

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

*200 E. Main St
Lexington, KY 40507*



Tuesday, January 28, 2025

3:00 PM

Packet

Council Chamber

Urban County Council Work Session

**Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
Schedule of Meetings
January 27 – February 3, 2025**

Monday, January 27

No Meetings

Tuesday, January 28

State of the City-County Address.....11:00 a.m.
Central Bank Center – 430 W. Vine St.

Social Services and Public Safety Committee.....1:00 p.m.
Government Center – Council Chamber, 2nd Fl.

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

Wednesday, January 29

No Meetings

Thursday, January 30

Council Workshop: Intro to the Department of Environmental Quality & Public Works.....9:00 a.m.
Government Center – Conference Room, 5th Fl.

Friday, January 31

No Meetings

Monday, February 3

No Meetings

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
Work Session Agenda
January 28, 2025

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Administrative Synopsis - New Business Items

- a** **0066-25** Authorization for approval of an FY25 (Class B Infrastructure) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Windswept Ventures, LLC. In the amount of \$305,250.00. For the purpose of implementing Phase 2, Area C of the FY21 United Landscape (Windswept Ventures) Feasibility Study. Funds are budgeted. (L0066-25)(Martin/Albright), p. 3 - 4
- b** **0068-25** Authorization for approval of an FY25 (Class B Infrastructure) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Mediocre Creative, LLC. In the amount of \$217,681.95. For a feasibility study to reduce impact of pollutant loading and flooding at 712 & 714 North Limestone. Funds are budgeted. (L0068-25)(Martin/Albright), p. 5 - 6
- c** **0070-25** Authorization to approve a final change order for the Rural Services Area Sewer Capability Study agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., reducing the contract amount by \$108,971.23. The original budget was \$337,702 and was completed at a cost of \$228,730.77. (L0070-25)(Martin/Albright), p. 7 - 10
- d** **0074-25** Authorization to execute a Release of Easement at 1180 Newtown Pike. The Easement is no longer needed. (L0074-25) (Martin/Albright), p. 11
- e** **0076-25** Authorization to execute a Release of Easement at 2724 Kearney Creek Lane. The easement is no longer needed. (L0076-24) (Martin/Albright), p. 12
- f** **0077-25** Authorization to lower the speed limit on Fontaine Road (Richmond Road to Chinoe Road) from 35mph to 30mph, as recommended by the Division of Traffic Engineering. No budgetary impact. (L0077-25) (Neal/Albright), p. 13 - 14
- g** **0084-25** Authorization to create two (2) unclassified positions of Aide to Council Part-time (Grade 518E) in the Office of the Urban County Council, effective upon passage of Council at a cost of \$40,560.32 in FY 2025. (L0084-25) (George/Hamilton), p. 15
- h** **0086-25** Authorization to amend the authorized strength by abolishing one (1) classified civil service position of Administrative Specialist, Grade 516N, in the Division of Community Corrections, abolishing one (1) unclassified civil service position of Program Instructor, Grade 506N in the Division of Parks and Recreation and abolishing two (2) unclassified civil service positions of Program Leader, Grade 508N, in the Division of Parks and Recreation, effective upon passage of council. The fiscal impact is budget neutral. (L0086-24) (George/Hamilton), p. 16

- i **0087-25** Authorization to create one (1) classified position of Administrative Specialist Principal (Grade 520N) in the Division of Environmental Services, effective upon passage of Council. The 12-month fiscal impact is \$83,444.89. (L0087-24) (George/Hamilton), p. 17
- j **0090-25** Authorization to accept a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Fugitive Task Force is to investigate and arrest, as part of joint law enforcement operations, persons who have active warrants. No budgetary impact. (L0090-25) (Weathers/Amstrong), p. 18 - 19

**URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
TABLE OF MOTIONS
January 21, 2025**

Mayor Gorton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Council Members Wu, J. Brown, Ellinger II, Morton, Lynch, LeGris, Curtis, Sheehan, Gray, Hale, Beasley, Baxter, Sevigny, Reynolds, and Boone were present.

Motion by Wu to add to the January 21, 2025 Work Session agenda a presentation from the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works (EQPW), to be presented after the ONE Lexington Year End Report. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion passed without dissent.

- I. Public Comment – Issues on Agenda
- II. Requested Rezonings/Docket Approval

Motion by Ellinger II to approve the January 23, 2025, Council Meeting Docket. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

- III. Approval of Summary

Motion by Sheehan to approve the January 14, 2025, Work Session Summary. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion passed without dissent.

- IV. Budget Amendments

Motion by Wu to approve Budget Amendments. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

- V. Budget Adjustments – For Information Only

- VI. New Business

Motion by Ellinger II to approve New Business. Seconded by Sheehan. Motion passed without dissent.

- VII. Communications from the Mayor- Appointments

Motion by Baxter to approve Communications from the Mayor - Appointments. Seconded by Wu. Motion passed without dissent.

- VIII. Communications from the Mayor- Donations

- IX. Communications from the Mayor- Procurements

Motion by Wu to approve Communications from the Mayor - Procurements. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

X. Continuing Business/Presentations

Council Member Brown provided a summary of the November 19, 2024, Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee.

XI. Council Reports

Motion by Wu to move the EQPW presentation to the January 23, 2025 Council Meeting, under presentations. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

XII. Public Comment – Issues Not on Agenda

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Gray to adjourn at 5:50pm. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

CHARLES H. MARTIN, P.E.
DIRECTOR
WATER QUALITY

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

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

DATE: January 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Recommendation for an FY25 (Class B Infrastructure) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Windswept Ventures, LLC.

Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval of an FY25 (Class B Infrastructure) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Windswept Ventures, LLC in the amount of \$305,250.00.

Purpose of Request

The purpose of this grant is to implement items identified in the FY21 & FY23 United Landscape (Windswept Ventures) - Feasibility Study. Phase 1 encompassed the "Front Yard" areas indicated by Areas A & B, currently scheduled for construction to start in late summer 2024. This FY25 Stormwater Grant is proposed to implement items identified as Phase 2, Area C "Back Yard" of the FY21 Feasibility Study.

The project elements include removal of impervious area (approximately 2,938 SF); installation of a bio-infiltration swale; ; redirect existing downspouts to rainwater harvesting tanks; retrofitting gravel parking area with permeable parking pavers (approximately 3,230 SF); tree canopy (approximately 3,600 SF); install doorway awning structure with demonstrated vegetated roof (approximately 385 SF) and install a French drain along the "Side Yard" to drain into the pervious paver stone base. The project also incorporates stormwater education in the form of interpretive signage to be installed along Legacy Trail providing an excellent opportunity for public awareness of sustainable stormwater methods.

Project Cost in FY25 and in Future Budget Years

The grant has been approved for FY 2025 funding by the Water Quality Fees Board in the amount of \$305,250.00.

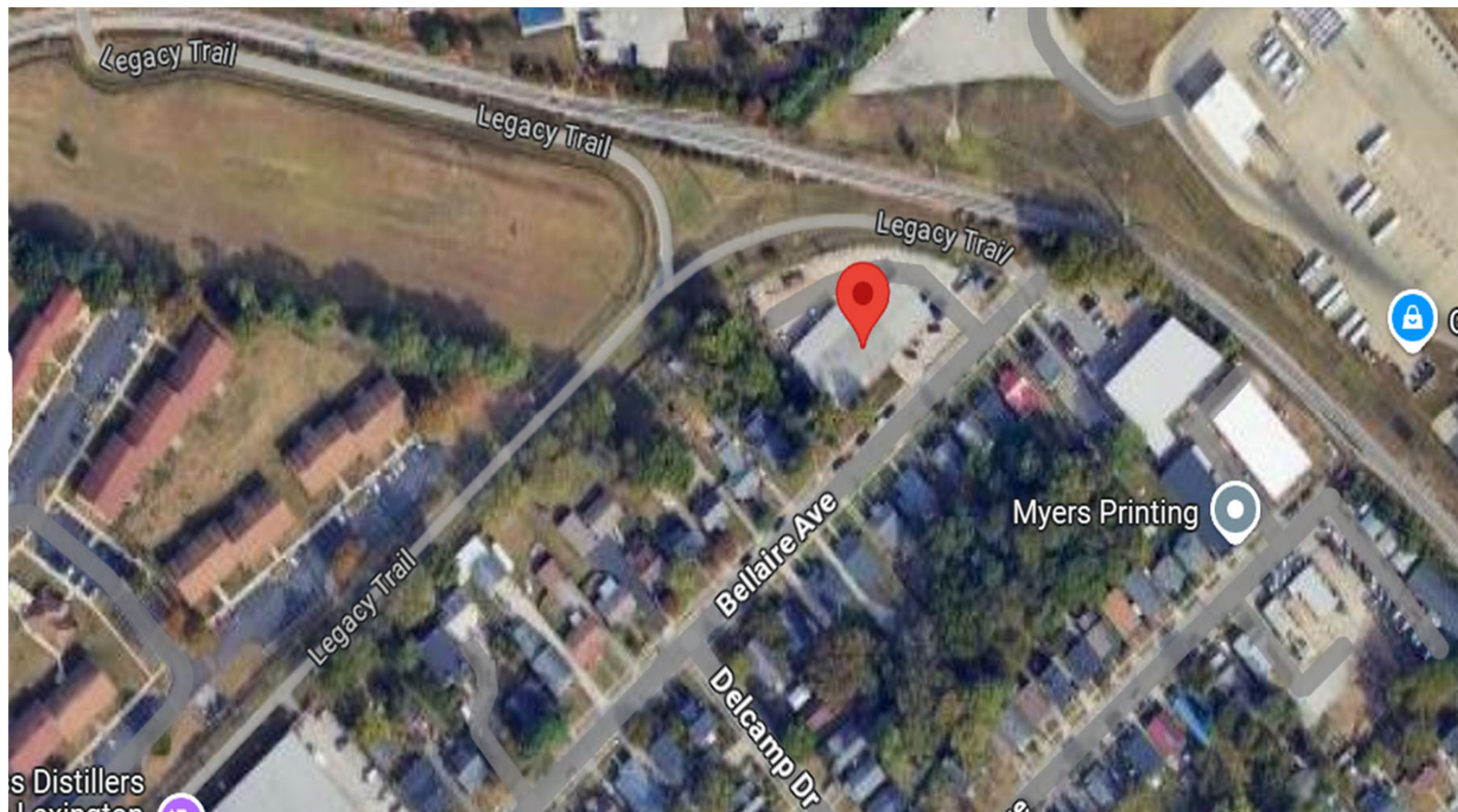
Are Funds Budgeted

Funds are budgeted in: 4052 – 303204 – 3373 – 78112 – WQINCENTIVE_25 – WQ_GRANT

Martin/Albright



Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant Program



United Landscape Services, Inc.

MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

CHARLES H. MARTIN, P.E.
DIRECTOR
WATER QUALITY

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

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

DATE: January 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Recommendation for an FY25 (Class B Infrastructure) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Mediocre Creative, LLC.

Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval of an FY25 (Class B Infrastructure) Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant for Mediocre Creative LLC in the amount of \$217,681.95.

Purpose of Request

Grant funds will be used to implement items identified in the FY24 Mediocre Creative, LLC, KY - Feasibility Study Grant to reduce the impact of pollutant loading and flooding at 712 & 714 North Limestone Streets. The project elements include Rainwater Harvesting Systems - Rehabilitate the existing rainwater harvesting cistern (or if impractical install a new cistern); install a new rooftop over the cistern and new downspouts to the cistern; install a pump system to toilets and irrigation; install a concrete sidewalk along True Alley to the southwest to reduce street stormwater from flooding the building at 712 North Limestone. The project also has a Stormwater Educational Outreach - Design and construct a stormwater educational art feature and permanent signage for each of the project elements.

Project Cost in FY25 and in Future Budget Years

The grant has been approved for FY 2025 funding by the Water Quality Fees Board in the amount of \$217,681.95.

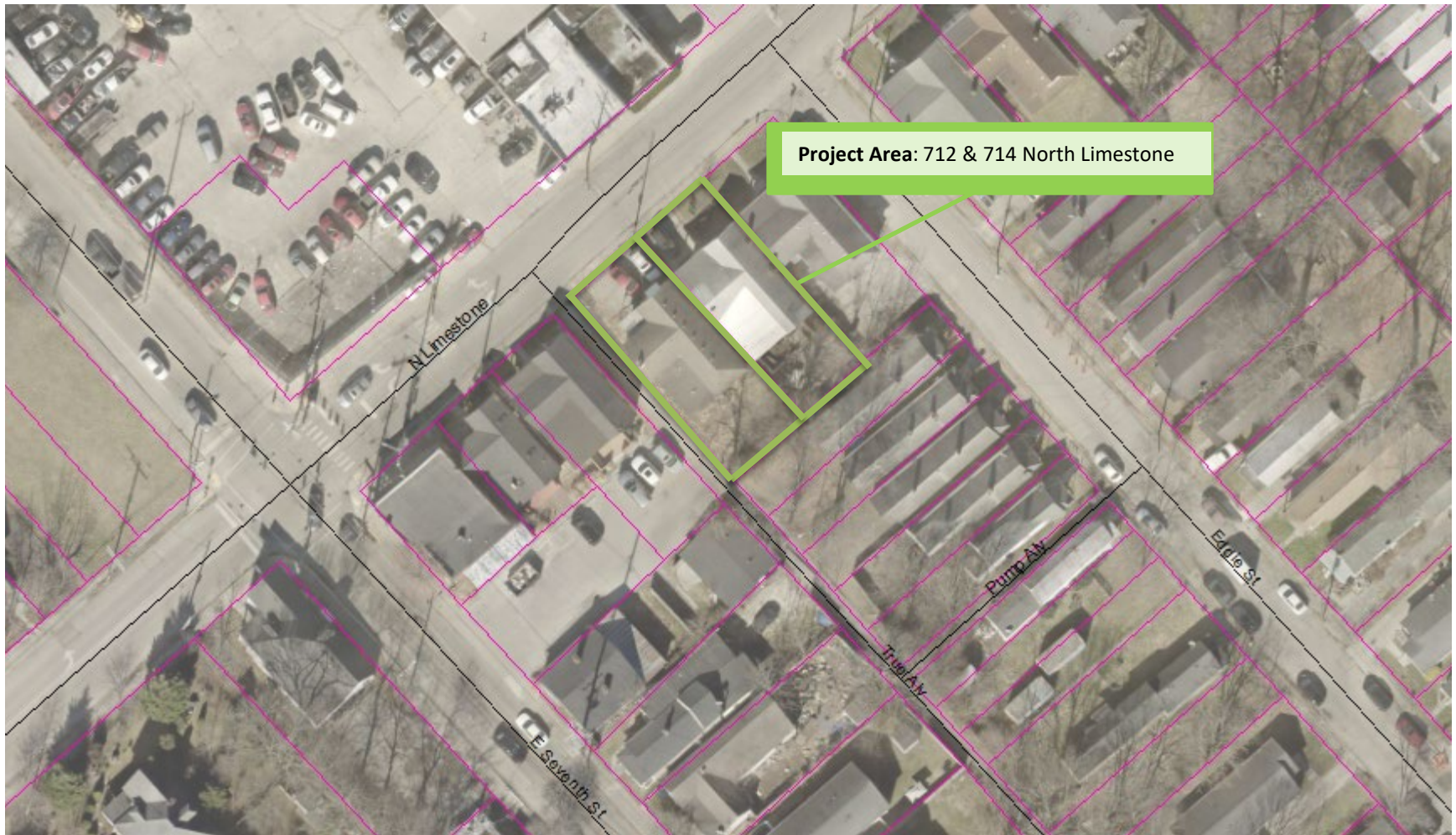
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Martin/Albright



Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant Program





TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

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

Date: November 15, 2024

Subject: Decreasing Change Order for Rural Service Area Sewer Capability Study

Request

Approval of a final change order for the Rural Services Area Sewer Capability Study agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., reducing the contract amount by \$108,971.23.

Purpose of Request

The Rural Service Area Sewer Capability Study was completed in 2023. Based on public comment received in 2024, no further work on the study is necessary so the division is recommending approval of this decreasing change order. Original budget was \$337,702, and the study was completed at a cost of \$228,730.77.

As a Tier 3 change order (greater than 10% of the original contract award) as defined by CAO Policy 15, the division is requesting approval by the Urban County Council.

Project Cost in FY25 and in Future Budget Years

Decreasing change order

Are Funds Budgeted

N/A

Director/Commissioner

Martin/Albright



LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER
Page 1 of 2

To (Contractor):
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
33052 Beaumont Centre Circle, Lexington, KY 40513-1703

Date:	November 15, 2024		
Project:	Rural Sewerability Study		
Location:			
Contract No.	R#254-2023		
Original Contract Amt.	\$337,702.00		
Cumulative Amount of Previous Change Orders	\$0.00		
Percent Change - Previous Change Orders			
Total Contract Amount Prior to this Change Order	\$337,702.00		
Change Order No.	1		

You are hereby requested to comply with the following changes from the contract plans and specification:

Current Change Order

Item No.	Description of changes-quantities, unit prices, change in completion date, etc.	Increase or decrease
1	Engineering completed under budget	\$108,971.23
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
	Total decrease	\$108,971.23
	Total increase	\$0.00
	Net Amount of this Change Order	(\$108,971.23)
	New Contract Amount Including this Change Order	\$228,730.77
	Percent Change - This Change Order	
	Percent Change - All Change Orders	-32.27%
		-32.27%

The time provided for the completion in the contract and all provisions of the contract will apply hereto.

This Change Order shall have a zero (0) calendar day time extension.

Recommended by:

Reviewed / Accepted by:

Accepted by:

Approved by:

Approved by: N/A (Less than 5%)

Approved by: N/A (Less than 5%)

	(Project Manager)	Date
	(Consultant)	Date
	(Contractor)	Date
	(Director)	Date
	(Commissioner)	Date
	(Mayor or CAO)	Date

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE

PROJECT: Rural Sewerability Study

CONTRACT NO. R#254-2023

CHANGE ORDER #: 1

1.

2. Is proposed change an alternate bid? ___Yes xNo

3. Will proposed change alter the physical size of the project? ___Yes xNo

If "Yes", explain.

4. Effect of this change on other prime contractors: N/A

5. Has consent of surety been obtained? ___Yes xNot Necessary

6. Will this change affect the expiration or extent of insurance coverage? ___Yes xNo

If "Yes", will the policies be extended? ___Yes ___No

7. Effect on operation and maintenance costs: N/A

8. Effect on contract completion date: N/A

Mayor

Date

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
CONTRACT MODIFICATION

DATE: November 15, 2024

Contract Mod #: 1 (final)

CONTRACT #: R#254-2023

Project: **RURAL SEWERABILITY STUDY**

TO: Stantec Consulting Services Inc.

You are hereby requested to comply with the following changes from the contract plans and specifications;

Item No.	ADD / DEL	Description of changes	Units	Quantity	Unit Price	Decrease in contract price	Increase in contract price
1	DEL	Engineering completed under budget.	LS	1		\$ 108,971.23	\$ -
1						\$ -	\$ -
2						\$ -	\$ -
3						\$ -	\$ -
4						\$ -	\$ -
5						\$ -	\$ -
6						\$ -	\$ -
7						\$ -	\$ -
8						\$ -	\$ -
9						\$ -	\$ -
10						\$ -	\$ -
11						\$ -	\$ -
12						\$ -	\$ -
13						\$ -	\$ -
Total decrease						\$ 108,971.23	
Total increase							\$ -
Net (increase) in contract price							\$ (108,971.23)



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: Gregory S. Lubeck, P.E., Deputy Director 
Division of Water Quality

DATE: December 11, 2024

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF A UTILITY EASEMENT AT 1180 NEWTOWN PIKE

Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to request a resolution authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to execute a release of a utility easement at 1180 Newtown Pike.

Purpose of Request

The easement is no longer needed.

Project Cost in FY25

There is no cost with this request.

Project Cost Impact for Future Budget Years

There is no projected future cost.

Are Funds Budgeted

N/A.

Law Review

E. Thompson, 12/09/2024.

Martin/Albright

DRB



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

CHARLES MARTIN
DIRECTOR
WATER QUALITY

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: Gregory S. Lubeck, P.E., Deputy Director
Division of Water Quality

DATE: January 15, 2025

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF A STREET LIGHT EASEMENT AT 2724 KEARNEY CREEK LANE

Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to request a resolution authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to execute a release of a street light easement at 2724 Kearney Creek Lane.

Purpose of Request

The easement is no longer needed.

Project Cost in FY25

There is no cost with this request.

Project Cost Impact for Future Budget Years

There is no projected future cost.

Are Funds Budgeted

N/A.

Law Review

E. Thompson, 12/20/2024.

Martin/Albright

DRB

cc: Debbie R. Barnett
Gregory Lubeck, PE



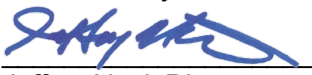
MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

JEFFERY NEAL
DIRECTOR
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: 
Jeffery Neal, Director
Division of Traffic Engineering

DATE: January 16, 2025

SUBJECT: Speed Limit Change – Fontaine Road (Richmond Road to Chinoe Road)

Request

Authorization to change the posted speed limit of Fontaine Road from 35 mph to 30 mph.

Why are you requesting?

A recent speed/safety study of Fontaine Road concluded that the portion from Richmond Road to Lakeshore Drive should have a speed limit reduction from 35 to 30 mph to help reduce collisions on the section nearest Henry Clay High School. Since Fontaine Road is already signed for 30 mph west of Chinoe Road, we recommend lowering the remaining 0.65 mile portion between Lakeshore Drive and Chinoe Road for consistency along the corridor.

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

The cost for this FY is: \$ 0.00
The cost for future FY is: \$ 0.00

Are the funds budgeted?

Yes

File Number:

Director/Commissioner: Neal/Albright



Map - Fontaine Road (Richmond Road to East High Street)



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

TAMARA WALTERS
DIRECTOR
HUMAN RESOURCES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Linda Gorton, Mayor
Sally Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer
Council Members

FROM: Glenda H. George by EH
Glenda Humphrey George, Director
Division of Human Resources

DATE: January 16, 2025

SUBJECT: Create Positions—Office of the Urban County Council

Request:

The attached is requesting authorization to create two (2) unclassified positions of Aide to Council Part-time (Grade 518E) in the Office of the Urban County Council, effective upon passage of Council.

Why are you requesting:

The Council Office is requesting this change due to the recent modification in Councilmembers as a result of the November election.

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

This action will have a FY25 cost of \$40,560.32.

File Number: 0084.25

Director/Commissioner: Glenda Humphrey George/Sally Hamilton

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Alana Morton at 859-258-3037.



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

GLEND A HUMPHREY GEORGE
DIRECTOR
HUMAN RESOURCES

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Linda Gorton, Mayor
Sally Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer
Council Members

FROM: 
Glenda Humphrey George, Director
Division of Human Resources

DATE: January 16, 2025

RE: Abolish Unfunded Vacant Positions

The attached action amends the classified civil service and unclassified civil service authorized strength as follows:

In the classified civil service authorized strength:

- Abolish one (1) classified civil service position of Administrative Specialist (Grade 516N) in the Division of Community Corrections;

In the unclassified civil service authorized strength:

- Abolish one (1) unclassified civil service position of Program Instructor (Grade 506N) in the Division of Parks and Recreation;
- Abolish two (2) unclassified civil service positions of Program Leader (Grade 508N) in the Division of Parks and Recreation.

The fiscal impact for these positions will be budget-neutral and effective upon passage of Council.

File Number: 0086.25

Director/Commissioner: Glenda Humphrey George/Sally Hamilton

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Alana Morton at 859-258-3037.



MAYOR LINDA GORTON

**LEXINGTON**
 GLENDA HUMPHREY GEORGE
 DIRECTOR
 HUMAN RESOURCES
MEMORANDUM

TO: Linda Gorton, Mayor
 Sally Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer
 Council Members

FROM: Glenda H. George by EH
 Glenda Humphrey George, Director
 Division of Human Resources

DATE: January 16, 2025

SUBJECT: Create position - Division of Environmental Services

Request:

The attached action is requesting to create one (1) classified position of Administrative Specialist Principal (Grade 520N) in the Division of Environmental Services, effective upon passage of Council.

Why are you requesting:

The Division of Environmental Services requests this position to convert one part-time position into a full-time civil service position. Although the Clerk position is considered part-time, the employee in this position typically works 40 or more hours per week.

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

This has a 12-month future impact cost of \$83,444.89.

Position Title	Annual Salary Before	Annual Salary After	Annual Increase/Decrease
Administrative Specialist Principal	\$0	\$60,900.32	\$60,900.32
Total Annual Impact/ Salary and Benefits \$83,444.89			

File Number: 0087.25

Director/Commissioner: Glenda Humphrey George/Sally Hamilton

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Alana Morton at (859) 258-3037.



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

LAWRENCE WEATHERS
CHIEF
LEXINGTON POLICE DEPT.

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: January 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding – United States Marshals Service
Fugitive Task Force

Request

Authorization to accept a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Fugitive Task Force.

Why are you requesting?

The primary mission of the task force is to investigate and arrest, as part of joint law enforcement operations, persons who have active warrants for their arrest. The intent of the joint effort is to investigate and apprehend federal, local, state tribal, and territorial fugitives, thereby improving public safety and reducing violent crime. Each participating agency agrees to refer cases for which they hold the primary warrant for the subject to the Regional Fugitive Task Force (RFTF) or Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF) for adoption and investigation. Cases will be adopted by the RFTF/VOTF at the discretion of the RFTF/VOTF Chief Inspector/Chief Deputy. Targeted crimes will primarily include violent crimes against persons, weapons offenses, felony drug offenses, failure to register as a sex offender, and crimes committed by subjects who have a criminal history involving violent crimes, felony drug offenses, and/or weapons offenses. Upon receipt of a written request, the RFTF/VOTF may also adopt non-participating law enforcement agencies in investigating, locating and arresting their fugitives. Task force personnel will be assigned federal and adopted fugitive cases for investigation. Investigative teams will consist of personnel from different agencies whenever possible. Participating agencies retain responsibility for the cases they refer to the RFTF/VOTF. The Lexington Police Department is requesting approval from the Urban County Council to authorize Mayor Gorton to sign the attached MOU. Upon signing, please return a fully signed copy to the Chief's Office.

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

Are the funds budgeted? N/A



File Number: 0090-25

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

LBW/rmh



**Neighborhood Development Funds
January 28, 2025
Work Session**

Amount	Recipient	Purpose
\$ 1,950.00	Kentucky's Junior Miss Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Ruth Hedges 1248 Wyndham Forest Circle Lexington, KY 40514	To the Distinguished Young Women of Kentucky Scholarship Program for an event at the UK Singletary Center in January 2025
\$ 2,400.00	Mobile Mission Experience Natalie Mims 838 E. High St. Suite 298 Lexington, KY 40502	To support the 4th annual community baby shower on June 28, 2025, benefitting young single mothers throughout the city
\$ 1,900.00	LEX Prom Project, Inc. Asona McMullen 2220 Nicholasville Rd. Suite 110 #334 Lexington, KY 40503	For providing shoes, dinner accomodations, dresses, and free rental tuxedos for youth who could not otherwise afford to attend their senior prom

**Council Capital Projects
January 28, 2025
Work Session**

Amount	Recipient	Purpose
\$ 23,650.00	South Lexington Youth Baseball at Shilito Park, Inc. Mary-Anne Gillespie	For constructing a new 25' backstop and disposal of the old backstop at Shilito Park South Lexington Baseball Field



Social Services and Public Safety Committee

November 12, 2024

Summary and Motions

Chair Jennifer Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Committee Members James Brown, Chuck Ellinger II, Tayna Fogle, Denise Gray, Fred Brown, Whitney Elliott Baxter, Dave Sevigny, and Kathy Plomin were in attendance. Committee Member Brenda Monarrez was absent. Vice Mayor Dan Wu and Council Members Shayla Lynch and Hannah LeGris were present as non-voting members.

I. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 8, 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Motion by Fogle to approve the October 8, 2024 Committee Summary. Seconded by Ellinger. Motion passed without dissent.

II. ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

Rick McQuady, Affordable Housing Manager, explained the purpose of the Affordable Housing fund which is to leverage public and private investment to preserve and produce safe, quality, affordable housing for Fayette County residents whose incomes are at or below 80% of the area median income. He spoke about the application process and the evaluation criteria which include need/market, design of development, financial feasibility, capacity of development team, and readiness to proceed. Annual compliance objectives consist of review of financial condition and performance, property inspection, tenant eligibility, and adherence to requirements of the affordable housing program. He reviewed the allocations and funding and said there are 3,522 total units funded. There are 45 accessible units for seniors and 1,418 units for the special-needs population. Some of the challenges the program has experienced are rising interest rates, increased costs of property management, escalating construction costs, and acquiring viable and affordable land.

When asked about the percentage of additional homeowner units, McQuady said that is an extremely low number and it will require up to a \$150,000 subsidy. There is difficulty applying for and getting a mortgage approved. When asked how the advisory committee is selected, McQuady said people come to him expressing interest, but there is no application. McQuady said anyone can contact him or Polly Ruddick to be added to the board. When asked if there are other initiatives, McQuady said he speaks to Christie McCravy with the Louisville Metro Affordable Housing Trust Fund. They administer the programs in a similar way, and this is who he stays in the most contact with. Addressing the feasibility of Affordable Housing in Lexington when developers say it is expensive to build Affordable Housing here, McQuady said we must look at tax credits which are important to Affordable Housing. McQuady closed by saying the pro-housing grant is in and we should be hearing something in the spring. No action was taken on this committee item.

III. ANNUAL JUVENILE TREATMENT COURT UPDATE

Judge Lindsay Hughes Thurston introduced Kivvi Figgs, Program Coordinator of Juvenile Treatment Court (JTC). The mission of JTC is to protect public safety and reduce the recidivism rate of juvenile offenders by increasing their overall wellness. Using an integrated approach, the JTC seeks positive and long-lasting life changes. Thurston said they entered into an agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

in October 2021, they entered into an agreement with Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) in November 2021, and presently they work with LFUCG for grant purposes. JTC accepts referrals from a court designated worker, family court, or juvenile court. JTC implements a 4-phased approach which includes random drug screening, mental health services, and family and educational support. Figgs reviewed the current census since the first court date on March 11, 2022: 39/70 referrals were accepted and there were 11 graduates. Currently there are 10 participants receiving mental health services and 1 high school graduate. Thurston spoke about partner involvement with mental health services, and she explained the importance of offering these services in the program. Figgs reviewed additional activities and engagement in the program. Thurston introduced a participant named Jaden who provided a testimony of his experience with JTC. When asked about language services, Thurston said they use court interpreters and FCPS to facilitate these services. No action was taken on this committee item.

IV. THE HOPE CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

Jeff Crook, CEO of The Hope Center, spoke about the Hope Center's Veterans Housing / Shelter. He said the project is approximately \$6.8 Million in terms of the new facility and \$500,000 in renovations on the emergency shelter which amounts to a \$7.3 Million expansion project. They received \$2 Million from ARPA funds for this project and \$1.5 Million from Veterans Capital funds. Fundraising is in progress for the remaining balance of the project; they currently need \$1.2 Million. The project is moving along and they are 80% complete with expected completion by February 2025. He displayed graphics to point out the existing shelter and where the new construction is taking place.

When asked what the updates to the facility include, Crook said this will provide 72 beds for transitional housing and 24 of those are designated for veterans. The remaining units will be for supportive transitional housing to help prepare clients for moving into permanent housing. The winter temporary shelter last year was a specific project for the unsheltered around town and this year there will be a different solution. Addressing whether the funding could be used to expand emergency housing, Crook explained the ARPA funds were specific to the terms of not being able to expand emergency shelter. The funds had to be used for transitional housing or another form of housing. When asked if this classification has a maximum stay, Crook said typical transitional housing has a two year maximum, but there are no time-based restrictions based on the funding for this. When asked if there is a facility for female veterans, Crook said when we originally received the grant, there were 5 spots for female veterans, but they have not had a qualified female veteran seek help at the Hope Center. When asked how we communicate with the target population, Crook said they have not been overly intentional, but they collaborate with partners in the community. Crook said he will work with the Commission on Veterans Affairs to provide a list of resources for their website. Lanter explained a rule in the federal regulation that stated ARPA money could not be used to expand shelter capacity and that was never the intention of this program. He confirmed the continuum of housing progresses from unhoused to shelter to transitional to permanent housing. No action was taken on this committee item.

V. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Motion by Gray to remove the Juvenile Treatment Court Update from the list of committee referrals. Seconded by J. Brown. Motion passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.