

Lexington- Fayette Urban County Government Council Meeting

Lexington, Kentucky March 7, 2024

The Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky convened in regular session on March 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Gorton in the chair presiding, and the following members of the Council: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch, Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny, Sheehan, and Worley.

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

Ordinances No. 019-2024 through 024-2024, inclusive, and Resolutions No. 051-2024 through 065-2024, inclusive, were reported as having been signed and published and ordered to record.

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The Invocation was given by Pastor Francisco Castro, President of the Greater Gardenside Association.

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Mayor Gorton asked Meghan Talley to join her at the podium, along with Ms. Reynolds, and read a Proclamation declaring March 7, 2024 as Meghan Talley Day in Lexington. Mayor Gorton shared that Ms. Talley was a resident of the Cardinal Valley Neighborhood and spoke of her community involvement in the Cardinal Valley Neighborhood Association and Cardinal Valley Park Activity Board.

Ms. Talley said that she was honored to be acknowledged and expressed her love for her community.

Ms. Reynolds said that since March was Women's History Month, she wanted to recognize women in Lexington who make a difference, but do not always get recognized. She spoke about Ms. Talley's patience and commitment to the Cardinal Valley and Lexington Community.

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Mayor Gorton asked Susan Spalding to join her at the podium, along with Ms. Reynolds, and read a Proclamation declaring March 7, 2024 as Susan Spalding Day in Lexington. Mayor Gorton shared that Ms. Spalding is a volunteer of the Greater

Gardenside Association and served for a time as the president of the Gardenside Association. She spoke of some of the accomplishments Ms. Spalding has been able to bring to Greater Gardenside, including bringing the Lexington Farmer's Market to Gardenside Plaza.

Ms. Reynolds said that Ms. Spalding is a very ambitious person and shared an anecdote about Ms. Spalding's efforts to shutter an adult entertainment establishment due to the increased crime in the area that resulted from its operations. Ms. Reynolds said that she was the reason for a lot of collaboration between businesses in the Alexandria Drive Corridor. She thanked her for her service to the community.

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

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

An Ordinance amending Section 2-96 of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Code of Ordinances to rename the "Metropolitan Environmental Improvement Commission of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government" to the "Environmental Commission of Lexington Fayette County", consistent with current practice; amending Section 2-97 of the Code of Ordinances to reduce the number of members to twenty five (25) and adding a Councilmember as a non-voting ex-officio member; and amending Section 2-99 of the Code of Ordinances to add an Information Officer as an Officer of the Commission and setting Officers' terms at two (2) years; effective upon passage of Council.

An Ordinance amending Article 4-8 of the Land Subdivision Regulations of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, updating surety requirements for the completion of public improvements as follows: amending Section 4-8 to expressly incorporate the requirements of LFUCG Engineering Manuals for the completion of public improvements; amending Section 4-8(A) to provide for pre final inspection of public improvements for purposes of calculating surety; amending Sections 4-8(B) and 4-8(C)

to update requirements for reductions of surety; and amending Section 4-8(D) to update requirements for renewal of the surety.

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, FY 2024 Schedule No. 36.

An Ordinance amending the authorized strength by abolishing two (2) classified positions of Solids Processing Supervisor, Grade 519E, and creating two (2) classified positions of Solids Processing Supervisor, Grade 519N, in the Div. of Water Quality, thereby changing the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) status of the positions from exempt to non-exempt; transferring all incumbents to the non-exempt position; and converting the biweekly salary of all incumbents to an hourly rate of pay, effective the first payroll Monday following passage of Council.

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The following ordinances received first reading and were ordered to be placed on file for public inspection until March 21, 2024:

An Ordinance amending the Civil Service authorized strength by creating one (1) Classified Civil Service Position of Public Service Supervisor, Grade 517N, in the Div. of Environmental Services, effective upon the passage of Council.

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, FY 2024 Schedule No. 37.

An Ordinance of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government authorizing the issuance of its Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024A, in one or more subseries, in an aggregate principal amount of \$38,060,000 (which amount may be increased by an amount of up to ten percent (10%) or decreased by an unlimited amount); approving a form of Series 2024A Bonds; authorizing designated officers to execute and deliver the Series 2024A Bonds; authorizing and directing the filing of notice with the State Local Debt Officer; providing for the payment and security of the Series 2024A Bonds; maintaining a sinking fund; creating a bond payment fund for the Series 2024A Bonds; authorizing acceptance of the bid(s) of the bond purchaser of the Series 2024A Bonds; and repealing inconsistent ordinances.

An Ordinance of Lexington Fayette Urban County Government authorizing the issuance of Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Various Purpose General Obligation refunding Bonds, Series 2024B, in one or more subseries, in an aggregate principal amount of \$7,720,000, (which amount may be increased or decreased by an amount of up to ten percent (10%)) for the purpose of refunding all of the outstanding principal amount of Lexington Fayette Urban County Government General Obligation Bonds Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A; approving a form of bond; authorizing designated officers to execute and deliver the bonds; providing for the payment and security of the bonds; creating a bond payment fund and escrow funds; maintaining the heretofore established sinking fund; authorizing a Certificate of Award for the acceptance of the bid of the bond purchaser for the purchase of the Series 2024B Bonds; authorizing an Escrow Trust Agreement; and repealing inconsistent ordinances.

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Upon motion by Mr. J. Brown, seconded by Ms. Gray, and approved by unanimous vote, a Resolution authorizing the merger between Summit Biosciences, Inc., Peac Merger Sub Inc., and Kindeva Drug Delivery L.P. for the purposes of the JOBS Fund Agreement between the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government and Summit Biosciences, Inc., and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute any necessary documents related to this merger authorization was removed from the docket.

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A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement awarding a Class B (Infrastructure) Incentive Grant to University of Ky. Research Foundation, for a Stormwater Quality Project, at a cost not to exceed \$316,126.75 received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Plomin, and seconded by Vice Mayor Wu, the resolutions were approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----14
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Worley

Nay: -----0

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The following resolutions received second reading. Upon motion by Ms. Plomin, and seconded by Vice Mayor Wu, the resolutions were approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

A Resolution accepting the bid of Thermal Service LLC, in the amount of \$87,555 for West Hickman Solids Processing Building Hydronic Heating System, for the Div. of Water Quality, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Thermal Service LLC, related to the bid.

A Resolution ratifying the Permanent Classified Civil Service Appointments of: J'La Herring, Customer Account Specialist Sr., Grade 514N, \$20.156 hourly in the Div. of LexServ, effective January 24, 2024, Jesse McKinney, Equipment Operator, Grade 512N, \$21.219 hourly in the Div. of Streets and Roads, effective January 31, 2024, Katrina James, Administrative Specialist Sr., Grade 518N, \$26.561 hourly in the Div. of Grants and Special Programs, effective February 1, 2024.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Dept. for Community Based Services, for the participation by authorized staff from the Div. of Aging and Disability Services as certified application counselors on the Commonwealth of Ky.'s Self Service Portal, at no cost to the Urban County Government.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Grant Agreement with Ashwood

Townhouses of Laredo, Inc., for a Stormwater Quality Project, decreasing the Contract by the sum of \$99,860.38, from \$99,860.38 to \$0.00.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Grant Agreement with Beaver Creek Hydrology, LLC, for a Stormwater Quality Project, decreasing the Contract by the sum of \$127,050, from \$127,050 to \$0.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Grant Agreement with Lakeshore Village, Inc., for a Stormwater Quality Project, decreasing the Contract by the sum of \$212,932, from \$212,932 to \$0.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute the first renewal of the Contract with Hazen and Sawyer, P.S.C., for Sanitary Sewer Remedial Measures Program Management Consulting Services, for the Div. of Water Quality, at a cost not to exceed \$900,000.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with the Ky. Transportation Cabinet for acceptance of \$356,000 in additional Federal funds, under the surface transportation Program (SLX), for the design phase of the Liberty Rd. Improvements Project, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government to the expenditure of \$89,000 as a local match, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget for these Grants.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement (awarded pursuant to RFP No. 8-2023) with Palmer Engineering, for design engineering services for the Wilson Downing Intersection Improvements Project, for the Div. of Engineering, at a cost not to exceed \$172,187.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Smart Communications Holding, LLC, for the installation and operation of an inmate communications system at the Div. of Community Corrections, at no cost to the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Ky.

Transportation Cabinet, to allow for the closure of Oliver Lewis Way for StreetFest, at no cost to the Urban County Government.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Professional Services Agreement (awarded pursuant to RFP No. 2-2024) with Solar Energy Solutions, LLC, for installation of a roof mounted solar photovoltaic system at the Div. of Parks and Recreation Maintenance Building at Masterson Station, at a cost not to exceed \$62,853.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Engineering Service Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc., for the design of the Liberty Rd. Improvements Project, at a cost not to exceed \$1,244,333.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant Application, and to accept this Grant if awarded, which Grant funds are in the amount of \$1,000,000 in Federal funds under the 2023 assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, to host a paramedic training course, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government to the expenditure of \$100,000 as a local match, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant Application, and to accept this Grant if awarded, which Grant funds are in the amount of \$500,000 in Federal funds under the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, to add preventative cancer and cardiac screenings to incumbent physicals, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government to the expenditure of \$50,000 as a local match, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant

Application, and to accept this Grant if awarded, which Grant funds are in the amount of \$500,000 in Federal funds under the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, to add Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and replacement of two brush trucks, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government to the expenditure of \$50,000 as a local match, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Purchase of Service Agreement with Ky. Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., for various services related to the Ky. Veterans Hall of Fame, including the Ky. Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies in 2024 and 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

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A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Contract with the Verdin Co., a sole source provider, for repairs to the Historic Skuller’s Street Clock, at a cost not to exceed \$75,775 received first reading.

Upon motion by Ms. LeGris, seconded by Ms. Reynolds, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Seigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Grant Agreement with Living Arts and Science Center, Inc., for a Stormwater Quality Incentive Grant Project, decreasing the Contract by the sum of \$12,454.36, from \$30,500.00 to \$18,045.64 received first reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Ellinger, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Community Action Council for Lexington Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison, and Nicholas Counties, Inc. ("CAC"), the final form of which shall be subject to the approval of the Dept. of Law, allocating an additional \$40,000 of Federal Funds (ARPA) to the CAC to provide temporary emergency shelter and supportive services to homeless families caring for minor children, and authorizing the Mayor to execute any other needed Agreements or amendments with the CAC related to these funds received first reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Sevigny, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement related to Neighborhood Development Funds with Christian Benevolent Outreach, Inc. (\$4,049.00); Ky. Refugee Ministries, Inc. (\$2,000.00); Innercity Breakthrough Ministries, Inc. (\$1,000.00); Hill N Dale Neighborhood Association, Inc. (\$525.00); Seize Your Given Opportunities, Inc. (\$1,100.00); Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, Inc. (\$500.00); Fayette Alliance, Inc. (\$1,000); Tates Creek High School PTSA, Inc. (\$1,000.00); Veterans Park Elementary PTA, Inc. (\$4,647.70); and Castlegate Maintenance Association, Inc. (\$318.00), for the

Office of the Urban County Council, at a cost not to exceed the sum stated received first reading.

Upon motion by Mr. Sevigny, seconded by Mr. Gray, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution accepting the bid of DC Elevator Co. in the amount of \$256,600 for the Dunbar and Picadome Elevator Repair, for the Div. of Parks and Recreation, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with DC Elevator Co., related to the bid received first reading.

Upon motion by Mr. Worley, seconded by Ms. LeGris, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

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A Resolution accepting the bid of Omni Commercial, LLC, in the amount of \$94,500 for the demolition of Shillito Tennis Courts, for the Div. of Parks and Recreation, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Omni Commercial, LLC, related to the bid received first reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Elliott Baxter, seconded by Vice Mayor Wu, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution accepting the bid of Hoist & Crane Service Group in the amount of \$140,426.16 for the Jib Crane & Hoist, for the Div. of Facilities and Fleet Management, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Hoist & Crane Service Group, related to the bid received first reading.

Upon motion by Mr. Worley, seconded by Mr. Sevigny, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of 130 West New Circle Rd., Suite 170 and 134 West New Circle Rd. for the operations of the Div. of Water Quality; and authorizing and directing the Mayor to sign any documents deemed necessary and acceptable by the Dept. of General Services and the Dept. of Law regarding the purchase, at a cost not to exceed \$6,000,000 received first reading.

Upon motion by Mr. Worley, seconded by Ms. Elliott Baxter, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Quitclaim Deed and any other documents necessary to transfer a portion of non-utilized right of way located adjacent to the property at 3541 Cephas Way to the abutting property owners received first reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Elliott Baxter, seconded by Ms. Gray, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services accepting \$50,000 in Federal funds from the Ky. Opioid Response Effort, in order to support the Community Paramedicine Program, the acceptance of which does not obligate the Urban County Government to the expenditure of funds, authorizing the Mayor to execute any necessary amendments related to these funds, and also authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds with the Grant Budget established for this Grant received first reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Fogle, seconded by Vice Mayor Wu, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement, the final form of which shall be subject to approval of the Dept. of Law, with Northern Ky. Legal Aid Society, Inc., d/b/a Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000 (\$100,000 in FY 24), for the provision of housing stabilization services and payment of rental assistance on behalf of eligible families participating in eviction diversion mediation, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute any other needed Amendments or Agreements related to the use of these funds received first reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Fogle, seconded by Ms. Reynolds, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement, the final form of which shall be subject to approval of the Dept. of Law, with Goodwill Industries of Ky., Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$400,000 (\$150,000 in FY 24), for the provision of housing stabilization services and payment of rent and security deposit assistance on behalf of eligible families referred by the McKinney Vento Homeless Office of Fayette County Public Schools, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute any other needed Amendments or Agreements related to the use of these funds received first reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Ellinger, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (awarded pursuant to RFP No. 4-2024) with Solar Energy Solutions, LLC, for its participation as installer in the Solarize Lexington Program, at a cost not to exceed \$1,088,733.30 for Grants awarded pursuant to the Solarize Lexington Program received first reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. LeGris, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement related to Neighborhood Development Funds with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (\$900); Allegro Dance Project, Inc. (\$1,800); Lafayette Track and Field Boosters (\$1,200); Unity in the Community, Inc. (\$550); Growth Point Development, Inc. (\$1,350); Community Inspired Lexington, Inc. (\$1,750); and the Ky. Center for Grieving Children and Families, Inc. (\$754), for the Office of the Urban County Council, at a cost not to exceed the sum stated received first reading.

Upon motion by Mr. Sevigny, seconded by Ms. Fogle, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Plomin, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Wu, F. Brown, J. Brown, Ellinger, Elliott -----15
Baxter, Fogle, Gray, LeGris, Lynch,
Monarrez, Plomin, Reynolds, Sevigny,
Sheehan, Worley

Nay: -----0

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The following resolutions received first reading and were ordered to be placed on file for public inspection until March 21, 2024:

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Grant Agreement with Lakes Edge Condominium Association, Inc., for a Stormwater Quality Incentive Grant Project, decreasing the Contract by the sum of \$1,679, from \$12,000 to \$10,321.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Grant Agreement with Friends of Wolf Run, Inc., for a Stormwater Quality Incentive Grant project, decreasing the Contract by the sum of \$5,818.08, from \$29,385.00 to \$23,566.92.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Grant Agreement with Friends of Wolf Run, Inc., for a Stormwater Quality Incentive Grant Project, decreasing the Contract by the sum of \$10,087.97, from \$32,184.00 to \$22,096.03.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Grant Agreement with Bluegrass Greensource, Inc., for a Stormwater Quality Incentive Grant Project, decreasing the Contract by the sum of \$4,640.70, from \$35,000.00 to \$30,359.30.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Third Amendment and Extension to the existing Health Services Agreement with CHS TX, Inc., d/b/a YesCare, successor by merger to the rights and obligations of Corizon, LLC, increasing the Contract price by the sum of \$281,369.68, from \$5,778,306.96 to \$6,059,676.64 in FY 24.

A Resolution designating the speed limit on Viley Rd. as 35 miles per hour, and authorizing and directing the Div. of Traffic Engineering to install proper and appropriate signs in accordance with this designation.

A Resolution designating the speed limit on Crawley Lane as 35 miles per hour, and authorizing and directing the Div. of Traffic Engineering to install proper and appropriate signs in accordance with this designation.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, to execute Amendment No. 5 to the TIGER Agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, which will modify the Budget for the

Town Branch Commons Project and moves remaining funds from the option phase to the base phase, pending Federal approval.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement and accept a Grant award of \$300,000 from the Recycling Partnership, Inc., for the Dept. of Environmental Quality and Public Works, Div. of Waste Management, in order to purchase recycling equipment and for outreach activities, the acceptance of which does not obligate the Urban County Government to the expenditure of funds, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to amend Resolution No. 158-2021, which established priority areas for the Community Based Initiatives Program operated as part of the Extended Social Resource (ESR) Program, to add an additional priority area, Mental Health, at no cost to the Urban County Government.

A Resolution accepting the bid of BE Equipment Inc., in the amount of \$889,456.33 for a new baler for the Material Recovery Facility, for the Div. of Waste Management, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with BE Equipment Inc., related to the bid.

A Resolution ratifying the Permanent Classified Civil Service Appointments of: William Wood Jenkins, Engineering Technician principal, Grade 519N, \$28.322 hourly in the Div. of Engineering, effective March 13, 2024, Terrence Tichenor, Skilled Trades Worker, Grade 515N, \$21.797 hourly in the Div. of Streets and Roads, effective February 7, 2024, Crissy Mullins, Staff Assistant Sr., Grade 511N, \$18.876 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective February 1, 2024, Emily Faye, Public Information Officer, Grade 518N, \$24.222 hourly in the Div. of Emergency Management, effective January 24, 2024, Claude Lewis, Public Service Worker, Grade 508N, \$18.739 hourly in the Div. of Facilities and Fleet Management, effective February 21, 2024.; and ratifying the Permanent Sworn Appointments of Scott Evely, Police Sergeant, Grade 315N, \$41.300 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective January 17, 2024, Evan Northcutt, Police Sergeant, Grade 315N, \$41.300 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective January 17, 2024.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Grant Agreement with North Lexington Holdings II, LLC, for a Stormwater Quality Incentive Grant Project, decreasing the Contract by the sum of \$48,255.00, from \$48,255.00 to \$0.00.

A Resolution authorizing the Div. of Police to purchase maintenance and support for the Faro 3D Crime Scene Scanner from Faro Technologies, Inc., a sole source provider, and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Faro Technologies, Inc., related to the procurement of these services, at a cost estimated not to exceed \$2,360.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement awarding a Class B (Education) Incentive Grant to Fayette County Public Schools, for a Stormwater Quality Project, at a cost not to exceed \$39,900.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement awarding a Class B (Infrastructure) Incentive Grant to Partin Lex Acquisitions, LLC, for a Stormwater Quality Project, at a cost not to exceed \$186,983.63.

A Resolution of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government authorizing the advertisement for bids and the distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement for the purchase of the principal amount of its (i) Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024A, in an aggregate principal amount of \$38,060,000 (which amount may be increased by an amount of up to ten percent (10%) or decreased by an unlimited amount) and (ii) Various Purpose General Obligation refunding bonds, Series 2024B, in an aggregate principal amount of \$7,720,000 (which amount may be increased or decreased by an amount of up to ten percent (10%).

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute the Purchase of Service Agreement with Friends of Wolf Run, Inc. for services related to the Wolf Run Watershed Water Quality Basins and Update Project, for the Div. of Environmental Services, at a cost not to exceed \$9,600.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Test Security Agreement with Ergometrics, Inc. for testing applicants

applying for Community Corrections Sergeant Promotional Processes, at a cost not to exceed \$5,160.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit a Grant Application to the Ky. Justice and Public Safety Cabinet seeking an award of \$99,038 in Federal funds from the 2022 Project Safe Neighborhood Grant, which shall be used for the purchase of computer hardware and database software, to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant Application, and to accept this Grant if the application is approved, the acceptance of which does not obligate the Urban County Government to the expenditure of funds, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget for these Grants.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit a Grant Application to the Ky. Energy and Environment Cabinet, Dept. of Environmental Protection, to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant Application, and to accept this Grant if awarded, which Grant funds are in the amount of \$110,000 in Commonwealth of Ky. funds, for the Dept. of Environmental Quality and Public Works Div. of Waste Management, to support a One Day Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government to the expenditure of \$27,500 as a local match, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer encumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute the Engineering Services Agreement (awarded pursuant to RFP No. 1-2024) with Tetra Tech, Inc. For the development of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the Lexington Fayette County metropolitan statistical area, for the Div. of Environmental Services, at a cost not to exceed \$505,000.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with the Ky. Transportation Cabinet, for the acceptance of \$426,648 in State Reimbursable Funding (FD04), for the Innovation Dr. and Georgetown Rd. Improvement Project, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government to the expenditure of \$200,000 as a local match, with such local

match subject to reimbursement by Commerce Lexington, Inc., and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing the Div. of Police to purchase Trimble X7 Crime Scene Scanner T10 Tablet Control Panel and Forensics Suite software from Seiler Geospatial, a sole source provider, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute any necessary Agreement with Seiler Geospatial, related to the procurement, at a cost not to exceed \$995.

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Upon motion by Ms. Fogle, and seconded by Mr. Sevigny, the Communications from the Mayor (Appointments) were approved by unanimous vote and were as follows: (1) Recommending the appointments of Melissa Coulston, filling the unexpired term of Carly Muetterties, and Wendi Keene, filling the unexpired term of Jennifer Bird Pollan, to the Library Board of Advisors, both with terms expiring June 1, 2026; and, (2) Recommending the appointments of Elisha Mutayongwa, African Representative, filling an unexpired term, and Farhad Rezaei, Middle Eastern Representative, filling and unexpired term, and recommending the seat change of Jamil Farooqui, Asian Representative, to the Mayor's International Affairs Advisory Commission, with terms expiring August 1, 2025, August 1, 2025, and August 1, 2027, respectively.

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Upon motion by Ms. Gray, and seconded by Ms. Sheehan, the Communications from the Mayor (Price Contracts) were approved by unanimous vote and were as follows: (1) (a) Div. of Waste Management - Uniforms for Waste Management – 146-2023 National Workwear, Inc.; (b) Div. of Water Quality - Wet Well Site Clearing & Grubbing 119-2023 - The Ground Guys of Lexington and Szabo Project Services, Inc.; (c) Div. of Fleet Services - Motorcraft Synthetic Motor Oil – 25-2024 - Apollo Oil LLC and Bill's Battery Company Inc.; (d) Div. of Fleet Services - Auto & Light Duty Truck Repair – 20-2024 - Aamco Transmissions & Total Car Care and Paul Miller Ford; (e) Div. of Fleet Services - Sweeper Brooms – 19-2024 - Best Equipment Company, Jack Doheny Company, Municipal Equipment Inc and United Rotary Brush Company; (f) Div. of Traffic Engineering - Fiber Optic Cable Installation & Repair – 11-2024 - Davis H Elliot Construction Company and Gudenkauf LLC; (g) Div. of Fire & Emergency Services - EMS

Supplies – 10-2024 Bound Tree Medical LLC, Henry Schein Inc, Life Assist Inc, Nashville EMS Supply, Medline Industries Inc, The Public Safety Store, Quadmed and Zoll Medical Corporation; (h) Div. of Parks & Recreation - Swimming Pool Chemicals – 5-2024 Brenntag Mid South Inc.; (i) Div. of Police - Emergency Lighting & Equipment – 8-2024 - L & W Emergency Equipment, Front Line Mobile Tech, On Duty Depot and McCord Emergency Lighting; (j) Div. of Water Quality - Custodial Services for Town Branch WWTP – 135-2023 - Baker Corporate Cleaning & Restoration; (k) Div. of Waste Management - Temporary Labor for Material Recovery Facility – 6-2024 - Anytime Labor Lexington LLC dba LaborMax Staffing; and, (l) Div. of Waste Management - Temporary Labor for Waste Management Collections – 14-2024 - Anytime Labor - Lexington LLC dba LaborMax Staffing.

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The following Communications from the Mayor were received for information only:

(1) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Kristina Giunto, Customer Account Specialist, Grade 512N, \$18.948 hourly in the Div. of LexCall, effective March 4, 2024; (2) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Benjamin Roland, Systems Analyst, Grade 523E, \$2,729.92 biweekly in the Div. of Computer Services, effective February 12, 2024; (3) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of James Sloan, Systems Analyst, Grade 523E, \$2,805.12 biweekly in the Div. of Computer Services, effective February 12, 2024; (4) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Lulummba Travis, Public Service Worker Sr., Grade 510N, \$16.583 hourly in the Div. of Water Quality, effective March 11, 2024; (5) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Lavance Beasley, Resource Recovery Operator, Grade 515N, \$21.805 hourly in the Div. of Waste Management, effective March 11, 2024; (6) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Samuel Lynch, Administrative Specialist Principal, Grade 520N, \$29.283 hourly in the Div. of Waste Management, effective March 11, 2024; (7) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Alana Insko Kelley, Environmental Initiatives Specialist, Grade 518N, \$26.561 hourly in the Div. of Environmental Services, effective March 11, 2024; (8) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Denia Channels, Human Resources Generalist, Grade 524E, \$3,278.56 biweekly in the Div. of Human Resources, effective March 11, 2024; (9)

Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Kina Suarez, Human Resources Manager, Grade 527E, \$3,461.60 biweekly in the Div. of Human Resources, effective March 11, 2024; (10) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Tristan King, Police Intelligence Specialist, Grade 515N, \$24.039 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective March 11, 2024; (11) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Scott Gibbons, Police Intelligence Specialist, Grade 515N, \$24.039 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective March 11, 2024; (12) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Steven Gaunce, Property & Evidence Technician, Grade 514N, \$21.852 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective February 26, 2024; (13) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Rhonda Hatfield, Staff Assistant Sr., Grade 511N, \$20.209 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective April 8, 2024; (14) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Stephen Harrod, Building Inspection Manager, Grade 524E, \$3,271.44 hourly in the Div. of Building Inspection, effective February 26, 2024; (15) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Justin Wilson, Building Inspector, Grade 518N, \$24.876 hourly in the Div. of Building Inspection, effective March 4, 2024; (16) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Melissa Wallace, Implementation Coordinator, Grade 520E, \$2,230.80 biweekly in the Department of Social Services, effective March 4, 2024; (17) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Bria Griffin Taylor, Early Childcare Assistant Teacher, Grade 510N, \$16.288 hourly in the Div. of Family Services, effective March 25, 2024; (18) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Christopher Fulz, Equipment Operator, Grade 512N, \$20.250 hourly in the Div. of Parks and Recreation, effective March 11, 2024; (19) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Charles Davis, Community Corrections Officer, Grade 110N, \$24.931 hourly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective February 12, 2024; (20) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Leslie White, Community Corrections Officer, Grade 110N, \$24.931 hourly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective February 12, 2024; (21) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Cody Barrett, Community Corrections Officer, Grade 110N, \$24.931 hourly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective February 12, 2024; (22) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Aubrey Lautzenheiser, Community Corrections Officer, Grade 110N, \$24.931 hourly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective March 4, 2024; (23) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Jeffrey Richardson,

Community Corrections Officer, Grade 110N, \$24.931 hourly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective February 12, 2024; (24) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Keziah Thomas, Community Corrections Officer, Grade 110N, \$24.931 hourly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective March 4, 2024; (25) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Ashley Breeden, Community Corrections Officer, Grade 110N, \$24.931 hourly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective March 4, 2024; (26) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Barry Newby, Community Corrections Officer, Grade 110N, \$24.931 hourly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective March 4, 2024; (27) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Matthew Huff, Community Corrections Officer, Grade 110N, \$24.931 hourly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective March 4, 2024; (28) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Thomas Shaner, Community Corrections Officer P/T, Grade 110N, \$31.820 hourly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective March 4, 2024; (29) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Nicholas Gray, Police Sergeant, Grade 315N, \$41.300 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective February 26, 2024; (30) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Roy Blackburn, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N, \$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (31) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Daniel Nienaber Jr., Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N, \$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (32) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Zachary Adkins, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N, \$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (33) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Caleb Combs, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N, \$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (34) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Treyvon King, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N, \$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (35) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Ian Bell, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N, \$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (36) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Johnathan Grigsby, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N, \$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (37) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Jonathan Thompson, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N, \$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (38) Probationary Sworn Appointment of Cole Weese, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N,

\$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (39)
Probationary Sworn Appointment of Casey Stone, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N,
\$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (40)
Probationary Sworn Appointment of Jacob Henderson, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N,
\$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (41)
Probationary Sworn Appointment of Noah Warren, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N,
\$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (42)
Probationary Sworn Appointment of Cornelius Johnson, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N,
\$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (43)
Probationary Sworn Appointment of Daitwon Gaston, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N,
\$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (44)
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Probationary Sworn Appointment of Donald Kingsley, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N,
\$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (49)
Probationary Sworn Appointment of Joseph Jones, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N,
\$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (50)
Probationary Sworn Appointment of Joseph Hill, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N, \$25.453
hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (51)
Probationary Sworn Appointment of Braeon Avery, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N,
\$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (52)
Probationary Sworn Appointment of Gregory Felty, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N,
\$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (53)
Probationary Sworn Appointment of Chandler Smith, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N,
\$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (54)

Probationary Sworn Appointment of Nicholas Bock, Firefighter Recruit, Grade 311N, \$25.453 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective June 17, 2024; (55) Unclassified Civil Service Appointment of Christopher Breeding, Treatment Plant Operator Apprentice, Grade 509N, \$15.911 hourly in the Div. of Water Quality, effective March 4, 2024; (56) Unclassified Civil Service Appointment of Dejuan Perdue, Treatment Plant Operator Apprentice, Grade 509N, \$16.265 hourly in the Div. of Water Quality, effective March 4, 2024; (57) Classified Civil Service Voluntary Demotion of Karrie Kelley, Police Intelligence Specialist, Grade 515N, \$21.346 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective February 26, 2024; (58) Unclassified Civil Service Pay Increase to the Office of the Urban County Council of Hannah Eiden, Aide to Council, Grade 518E, \$2,844.24 biweekly in the Office of the Urban County Council, effective February 26, 2024; (59) Resignation of Robert Garrett, Corrections Officer, Div. of Community Corrections, effective January 19, 2024; (60) Resignation of Dion Tieman, Corrections Officer, Div. of Community Corrections, effective January 24, 2024; (61) Resignation of Stephen Gardner, Safety Officer, Div. of Police, effective January 31, 2024; (62) Resignation of Jared Roberts, Traffic Signal Technician Sr., Div. of Traffic Engineering, effective February 8, 2024; (63) Resignation of Channing Klein, Police Officer, Div. of Police, effective February 9, 2024; (64) Resignation of Kyle Thomas, Telecommunicator, Div. of Enhanced 911, effective February 13, 2024; (65) Resignation of Ashley Pingleton, Telecommunicator Sr., Div. of Enhanced 911, effective February 13, 2024; (66) Resignation of KyJuan Segar, Public Service Worker, Div. of Waste Management, effective February 16, 2024; (67) Resignation of Jonah Cole, Building Inspector, Div. of Building Inspection, effective February 16, 2024; (68) Resignation of Billy Parker, Public Service Worker, Div. of Aging & Disability, effective February 23, 2024; (69) Resignation of Satyn Young, Corrections Officer, Div. of Community Corrections, effective February 23, 2024; and, (70) Resignation of Matthew Bailie, Corrections Officer, Div. of Community Corrections, effective February 25, 2024.

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Vice Mayor Wu read a statement regarding the conflict in Gaza which said the following: "We the undersigned mourn the lives lost in the horrific conflict in Palestine and Israel. We condemn the targeting, killing, and kidnapping of civilians. We plea for the

release and safe return of all civilian hostages. We ask that the government of Israel allow desperately needed humanitarian aid to reach the people of Gaza. We call for a permanent end to the violence and for lasting peace in the region. Most of all, our hearts go out to the people of Lexington, our friends and neighbors, who have lost family, friends, and loved ones in Gaza, Palestine, and Israel.

As a practice, this council, your local legislative body, does not take positions on matters of national and international policy. But we know that a war happening 6000 miles away has a direct impact on our communities right here at home. We are also keenly aware that we in local government are the most accessible to the people and we are proud of that fact. Over the past months, members of our Palestinian community have organized, rallied, spoken to and with us. We thank you for sharing your difficult, personal, emotional stories. We acknowledge that there are others who are afraid to speak out. We want you to know that we see you and we hear you.

We were elected, by you, to serve you, the residents of Lexington, through impactful legislation and funding of important local programs and services. We remain committed to you, our constituents, to protect and defend you from islamophobia, antisemitism, and all forms of discrimination, hate, and violence.

We will continue to work in substantive ways to support this community and all communities in need. We encourage everyone to show empathy and compassion in these difficult times and to reach across our differences and help one another through this time of anxiety, trauma, and grief. We call on other leaders, elected leaders at all levels of government, faith leaders, community leaders, and student leaders, to do your part in supporting the people you represent, your communities. It will take every single one of us to continue to make Lexington a better city for everyone.”

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Ms. Gray concurred with the statement Vice Mayor Wu had read on behalf of the Council and said that that, as she had made in previous statements regarding the issue, the, the public should know where she stands on the Israeli and Palestine Conflict. Ms. Gray also shared that she had been to Mary Todd Elementary School because CommonSpirit Health had been working on a nationwide Doctor's Day ad campaign that

would feature some Mary Todd Lincoln Students. Lastly, she invited everyone to Liberty Elementary Schools' production of Aladdin at March 8th and 9th at 6:00 p.m.

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Ms. Reynolds shared that this Saturday, March 9th was the opening of the Marksbury Family Library Branch on Versailles Road and invited everyone to come out for the library's opening at 12:30 p.m. as there would be a press conference, dancing, and other activities. She also thanked the councilmembers who had made the statement concerning Gaza and reiterated her position on the matter.

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Ms. Fogle thanked Vice Mayor Wu and the Council for their statement on Gaza. She spoke about various Black History Month events that had occurred at Winburn Middle School. Ms. Fogle also talked about her recent visit to the Rise STEM Academy for Girls to celebrate Women's History Month with the students and how the students had chosen Mayor Gorton as their honoree for Women's History Month.

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Mr. Worley explained that he did not join the other Councilmembers in signing Vice Mayor Wu's statement because he does not believe it is the duty of the local government to make comments on international matters. He said that he does not accept islamophobia or anti-Semitism in this community and asked everyone to treat each other with respect and to pray for peace. He stated he "... he does all he can to make Lexington a welcoming and safe place for all people.

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Charles Hite, District 3, said that he believed that it is not the Council's duty to deal with foreign affairs as he felt Lexington Fayette Urban County had enough issues to deal with. He stated that he did not agree with Vice Mayor Wu's statement.

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Nimona Oliphant, District 10, said that he appreciated the Vice Mayor's statement on Palestine, but wished it had been made sooner. He spoke of his personal background being a Jewish American and said he will never stand for innocent people dying.

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Ben Bandy, District 10, asked for an official ceasefire resolution and spoke of why Lexington taxpayers should be invested in international affairs like the Israeli Palestinian Conflict.

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Leandro Braga, District 11, said she is embarrassed to live in Lexington because of gentrification, developers, and meaningless platitudes from elected officials, but for the first time in her life, she said she has found leadership that she feels proud of being provided by the Lexington for Palestine group.

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Sophia Shalash, District 4, told the story of a woman with twins in Palestine who suffered the bombing of her home. She spoke of the experiences of Palestinians and shared her rage, wondering if it was appropriate. She stated she was not satisfied with the statement that the Vice Mayor had made on Palestine and wanted a resolution supporting a ceasefire resolution in Gaza.

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Alyssa Rigney, District 11, shared the audio of a recent event where an active air force service member self-immolated outside of the Israeli Embassy in Washington D.C. in an effort to raise awareness about the genocide in Gaza. She asked how close the genocide must come until the Council feels like they are personally affected by

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Kathryn Larson, District 10, spoke about how she did not learn what Zionism was until she was 37. She spoke about the conflict in Palestine from the point of view of a mental health counselor.

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Ansel Ruven, District 3, introduced himself as a member of the Kentucky Jewish Council and as a veteran. He expressed his anger at the statement Vice Mayor Wu had made, spoke of his experience with anti-Semitism, and about Hamas's terror attacks on October 7, 2023.

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Shakira Syed, District 5, thanked Ms. Gray for her calls for a ceasefire. She also thanked Vice Mayor Wu for his statement, but felt his statement fell short. She addressed

Mr. Worley's statement, saying she disagrees with the idea that this is not a local issue and spoke of Louisville's work on a ceasefire resolution.

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Ala Hassan, District 12, spoke of how hard it was to wake up because she did not want to see what had been happening in Palestine. She spoke of recent events that have occurred in the past two weeks in Gaza. She asked that this statement not be the last thing that the council does in regards to taking a stance on the Israeli Palestinian Conflict.

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Jenin Ennakoa, District 6, talked about a speaker who had been invited to the University of Kentucky's campus by Turning Point USA , how her and colleagues attended the event, from which they were removed. She talked about how issuing a ceasefire resolution is a part of a larger picture of joining other cities across the nation.

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Jenna Shalash, District 12, read a poem about being a proud Palestinian. She spoke about her family's background, her father being a Palestinian and her mother being a Lexingtonian. She spoke about a recent incident she had lived in which she had received a scholarship, but had been harassed because of her activism for Palestine.

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Rabbi Litvin, District 3, spoke of his background and education. He shared that he had spoken previously about the ceasefire resolution matter and reiterated that he did not think it was in the best interest of Lexington to issue one. He spoke about how a mob had gathered after that last Council Meeting and harassed him. He said he felt ashamed that the statement Vice Mayor Wu had made was not made with any perspective or insight from the Jewish community.

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Upon motion by Ms. Fogle, seconded by Ms. LeGris, and approved by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Deputy Clerk of the Urban County Council

