026 Council Meeting, an ordinance amending Chapters 16 and 17 of the Code of Ordinances to adopt and incorporate the Complete Streets Design Manual, as an engineering manual for infrastructure in Lexington-Fayette County, as amended. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Morton to amend Section 3.1.1 in the Complete Streets Design Manual consistent with the first page of the Complete Streets Design Manual Final Revisions document provided in this meeting. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Morton to amend Section 4.2.3.1 in the Complete Streets Design Manual consistent with the first page of the Complete Streets Design Manual Final Revisions document provided in this meeting. Seconded by Wu. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Morton to amend Section 5.1.2 in the Complete Streets Design Manual consistent with the first page of the Complete Streets Design Manual Final Revisions document provided in this meeting. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Morton to amend Section 3.1.2 in the Complete Streets Design Manual consistent with the second page of the Complete Streets Design Manual Final Revisions document provided in this meeting. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Morton to amend Section 3.1.2 in the Complete Streets Design Manual consistent with the third page of the Complete Streets Design Manual Final Revisions document provided in this meeting. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Morton to amend Section 3.1.4 and 3.1.5 in the Complete Streets Design Manual consistent with the fourth page of the Complete Streets Design Manual Final Revisions document provided in this meeting. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

The Urban County Council discussed the Planning Commission's recommendation for the Solar Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (ZOTA).

Motion by Sheehan to amend the Solar ZOTA from the Planning Commission to reinstate the language to allow for intermediate and large scale solar with restrictions in the A-R and A-U zones for ground mounted solar. These are Sections *31-4: Permitted Uses, Accessory Uses, and Conditional Uses; 31-6: General Requirements Applicable to Ground Mounted SESs; and 31-7: Conditional Use Permit Application Requirements*. Seconded by Sevigny. Motion passed 8 – 7 (Yes: Wu, Morton, Lynch, Curtis, Sheehan, Hale, Beasley, Sevigny. No: Brown, Ellinger II, Eblen, Higgins-Hord, Baxter, Reynolds, Boone.).

Motion by Boone to amend Section 31-6(g) to provide that no more than 1% of the land in the Rural Service Area as of the date of the Urban County Council's passage of this text amendment can be used for large-scale ground mounted SES, and that the amount of land utilization shall include the total number of acres within all property boundaries in the Rural Service area on which SES is developed. Seconded by Hale. Motion failed 7 – 8 (Yes: Brown, Ellinger II, Eblen, Higgins-Hord, Baxter, Reynolds, Boone. No: Wu, Morton, Lynch, Curtis, Sheehan, Hale, Beasley, Sevigny.).

Motion by Brown to recess for 10 minutes. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Boone to amend Section 31-2(c) of the Zoning Ordinance so that the "footprint" of solar energy systems includes any fencing or visual buffers and transmission infrastructure, except in the case of large-scale ground mounted solar energy systems, the footprint of which shall be calculated using the boundary line of the property on which a solar developer intends to install SES. Seconded by Morton. Motion passed 8 – 7 (Yes: Brown, Ellinger II, Eblen, Higgins-Hord, Hale, Baxter, Reynolds, Boone. No: Wu, Morton, Lynch, Curtis, Sheehan, Beasley, Sevigny.).

Motion by Baxter to amend Section 31-2(c) of the Zoning Ordinance to redefine the "footprint" of solar energy systems to be the area utilized in the site plan. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion failed 6 – 9 (Yes: Brown, Eblen, Hale, Baxter, Reynolds, Boone. No: Wu, Ellinger II, Morton, Lynch, Curtis, Sheehan, Higgins-Hord, Beasley, Sevigny.).

Motion by Boone to amend Section 31-6(c)(1) and (c)(2) to provide that: 1) all ground mounted SES *equipment* shall be located at least 1,500 feet from any adjoining property, regardless of zone, and that this setback shall be measured from the property to the nearest piece of equipment necessary for the SES to function; 2) all ground mounted SES *equipment* shall be located at least 500 feet from any river or stream, and 3) to disallow the granting of variances for these setbacks, as amended. Seconded by Brown. **Note:** Boone made a friendly amendment to add the word, "equipment", in subsections 1 and 2. Motion failed 6 – 8 (Yes: Brown, Ellinger II, Morton, Eblen, Baxter, Boone. No: Wu, Lynch, Curtis, Sheehan, Higgins-Hord, Hale, Beasley, Sevigny. Absent: Reynolds.).

Motion by Sheehan to amend the above motion to remove 3) to disallow the granting of variances for these setbacks. Seconded by Lynch. Motion passed 12 – 2 (Yes: Wu, Brown, Morton, Lynch, Eblen, Curtis, Sheehan, Higgins-Hord, Hale, Beasley, Baxter, Sevigny. No: Ellinger II, Boone. Absent: Reynolds.).

Motion by Sheehan to place the amended Solar ZOTA on the August 27, 2026 Council Meeting Docket for first reading. Seconded by Sevigny. Motion passed without dissent.

XI. Council Reports

XII. Public Comment – Issues Not on Agenda

XIII. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Wu adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.