

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Council Meeting

Lexington, Kentucky June 21, 2011

The Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky convened in regular session on June 21, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. Present were Mayor Gray in the chair presiding, and the following members of the Council: Council Members Ford, Gorton, Kay, Lane, Lawless, Martin, McChord, Stinnett, Blues, Crosbie, and Ellinger. Absent were Council Members Henson, Myers, Beard, and Farmer.

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

Ordinances No. 64-2011 thru 66-2011 inclusive and Resolutions No. 216-2011 thru 246-2011 inclusive were reported as having been signed and published, and were ordered to record.

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The Mayor welcomed the participants in the Senior Intern Program.

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An Ordinance appropriating the Revenues, Expenditures/Expenses and Interfund Transfers for the General Services District Fund, the Tenant Relocation Fund, the Urban Services Districts Fund, the Police Confiscated Federal Fund, the Police Confiscated State Fund, the Public Safety Fund, the Spay and Neuter Fund, the Municipal Aid Program Fund, the County Aid Program Fund, the Mineral Severance Fund, the Coal Severance Fund, the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, the Police Confiscated - Treasury Fund, the FY 2012 Bond Projects Funds, the Sanitary Sewer Revenue and Operating Fund, the Sanitary Sewer Construction Fund, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Public Facilities Corporation General Fund, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Public Facilities Corporation Parks Projects Fund, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Public Parking Corporation Fund, the Water Quality Management Fund, the Landfill Fund, the Right of Way Program Fund, the Extended School Program Fund, the Prisoners' Account Fund, the Enhanced 911 Fund, the LexVan Program Fund, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Public Library Corporation Fund, the City Employees' Pension Fund, the Police and Fire Retirement Fund of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, the Medical Insurance Fund, the Property and Casualty Claims Fund, and the Reallocation of Bond Project Funds, on a divisional level by four (4) control levels, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012, for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and its agencies and instrumentalities; approving and adopting the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years (FY) 2012 through (FY) 2017, as a portion of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Annual Capital Improvements Budget; and approving funding for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Tourist and Convention Commission from the Transient Room Tax, said funding to equal 99 ½% of the revenue from the tax was given first reading.

The Council discussed their concerns regarding the budget.

Mr. Kay asked a question of Ms. Janet Graham, Commissioner of the Dept. of Law, about what would happen if a budget was not approved by June 30th. Ms. Graham responded.

Mr. Lane asked a question of Mr. David Barberie, Dept. of Law, regarding what constituted a material change that would necessitate a new first reading of the budget ordinance.

The Council continued to discuss the issue.

The Mayor thanked the Council for their work on the budget.

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Upon motion of Mr. Kay, seconded by Ms. Gorton, and approved by a majority vote of 10-1 (Ms. Crosbie voted no), 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, Schedule No. 129 was placed on the docket.

The Mayor asked Mr. Ryan Barrow, Director of the Div. of Budgeting, to explain why the budget amendments were necessary at that time.

The ordinance was given first reading and ordered placed on file until June 23, 2011 for public inspection.

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Mr. Ford stated further concerns about the budget and asked questions of Ms. Glenda George, Dept. of Law, regarding the process for amending the budget.

The Mayor responded to Mr. Ford's concerns and asked him to clarify the issues he was particularly interested in.

Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosbie, to reopen the budget process for FY 2012, specifically to examine the issues of the Police and Fire Pension Fund, collective bargaining, and employee health insurance in regard to their effect on the FY 2012 budget.

Ms. Crosbie asked if a separate meeting would be required since the Council was already in a regular Council meeting regarding the budget. The Mayor responded with his interpretation of the motion, and stated that it would be up to the Council to decide whether they needed a separate meeting.

The Council discussed the motion.

Ms. Gorton asked if it would be possible to get a brief update on the collective bargaining process from Ms. Janet Graham, Commissioner of the Dept. of Law.

The Council continued to discuss the issue.

Mr. Ford withdrew his motion, and Ms. Crosbie withdrew her second. He spoke further about the budget process.

Mr. Ford made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosbie, to convene a Committee of the Whole meeting in order to review the budget line by line.

Ms. Gorton asked questions of Mr. Ford about his intent for the proposed Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Ford explained his motion.

The Council continued to discuss the issue.

Mr. Ford's motion **failed** to pass by a vote of 2-9 (Gorton, Kay, Lane, Lawless, Martin, McChord, Stinnett, Blues, and Ellinger voted **no**).

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Ms. Crosbie renewed a request for additional information to be provided by the Administration on the proposed police recruit class.

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Ms. Gorton asked Ms. Janet Graham, Commissioner of the Dept. of Law, to provide an update on collective bargaining via email.

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Mr. Frank Harris, Old Kingston Road, stated his concerns regarding the proposed FY 2012 Budget.

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Ms. Debbie Tester, Memphis Court, spoke on behalf of the Civil Service Employees Association regarding the FY 2012 Budget as it related to the Urban League receiving government funds for employee raises.

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Mr. Patrick Kelly, Albany Circle, stated his concerns regarding the proposed FY 2012 Budget.

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Mr. Jack Valenti, Richmond, Ky., Tennis Program Supervisor for the Div. of Parks and Recreation stated his concern about the elimination of a Stores Clerk position in the Div. of Parks and Recreation.

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Upon motion of Mr. Stinnett, seconded by Mr. McChord, and approved by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Clerk of the Urban County Council