

Lexington- Fayette Urban County Government Council Meeting

Lexington, Kentucky June 14, 2022

The Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky convened in regular session on June 14, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Gorton in the chair presiding, Vice-Mayor Kay in the chair presiding, in the absence of Mayor Gorton, and the following members of the Council: McCurn, Moloney, Plomin, Reynolds, Worley, Baxter, Bledsoe, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Kloiber and Lamb. Absent were Council Members LeGris and Sheehan.

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

Ordinances No. 44-2022 through 48-2022, inclusive, and Resolutions No. 267-2022 through 306-2022, inclusive, were reported as having been signed and published and ordered to record.

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At 3:08 p.m., Ms. LeGris joined the meeting.

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The following ordinances received second reading. Upon motion by Mr. Ellinger, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the ordinances were approved by the following vote:

Aye: LeGris, McCurn, Plomin, Reynolds, -----12
Worley, Baxter, Bledsoe, F. Brown, J.
Brown, Ellinger, Kay, Lamb

Nay: Moloney, Kloiber -----2

An Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government to pre fund various components of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2023 Mayor's Proposed Budget document and approved at Work Session May 31, 2022 and appropriating and re appropriating funds, Schedule No. 39.

An Ordinance appropriating the revenues, expenditures/expenses and interfund transfers for the General Services District Fund, the Tenant Relocation Fund, the Full Urban Services Districts Fund, the Police Confiscated Federal Fund, the Police Confiscated State Fund, the Public Safety Fund, the Industrial Revenue Bond Fund, the Municipal Aid Program Fund, the County Road Aid Program Fund, the Mineral Severance

Fund, the Coal Severance Fund, the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, the Police Confiscated Treasury Fund, the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Fund, the Infrastructure Investment Fund, the Lexington Neighborhood Investment Fund, the FY 2023 Bond Projects Funds, the United States Dept. of Treasury Fund (American Rescue Plan Act), 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 Water Quality Management Fund, the Water Quality Management Construction Fund, the Landfill Fund, the Right of Way Program Fund, the Extended School Program Fund, the Enhanced 911 Fund, the Central Ky. 911 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 any other funds as provided in Exhibit "A", on a divisional level by four (4) control levels, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government and its agencies and instrumentalities; approving and adopting the Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years (FY) 2023 through (FY) 2028, as a portion of the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Annual Capital Improvements Budget; approving funding for the Lexington Fayette Urban County Tourist and Convention Commission from the Transient Room Tax, said funding to equal 99 1/2% of the revenue from the tax; and suspending in full or in part the application and operation of certain Ordinances related to funding for FY 2023.

Mr. F. Brown shared his concerns regarding the overall total of the FY23 Budget, specifically noting he had attempted unsuccessfully to reduce the amount of bonding debt included. He stated he would support the Budget as it contained many worthwhile projects and additional funding for Public Safety and City Employees, and would enable the completion of Capital Projects that had been delayed for over two years.

Ms. Bledsoe thanked Chief Administrative Officer Sally Hamilton, Jen Wuorenmaa, Glenn Brown, Hilary Angelucci, Dept. of Finance Comm. Erin Hensley, Melissa Lueker, Elizabeth McGee, Mitchell Jones, Rachael Berry, Ashley Simpson, and Div. of Revenue Dir. Wesley Holbrook, for the effort they put into preparing the Budget

and maintaining communication with the Council Core Staff throughout the process. She likened the Budget as a roadmap for the City and acknowledged that the Budget is reviewed quarterly and revised as needed to adapt to economic changes.

Mr. Moloney shared his concerns about potential economic turbulence and its future effect on the largest City Budget to date.

Mr. Kloiber expressed appreciation for the Council and City administration for their hard work over the last several months. He expressed concerns about the size of the Budget and the future impact of potential economic turbulence on City funds.

Mr. Moloney assumed the Chair.

Vice Mayor Kay spoke about the constitutional requirements of the Council during the budget process and noted that no significant reductions to the Mayor's Proposed Budget had been offered during the review process.

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Jack Kennedy Hodgkin spoke in opposition to the Budget.

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Upon motion by Ms. Lamb, seconded by Ms. Plomin, and approved by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Deputy Clerk of the Urban County Council