

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Special Council Meeting

Lexington, Kentucky September 20, 2011

The Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky, convened in special session on September 20, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jim Gray in the chair presiding and the following members of the Council: Council Members McChord, Myers, Stinnett, Beard, Blues, Crosbie, Ellinger, Farmer, Ford, Gorton, Henson, Kay, Lane, Lawless and Martin.

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The Mayor stated the purpose of the meeting, and spoke about the current condition of employee health insurance costs at the Urban County Government. He stated that Chattanooga, Tennessee, had instituted a wellness program which has become the benchmark program for Lexington.

The Mayor introduced Ms. Madeline Green, Director of Risk Management and Insurance, City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Ms. Susan Dubose, Deputy Administrator for Personnel, City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Mr. Jerry Ford, Chief Executive Officer, Marathon Health, Mr. Dave Demers, Marathon Health, Mr. Steve Roland, Chief Financial Officer, City of Louisville, Kentucky, Mr. Briggs Cochran, Mr. Benji Marrs, and Ms. Ellie Burnside, of Benefits Insurance Marketing.

Ms. Green gave a presentation on the changes in health insurance and management instituted at the City of Chattanooga.

Mr. McChord spoke to the presentation and asked a question of Mayor Gray about the site location. The Mayor responded that the Administration was not prepared to release any information about a site at that time.

Ms. Dubose explained that Chattanooga started out very simply in a double-wide trailer in the parking lot.

Mayor Gray responded to Mr. McChord's comments.

The Council continued to discuss the issue and to ask questions of Ms. Green, Mayor Gray, and Mr. Ryan Barrow, Director of the Div. of Budgeting.

Mr. Beard expressed concern about employee acceptance of a wellness center. Mr. David Demers, representative of Marathon Health, Inc., spoke to Mr. Beard's concerns. Ms. Dubose also spoke to Mr. Beard's concerns.

The Council continued to discuss the issue and to ask questions of Ms. Green, Ms. Dubose, and Mr. Demers.

Mr. Farmer asked questions of Ms. Green about the property where Chattanooga operates their clinic and Mayor Gray about the site location.

Mayor Gray asked Mr. Briggs Cochran, Benefits Insurance Marketing, to speak on space for clinic and when site selection would take place. The Mayor also spoke to Mr. Farmer's comments.

The Council continued to ask questions of Ms. Green, Mr. Demers, and Mr. Cochran.

Mr. Stinnett asked questions of Ms. Melissa Leuker, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the timeline for the clinic project. Ms. Leuker and the Mayor responded.

Mr. Martin stated his concerns with approving an out-of-state contract for the services needed.

The Mayor responded to Mr. Martin's concerns, and also asked Mr. Cochran to respond.

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Ms. Crosbie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to proceed with second reading of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Marathon Health, Inc. to provide employees with certain preventative, wellness, disease management, health consultation and/or primary care services at a cost not to exceed \$1,370,886.

The motion **passed** by a majority vote of 14-1 (Mr. Martin voted **no**).
The resolution was given second reading. Upon motion of Ms. Gorton, and seconded by Mr. Stinnett, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: McChord, Myers, Stinnett, Beard, Blues,
Crosbie, Ellinger, Farmer, Ford, Gorton,
Henson, Kay, Lane, Lawless-----14
Nay: Martin-----1

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The Mayor thanked everyone who had been involved in the project, and also thanked the visitors from Chattanooga.

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Upon motion of Ms. Crosbie, seconded by Mr. Ellinger, and approved by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Clerk of the Urban County Council