

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

*200 E. Main St
Lexington, KY 40507*



Tuesday, March 12, 2024

3:00 PM

Packet

Council Chamber

Urban County Council Work Session

**Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
Schedule of Meetings
March 11 – March 18, 2024**

Monday, March 11

No Meetings

Tuesday, March 12

Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee Meeting.....1:00 p.m.
Government Center, Council Chamber, 2nd Fl.

Council Work Session.....3:00 p.m.
Government Center, Council Chamber, 2nd Fl.

Wednesday, March 13

Tree Board.....10:30 a.m.
Government Center, Council Conference Rm., 5th Fl.

Commission on Veterans' Affairs.....11:30 a.m.
Lexington Senior Center, 195 Life Lane

Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board.....1:30 p.m.
Government Center, Council Chamber, 2nd Fl.

Thursday, March 14

No Meetings

Friday, March 15

No Meetings

Monday, March 18

No Meetings

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
Work Session Agenda
March 12, 2024

- I. Public Comment - Issues on Agenda**
- II. Requested Rezoning/ Docket Approval- No**
- III. Approval of Summary- Yes**
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- IV. Budget Amendments- No**
- V. Budget Adjustments - For Information Only- No**
- VI. New Business- Yes, pp. 3 - 15**
- VII. Continuing Business/ Presentations- Yes**
 - a. Summary: Environmental Quality and Public Works Committee, February 6, 2024, pp. 16-17**
- VIII. Council Reports**
- IX. Mayor's Report- No**
- X. Mayor's Report - Price Contract Bid Recommendations- No**
- XI. Public Comment - Issues Not on Agenda**
- XII. Adjournment**

Administrative Synopsis - New Business Items

- a** **0226-24** Authorization to donate the inventory of 3M SCOTT air packs and associated equipment to various agencies. The estimated value of the equipment is \$80,000.00. No budgetary impact. (L0226-24) (Wells/Armstrong), p. 3
- b** **0235-24** Authorization to approve an FY 2024 (Class B Infrastructure) Storm Water Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Wesley United Methodist Church of Lexington, Kentucky, Inc. to implement the FY 2021 Wesley United Methodist Church of Lexington Feasibility Study, in the amount of \$305,373.60. Funds are budgeted. (L0235-24) (Martin/Albright), pp. 4 - 5
- c** **0241-24** Authorization to submit applications for funding and accept awards for FY 2025 MPO Transportation Planning Activities, requesting federal funds in the amount of \$1,060,444 and state funds in the amount of \$31,250, with a total required match of \$233,861, all subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2025. (L0241-24) (Duncan/Horn), p. 6
- d** **0243-24** Authorization to execute an Engineering Service Agreement, pursuant to RFP No. 52-2023, with Third Rock Consultants for the design of Wolf Run Watershed Water Quality Improvements, for the Division of Environmental Services, at a cost not to exceed \$128,200. Funds are budgeted. (L0243-24) (Carey/Albright), pp. 7 - 8
- e** **0244-24** Authorization to execute an Engineering Service Agreement, pursuant to RFP No. 53-2023, with Palmer Engineering for a Wolf Run Watershed Management Plan Update for the Division of Environmental Services, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. Funds are budgeted. (L0244-24) (Carey/Albright), p. 9
- f** **0254-24** Authorization to accept the Space Permit with Signature Flight Air Inc. and establish Signature Flight Air Inc. as a sole source vendor for Aircraft Storage and Office Rental for the Police Helicopter at a cost of \$2,333.02 a month. Funds are budgeted. (L0254-24) (Weathers/Armstrong), p. 10
- g** **0255-24** Authorization to establish Signature Flight Air Inc. as a Sole Source Vendor for the purchase of Jet A Aviation Fuel for the Police Helicopter. The aviation fuel is discounted at \$1.10 per gallon. Funds are budgeted. (L0255-24) (Weathers/Armstrong), p. 11
- h** **0256-24** Authorization to renew Thoroughbred Aviation Maintenance, Bell Helicopter Service, as a sole source vendor for professional

services and parts for the Police Helicopter to operate safely, effectively and at the lowest possible cost. Funds are budgeted. (L0256-24) (Weathers/Armstrong), p. 12

- i** **0259-24** Authorization to accept a donation of various items purchased by the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA). The total value of donated items is \$11,399.99. (L0259-24) (Weathers/Armstrong), p. 13
- j** **0260-24** Authorization to execute an Engineering Service Agreement with Stantec for archaeology services for the Armstrong Mill Shared Use Path project, as described and agreed upon between the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and Stantec in the Letter Agreement No. 80-CRS, for the Division of Engineering, at a cost not to exceed \$16,059. Funds are budgeted. (L0260-24) (Burton/Albright), p. 14
- k** **0262-24** Authorization to accept grant funds of \$1,000.00 from the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund for Reforest the Bluegrass 2024. No match required. (L0262-24) (Carey/Albright), p. 15

**URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
TABLE OF MOTIONS
March 5, 2024**

Mayor Gorton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Wu, Council Members J. Brown, Ellinger II, Fogle, Lynch, LeGris, Monarrez, Sheehan, Gray, Worley, F. Brown, Baxter, Sevigny, Reynolds, and Plomin were present.

I. Public Comment – Issues on Agenda

II. Requested Rezoning/Docket Approval

Motion by Gray to approve the March 7, 2024 Council Meeting Docket. Seconded by Sheehan. Motion passed without dissent.

III. Approval of Summary

Motion by Ellinger II to approve the February 27, 2024 Work Session Summary. Seconded by Fogle. Motion passed without dissent.

IV. Budget Amendments

Motion by Plomin to approve budget amendments. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

V. Budget Adjustments – For Information Only

VI. New Business

Motion by Wu to approve New Business. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion passed without dissent.

VII. Continuing Business/Presentations

Motion by Plomin to approve Neighborhood Development Funds. Seconded by Wu. Motion passed without dissent.

Reynolds provided the summary for the January 23, 2024 Social Services and Public Safety Committee.

VIII. Council Reports

Motion by Baxter to refer a presentation on the Parks Sustainable Funding initiative to the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Sheehan to place Crime Victim Paid Leave Policy for LFUCG into the Social Services and Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by J. Brown to place a review of the Economic Contingency Policy into the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee. Seconded by Sheehan. Motion passed without dissent.

IX. Mayor's Report

Motion by Wu to approve the Mayor's Report. Seconded by Plomin. Motion passed without dissent.

X. Mayor's Report – Price Contract Bid Recommendations

Motion by Fogle to approve the Mayor's Report- Price Contract Bid Recommendations. Motion passed without dissent.

XI. Public Comment – Issues Not on Agenda

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Fogle to adjourn at 4:16 p.m. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed without dissent.

MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

Jason G. Wells
Fire Chief

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
FROM: Jason G. Wells, Fire Chief
DATE: 02/21/2024
SUBJECT: Donation of 3M SCOTT air pack inventory.

File Summary: The Division of Fire and Emergency Services request authorization to donate the inventory of 3M SCOTT air packs and associated equipment. Donation of various items to various agencies as listed in exhibit one. The estimated value of equipment is \$80,000.00

Contract termination language / clause: N/A

Why are you requesting?

The division's purchase of new (self-contained breathing apparatus) S.C.B.A. inventory and associated equipment in FY23, has made the expired inventory obsolete to the division's operational needs. This has generated an opportunity to positively impact 29 organizations and communities throughout the state of Kentucky.

The cost for this FY is: N/A

The cost for future FY is: N/A

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

Account information: N/A

Has an RFP been obtained? N/A

Sole source? N/A

Name of cooperative purchasing agreement if being utilized: N/A

File Number:

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong



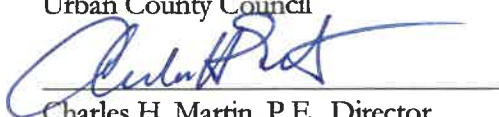
MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

CHARLES MARTIN
DIRECTOR
WATER QUALITY

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM : 
Charles H. Martin, P.E., Director
Division of Water Quality

DATE: February 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Recommendation for an FY24 (Class B Infrastructure) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Wesley United Methodist Church of Lexington, Kentucky, Inc.

Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval of an FY24 (Class A Neighborhood) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Wesley United Methodist Church of Lexington, Kentucky, Inc. in the amount of \$305,373.60.

Purpose of Request

This project will implement the FY21 Wesley United Methodist Church of Lexington – Feasibility Study which identified, evaluated, and selected locations for BMPs and cost estimates for construction and future maintenance expenses. The project elements include retrofit of the lowest area of the existing asphalt lot with permeable pavers (approx. 3,725 ft²), replace the existing concrete flume and repair outfall riser; tree canopy (approx. 3,000 ft²), and improve the eroding stream area via riparian buffer and stormwater stilling mechanism with invasive plant removal and replanting. The project also incorporates educational opportunities for Lexington church members, schools, and other organizations interested in how BMPs work.

Project Cost in FY24 and in Future Budget Years

The grant has been approved for FY 2024 funding by the Water Quality Fees Board in the amount of \$305,373.60.

Are Funds Budgeted

Funds are budgeted in: 4052 – 303204 – 3373 – 78112 – WQINCENTIVE_24 – WQ_GRANT

Martin/Albright



Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant Program



Wesley United Methodist Church of Lexington, Kentucky, Inc.

MAYOR LINDA GORTON

**LEXINGTON**THERESA REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2024

SUBJECT: FY 2025 MPO Transportation Planning Activities

Request: Council authorization to submit applications for funding and accept awards for FY 2025 Transportation Planning Activities; subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2025.

Purpose of the Request: The Transportation Planning Section of the Division of Planning has prepared a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2025 that includes funding from the following federal programs that finance the federally-mandated transportation planning process for the Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization as described in the UPWP.

Federal Program	Federal	State Match	Local Match	Total
FHWA Planning (PL)	\$500,000	\$31,250 (5%)	\$93,750 (15%)	\$625,000
FTA Section 5303	\$108,000		\$27,000 (20%)	\$135,000
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG-SLX)	\$452,444		\$113,111 (20%)	\$565,555
TOTALS	\$1,060,444	\$31,250	\$233,861	\$1,325,555

Federally mandated activities in the Unified Planning Work Program include updating and implementing the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Congestion Management Program and coordinating public participation in the planning process. Additional activities of regional importance include traffic impact analysis of land use and development proposals, bicycle-pedestrian planning, transit planning, conducting special studies, and transportation-related outreach and public safety messaging. These combined funding sources support the personnel costs of nine transportation planning positions in the Division of Planning. Operating costs such as office supplies, printing, maintenance, equipment and professional development are also included. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet provides a 5% match for the FHWA Planning grant, for which the LFUCG provides a match of 15%. All other programs require a match of 20%.

The cost in this budget year and future budget years: The total federal funding being requested for FY25 is \$1,060,444 with an additional \$31,250 being provided by the state. LFUCG is required to provide a match of \$233,861 as requested in the FY 2025 budget. The total cost in the budget is \$1,325,555. Grant funds for these activities are anticipated in future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? A budget amendment will be completed if grant funding is approved.

File Number: 0241-24

Director/Commissioner: Keith Horn/James Duncan



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

THERESA REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2024

**SUBJECT: Authorization to Execute Agreement with Third Rock Consultants for
Design RFP #52-2023 Design of New Water Quality Features for Wolf Run
Water Quality Improvement Project**

Request: Council authorization to execute an Engineering Service Agreement with Third Rock Consultants for design of a New Water Quality Features at Wolf Run, for the Environmental Quality and Public Works – Division of Environmental Services, at cost not to exceed \$128,200.

Purpose of Request: On September 28, 2023 (Resolution 505-2023), Council approved to execute an agreement and accept an award from the Commonwealth of Kentucky funds under the 2023 Section 319(H) Grant Program for the Division of Environmental Services to implement water quality improvements in the Wolf Run Watershed per the 2013 Wolf Run Watershed Management Plan.

RFP #52-2023 was advertised for Engineering Services for Design. The RFP selection committee, based on standard scoring methods, has awarded Third Rock Consultants for design of Wolf Run Watershed Water Quality Improvements at a cost not to exceed \$128,200. The RFP was seeking design services for water quality improvements at a detention basin on Regency Road and some flood buy-outs on Derby Drive. This project is to be completed no later than September 30, 2027.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY2024 is \$128,200. No additional costs are anticipated at this time.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, 3400-313201-3092-92211 2024 WOLF_RUN_2024 STA_GRANT

File Number: 0243-243



Director/Commissioner: Carey / Albright



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

THERESA REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2024

**SUBJECT: Authorization to Execute Agreement with Palmer Engineering
RFP #53-2023 Wolf Run Watershed Management Plan Update**

Request: Council authorization to execute an Engineering Service Agreement with Palmer Engineering for Wolf Run Watershed Management Plan Update, for the Environmental Quality and Public Works – Division of Environmental Services, at cost not to exceed \$100,000.

Purpose of Request: On September 28, 2023 (Resolution 505-2023), Council approved to execute an agreement and accept an award from the Commonwealth of Kentucky funds under the 2023 Section 319(H) Grant Program for the Division of Environmental Services to update the Wolf Run Watershed Management Plan using the MS4 Program's volunteer stream sampling data collected in the Wolf Run Watershed during 2022-2023.

RFP #53-2023 was advertised for Wolf Run Watershed Management Plan Update. The RFP selection committee, based on standard scoring methods, has awarded Palmer Engineering for the Wolf Run Watershed Management Plan Update at cost not to exceed \$100,000.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Cost in FY2024 is \$100,000. No additional costs are anticipated at this time.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, 3400-313201-3092-92211 2024 WOLF_RUN_2024 STA_GRANT

File Number: 0244-24

Director/Commissioner: Carey / Albright





Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Linda Gorton
Mayor

Kenneth Armstrong
Commissioner

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

Lawrence B. Weathers

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers
Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong
Department of Public Safety

DATE: February 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Signature Flight Air Inc. - Space Permit (Aircraft Storage/Office Rental) and Sole Source
Certification

Request

Authorization to accept the attached Space Permit with Signature Flight Air Inc. and establish Signature Flight Air Inc. as a sole source vendor for Aircraft Storage and Office Rental

Why are you requesting?

This is to accept the Signature Flight Air Inc. Space Permit for the aircraft storage, hangar subleases and office rental for our Police Helicopter, and establish Signature Flight Air Inc. as a sole source vendor for the aircraft storage, office rental. We are requesting approval from the Urban County Council and Mayor Gorton in regards to accepting the Space Permit and establishing Signature Flight Air Inc. as a sole source vendor.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

Funds are budgeted – Monthly Rent (Aircraft Storage and Office Rental) - \$2,333.02

Are the funds budgeted? Yes / 1132-505501-5511-71302

File Number: 0254-24

Director/Commissioner: Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief
Lexington Police Department

LBW/rmh



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Linda Gorton
Mayor

Kenneth Armstrong
Commissioner

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

Lawrence B. Weathers

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers
Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong
Department of Public Safety

DATE: February 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Signature Flight Air Inc. – Jet A Aviation Fuel for Police Helicopter / Sole Source
Certification

Request

Authorization to establish Signature Flight Air Inc. as a Sole Source Vendor for purchase of Jet A Aviation Fuel for the Police Helicopter.

Why are you requesting?

The Jet A Aviation Fuel is only available at Signature Flight Air Inc. located at the Blue Grass Airport. This is the only airport in this immediate area that provides this product. The aviation fuel is discounted \$1.10 per gallon. The Police Department is requesting approval from the Urban County Council and Mayor Gorton in regards to establishing Signature Flight Air Inc. as a sole source vendor for fuel for the Department helicopter.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The gas price fluctuates during the year, but the vendor is allowing a \$1.10 per gallon discount.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, Accounting – 1132-505501-5511-76101 – Asset Forfeiture

File Number: 0255-24

Director/Commissioner: Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief
Lexington Police Department

LBW/rmh



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Linda Gorton
Mayor

Kenneth Armstrong
Commissioner

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

Lawrence B. Weathers

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers
Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong
Department of Public Safety

DATE: February 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Thoroughbred Aviation Maintenance and Sole Source Certification

Request

Authorization to renew Thoroughbred Aviation Maintenance, Bell Helicopter Service, as a sole source vendor for the Lexington Police Department helicopter to operate safely, effectively and at the lowest possible cost.

Why are you requesting?

Thoroughbred Aviation is located in Lexington, KY and provides the Police Department service in a rapid manner within minutes of being called. The nearest helicopter service center is located in Piney Flats, TN. A savings will be recognized by using Thoroughbred Aviation due to being local and avoiding additional cost of flying the helicopter a long distance to be serviced.

The Police Department is requesting approval from the Urban County Council and Mayor Gorton in regards to renewing Thoroughbred Aviation Maintenance, Bell Helicopter Service Center as a sole source vendor for future repairs on our Department helicopter.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Funds are budgeted.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

File Number: 0256-24

Director/Commissioner: Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief
Lexington Police Department

LBW/rmh



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Linda Gorton

Mayor

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

Kenneth Armstrong

Commissioner

Lawrence B. Weathers

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers
Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong
Department of Public Safety

DATE: March 1, 2024

SUBJECT: CPAAA Donation – Police Related Supplies and Equipment

Request

Authorization to accept a donation of below listed items, purchased by the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) to support the Lexington Police Department. Total value of donated items \$11,399.99.

Why are you requesting?

CPAAA will be donating the below listed items:

1. Guardian Angel Lights for enhanced visibility for our officers directing traffic
2. Nutritious food for officers attending Wellness Growth Sessions
3. Funding of Community Outreach program "Cops and Bobbers"
4. Victim Clothing Item Replacement for Sexual Assault Response Team
5. Cell Phone Replacement for victims of Domestic/Dating Violence/Violent Crimes
6. Replace Headsets for Crisis Negotiation Unit
7. Sports Equipment for Community-based Police Activities League
8. Safety Equipment for Community-based Safety City
9. Support for Community-based shoe program with Neighborhood Resource Officers
10. Support for Community-based program "Surviving Onward"

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? No budgetary impact

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

File Number: 0259-24

Director/Commissioner: Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief
Lexington Police Department

LBW/rmh

MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

THERESA REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: MARCH 1, 2024

**SUBJECT: Authorization to Execute Agreement with Stantec for Phase I Archaeology
Survey on the Armstrong Mill Shared Use Path Project**

Request: Council authorization to execute an Engineering Service Agreement with Stantec for archaeology services for the Armstrong Mill Shared Use Path project, as described and agreed upon between the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and Stantec in the Letter Agreement No. 80-CRS, for the Division of Engineering, at a cost not to exceed \$16,059.

Purpose of Request: On October 27, 2022 (Resolution 590-22) Council approved acceptance of \$200,000 in federal funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSSA) Program for the design of the Armstrong Mill Shared Use Path Project. On October 26, 2023 (Resolution 576-2023), Council approved award of supplemental SLX funds from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in the amount of \$28,000 with local match required \$7,000 for total \$35,000 for design phase.

The LFUCG Division of Engineering needs this action to complete the design for the Armstrong Mill Shared Use Path Project. This is a multimodal project on Armstrong Mill Road from Appian Way to Squires Hill Lane that will close gaps in the shared use path along the corridor. Archaeology services were not included in the original design contract with Banks Engineering, thus KYTC elected to utilize its statewide services contract, selecting Stantec as the consultant for the Phase I Archeology Survey. This ESA allows LFUCG to pay Stantec directly for the archaeology services with federal funds previously budgeted for that purpose.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: Total Cost in FY 2024 is \$16,059. There are no anticipated costs in future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, 3160-303202-3251-91714 ARMSTRONG_2023 DESIGN

File Number: 0260-24

Director/Commissioner: Burton/Albright



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

THERESA REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: MARCH 4, 2024

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of Grant from Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund for
Reforest the Bluegrass Initiative**

Request: Council authorization to accept grant funds of \$1,000.00 from the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund for Reforest the Bluegrass 2024.

Purpose of Request: The Division of Environmental Services applied for a grant from Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund to help cover the costs of the annual Reforest the Bluegrass event to be held on April 13, 2024, at Coldstream Park.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$1,000 has been awarded for Fiscal Year 2024. No matching funds are required.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment in process.

File Number: 0262-24

Director/Commissioner: Carey/Albright





Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee

February 6, 2024

Summary and Motions

Chair Sheehan called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Committee Members Vice Mayor Wu, Lynch, LeGris, Monarrez, Gray, Worley, F. Brown, and Sevigny were present. Committee Member Worley was absent. Council Members Plomin, Baxter, Reynolds, and Ellinger were present as non-voting members.

I. Approval of December 5, 2023 Committee Summary

Motion by LeGris to approve the December 5, 2023 Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee Summary. Seconded by Wu. Motion passed without dissent.

II. Microtransit

Chuck Ellinger, Council Member At Large, introduced *Microtransit*, sometimes called on-demand transit, which is public transportation that captures trip requests and groups passengers into shared rides in real-time. There are options for how microtransit is deployed by cities and Lextran would prefer a turnkey partnership. Ellinger explained what the *Via Rider App* is, what the possible benefits are, and how it can be implemented in Lexington. He shared three success stories from Memphis, TN, Columbus, OH, and Birmingham, AL.

The company Via would help Lexington identify and access funding sources for their turnkey services. Via leverages industry experience and connections to help partners turn pilot programs into long-term, sustainably funded services.

Emily Elliot from Lextran continued the presentation by explaining the gaps in public transportation. Ultimately, microtransit can be funded sustainably through a variety of unique means based on local dynamics. When asked about the gaps in Lextran services, Elliott explained the original plan was to improve services, but they are dealing with operator shortages. Speaking about MPO grants and federal funding for this program, Chris Evilia, Planning Manager in Transportation Planning, said the demand nationally exceeds our ability to get funding. Historically, we have horribly underfunded public transportation. When asked if Via is the preferred company for this potential venture or if we are looking at multiple companies, Evilia said that we would issue an RFP, and this would be open to anyone.

Speaking about the virtual bus stop, Elliott said most of the apps would provide you with walking information to and from the stop. The virtual bus stop allows you to have a centralized location in an area, but it can be wherever you want. When asked how we came up with \$400,000 to earmark, Ellinger said it was based on Lextran's analysis. They looked at an in-house model and a turnkey model. Elliott clarified turnkey is a third party that is built out to do this. Elliott said they were more focused on making near and mid-term improvements to the system that currently exists. There was concern that we would have to be willing to double the tax rate to make this happen. Considering the city's goal is carbon neutrality, there were concerns about the impact of adding additional vehicles to the road. No action was taken on this item.

III. Odor Control Plan

Charlie Martin, Director of Division of Water Quality, spoke about the sources and reasons for the odors in the sewers. The pipelines have a long time of travel in an oxygen deficient situation and venting is a risk. The air release valves are designed to emit trapped air pockets in pressurized pipelines. The treatment plants and pump stations are concentrated points of collection and retention. Weather and the lack of rainfall reduces flow to minimum when the system is designed for the maximum. Fall seems to be the worst time because it is warm in the daytime and cool at night. The result is temperature inversions that trap odor at ground level.

Martin reviewed the 2023 to present odor control response at treatment plants. This includes regenerated carbon unit at Town Branch north primary; cleaned and rebalanced odor collection for West Hickman Headworks; regenerated ASH tank scrubber at West Hickman; created a unit price contract so that odor monitoring equipment can be installed at high-risk locations. They signed an emergency purchase order issued by the mayor to hire Webster Environmental Associates. Martin reviewed next steps which include executing a long-term contract with Odor Control Program Management team to design and construct the treatment plant equipment improvements; direct optimization of chemical feeds or other solutions intended to mitigate point source odors in the collection system and limit odor loadings at treatment plants; plan and execute collection system investigations; and assist Division of Water Quality in providing progress reports to interested parties. When asked about the carbon scrubber, he confirmed that has not been replaced. The quote for that was \$300,000 and it was only 3-4% of the issue so replacing the scrubber would not be beneficial.

Speaking about health concerns that residents have, Martin said the chemicals are nitrate-based, but it is very inert, and it is just lending oxygen to the sewage, so it doesn't attack sulfate which produces the smell. The chemical itself is not the problem, the bigger problem is the chemical used in the scrubber which doesn't get out anywhere else. When asked about the odor that is now in people's homes where it wasn't before, Martin said they will be doing smoke testing. There was some concern about the cost of chemicals and Martin said the cost adds up quickly. As an example, he said it costs about \$140,000 annually to feed 300 gallons a day at East Hickman in chemical dosing alone.

When asked how long it has been since we have issued an RFP for these services, Martin said there has not been anyone in charge of odor control since before the consent decree started in 2007. We have always done odor control improvements when we have upgraded things such as Headworks. When asked how many responses there were to the RFP that was issued, Martin said there were three responses and the workgroup reviewed them and made a recommendation which is on the Work Session for today (February 6, 2024). He clarified the design work at both treatment plants is estimated at \$550,000; however, there is additional work that will be issued via task order for smoke testing, chemical optimization, etc. He pointed out they are following the model that was used for the Consent Decree. Martin confirmed the goal is for the smell to eventually be at zero and they are trying everything to make that happen. No action was taken on this item, but the item remains in committee for periodic updates.

IV. Items Referred to Committee

No Action was taken on this item.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.