Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

200 E. Main St
Lexington, KY 40507

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

3:00 PM

Packet

Council Chamber

Urban County Council Work Session

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
Schedule of Meetings
February 2 - 9, 2026

Monday, February 2
No Meetings

Tuesday, February 3
Environmental Quality and Public Works 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, February 4
No Meetings

Thursday, February 5
No Meetings

Friday, February 6
No Meetings

Monday, February 9
No Meetings

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
Work Session Agenda
February 3, 2025

I. **Public Comment - Issues on Agenda**

II. **Requested Rezonings/ 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, p. 3 - 7**

VII. **Communications From the Mayor – Appointments- No**

VIII. **Communications From the Mayor – Donations- No**

IX. **Communications From the Mayor – Procurements- No**

X. **Continuing Business/ Presentations- Yes**

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XI. **Council Reports**

XII. **Public Comment - Issues Not on Agenda**

XIII. **Adjournment**

Administrative Synopsis - New Business Items

a	**0055-26**	Authorization to amend the current agreement with ESO Solutions, Inc., for Record Management System (RMS) software services for the purpose of replacing and streamlining legacy RMS components for fire inspections, property pre-plans, permits, and fire hydrant inventory. This is at a cost of $42,451.50. Total cost for FY26 is $66,996.84. Funds are budgeted. (L0055-26) (Wells/Armstrong), p. 3
b	**0070-26**	Authorization to enter into a Release of Claims Against LFUCG to allow the Lexington Police Department to release retired Canine Cato to Officer Chaz Grider. No budgetary impact. (L0070-26)(Weathers/Armstrong), p. 4
c	**0078-26**	Authorization to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with God's Pantry Food Bank to establish a collaborative partnership with the Division of Fire and Emergency Services Community Paramedicine Program that supports the distribution of emergency food assistance and improves food security for eligible community members. No budgetary impact. (L0078-26)(Wells/Armstrong), p. 5
d	**0088-26**	Authorization to execute Consultant Services Agreement with WSP USA, Inc., pursuant to RFP #42-2025, for the Winchester Road Corridor Study at a cost not to exceed $350,000. The purpose of the plan is to identify how incremental infill and development can be responsive to market forces, meet the needs of the surrounding community, and provide safe access for all travel modes. Funds are budgeted. (L0088-26)(Duncan/Horn), p. 6 - 7

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
TABLE OF MOTIONS
January 27, 2026

Mayor Gorton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Council Members Wu, Brown, Ellinger II, Lynch, Curtis, Sheehan, Higgins-Hord, Hale, Beasley, Baxter, Sevigny, Reynolds, and Boone were present. Council Member Morton was absent.

I. Public Comment – Issues on Agenda

II. Requested Rezonings/Docket Approval

III. Approval of Summary

Motion by Sevigny to approve the January 20, 2026 Table of Motions. Seconded by Hale. Motion passed without dissent.

IV. Budget Amendments

V. Budget Adjustments – For Information Only

VI. New Business

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

VII. Communications from the Mayor- Appointments

VIII. Communications from the Mayor- Donations

IX. Communications from the Mayor- Procurements

X. Continuing Business/Presentations

Motion by Ellinger II to approve Neighborhood Development Funds. Seconded by Higgins-Hord. Motion passed without dissent.

Brown, BFED Chair, provided a summary of the October 21, 2025 Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee Meeting.

XI. Council Reports

XII. Public Comment – Issues Not on Agenda

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Baxter to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

MAYOR LINDA GORTON

LEXINGTON

Jason G. Wells
Fire Chief

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton

FROM: Jason G. Wells, Fire Chief

DATE: January 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Agreement Amendment for ESO Solutions, Inc.

The Division of Fire and Emergency Services request authorization to amend the current agreement with ESO Solutions, Inc., for Record Management System (RMS) software services.

Why are you requesting? We are requesting to amend current agreement in order to acquire additional RMS software services for the purpose of replacing and streamlining legacy RMS components for fire inspections, property pre-plans, permits, and fire hydrant inventory.

Department needs this action completed because: To improve efficiency of the Fire Marshal's Office during fire inspections of commercial structures and to integrate property data with emergency response data through cloud-based services.
What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: $66,996.84 with new add-ons total for FY26

The cost for future FY is: $72,859.06 for FY27

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, funds are budgeted.

Account #1101-505705-5753-76102

File Number:

If a contract, please indicate the cancelation clause

The term of this Agreement is for a period of one year. Thereafter, the Term will renew for successive one-year periods unless written notice is provided at least 60 days prior to the anniversary of the Effective Date.

Termination for Cause. Either party may terminate this Agreement or any individual Order for the other party's uncured material breach by providing written notice. The breaching party shall have 30 days from receipt to cure such breach to the reasonable satisfaction of the non-breaching party.

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

MAYOR LINDA GORTON

LEXINGTON

LAWRENCE WEATHERS
CHIEF
LEXINGTON POLICE DEPT.

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers
Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong
Department of Public Safety

DATE: January 20, 2026

SUBJECT: **Release of Claims Agreement – Retired Police Canine Cato**

Request
Authorization to enter into a Release of Claims Against the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Agreement. This agreement will allow the Lexington Police Department to release retired **Canine Cato to Officer Chaz Grider.**

Why are you requesting?
The attached agreement will release and forever discharge the LFUCG, and its agents and successors, of and from any all manner of actions, claims and demands whatsoever arising out of the gift of the retired police canine. In return, Officer Grider acknowledges that this agreement will preclude him from utilizing the retired police canine in an "off-duty" employment assignment for security or law enforcement purposes, and is prohibited to sale or transfer the retired police canine to another public safety entity. We are requesting Council approval for Mayor Gorton to sign the attached agreement. There will be no budgetary impact. Upon approval and signing, please forward a copy of the signed agreement to the Chief's Office for our records.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?
The cost for this FY is: N/A
The cost for future FY is: N/A

Are the funds budgeted?
There will be no budgetary impact.

File Number: - 0070-26

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

LBW/rmh

MAYOR LINDA GORTON

LEXINGTON

Jason G. Wells
Fire Chief

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton

FROM: Jason G. Wells, Fire Chief

DATE: 01/21/2026

SUBJECT: MOU between God's Pantry and LFUCG Division of Fire and EMS Community Paramedicine

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The Division of Fire and Emergency Services requests authorization to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with God's Pantry Food Bank to establish a collaborative partnership that supports the distribution of emergency food assistance and improves food security for eligible community members served through LFUCG programs.

Department needs this action completed because:

Department needs this action completed because this Memorandum of Understanding allows the Division of Fire and Emergency Services Community Paramedicine program to address food insecurity as a social determinant of health by providing timely, no-cost emergency food assistance to eligible community members, while ensuring proper screening, accountability, and coordination with a trusted community partner.

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

The cost for this FY is: There is no cost to LFUCG

The cost for future FY is: There is no cost to LFUCG

Are the funds budgeted? No impact on the budget

File Number:

If a contract, please indicate the cancelation clause.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party with written notice at any time.

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong

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: **JANUARY 22, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Authorization to Execute Consultant Services Agreement with WSP USA Inc. RFP #42-2025 for Winchester Road Corridor Study**

Request: Council authorization to execute Consultant Services Agreement with WSP USA , Inc. for the Winchester Road Corridor Study at a cost not to exceed $350,000

This Consultant Services Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ten (10) days written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms hereof through no fault of the terminating party, provided the non-terminating party fails to cure such default within the ten (10) day period.

Purpose of Request: On September 18, 2025 (Resolution 446-2025), Council authorized acceptance of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant – Lexington (STBG-SLX) funds for the Winchester Road Corridor Study. The City of Lexington's Division of Planning, in partnership with the Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), issued RFP #42-2025 seeking proposals from qualified professional planning and urban design firms to complete a coordinated corridor land use plan and transportation study for Winchester Road (US 60) from East 3rd / Midland Avenue to Bahama Road. The primary purpose of the plan is to identify how incremental infill, and development can be responsive to market forces, meet the needs of the surrounding community, and provide safe access for all travel modes. This corridor study will advance Lexington's Vision Zero and Complete Streets goals by recommending design and policy strategies that improve safety, expand travel options, and create a more connected, people-centered corridor. The final product will include recommended street cross-sections, a prioritized list of transportation improvements, land use and urban design recommendations, and a regulatory framework for plan implementation.

The selected consultant shall:

- Identify opportunities to add mixed land uses to serve the surrounding neighborhoods and increase residential housing along the corridor, including more affordable housing, based on market analyses.
- Identify solutions for improving multi-modal access and safety along the corridor.
- Facilitate substantial and meaningful public and stakeholder engagement with business owners along the corridor, including small and minority-owned and operated businesses, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods, some of which have often been marginalized and underrepresented.
- Develop implementation plans for transportation improvements, regulatory land use recommendations, and site and corridor design guidelines.

Six (6) proposals were submitted in response to RFP #42-2025. The Selection Committee recommended WSP USA, Inc., as the most qualified consultant to conduct the Scope of Work as outlined in the RFP and further detailed in the consultant's response.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: $350,000 is cost in FY26. ($280,000 in federal funds and $70,000 in local match.) There are no anticipated planning costs in future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, 3160-160705-0001-71299 WINCHESTER_2026 FED_GRANT

File Number: 0088-26

Director/Commissioner: Duncan/Horn

Environmental Quality & Public Works (EQPW) Committee

November 18, 2025

Summary and Motions

Chair Hannah LeGris called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Committee Members James Brown, Tyler Morton, Emma Curtis, Liz Sheehan, Lisa Higgins-Hord, Joseph Hale, Amy Beasley, Dave Sevigny, and Hil Boone were present. Vice Mayor Dan Wu, Council Members Shayla Lynch and Jennifer Reynolds were present as non-voting members.

I. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2025 COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Motion by Curtis to approve the October 7, 2025 Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee Summary. Seconded by Morton. Motion passed unanimously.

II. WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT FEE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Alyssa Mackenzie, District 10 Legislative Aide, presented recommendations for the Water Quality Management Fee (WQMF) Incentive Grant Program, established by ordinance in 2009 and requiring that at least 10% of annual WQMF revenue be allocated to grants for stormwater quality improvements. Funding is distributed between residential (Class A) and non-residential (Class B) properties, with the majority allocated to larger commercial contributors.

The program supports a wide range of eligible projects, including stream restoration, green infrastructure (bioretention, rain gardens, and pervious pavement), stormwater retrofits, tree planting, neighborhood education, and the development of stormwater curricula for schools. Grants are offered across three main categories: neighborhood projects, education, and infrastructure, with application cycles typically in May and July.

In 2025, District 10 led a comprehensive review of the program, including past applications, internal processes, and stakeholder input. Based on this review, staff identified four primary goals: expanding the applicant pool, streamlining application and reporting processes, reducing change orders, and improving overall stormwater outcomes.

Key recommendations include improving accessibility and technical support through an online application system, office hours, and applicant toolkits; enhancing outreach and storytelling through videos, signage, and marketing materials; and modernizing reporting with an online reporting system, clearer timelines, and structured applicant feedback. Implementation of these improvements is planned for 2026, in coordination with the Divisions of Environmental Services (DES) and Water Quality (DWQ).

Motion by Sevigny to approve accepting the recommendations for the Water Quality Management Fee Incentive Grant Program as presented at the November 18, 2025 Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee meeting and as set forth in the committee packet. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed unanimously (as amended).

> Motion by LeGris to amend the deadline of the Storytelling and Toolkits in the recommendations from June 2026 to December 2026. Seconded by Sevigny. Motion passed unanimously.

III. WASTE CONTAMINATION AND REDUCTION PLAN

Angela Poe, Public Information and Engagement Manager, provided an update on Lexington's efforts to reduce waste and recycling contamination, outlining the scope of the problem, operational impacts, root causes, early audit results, and next steps.

As of January 2025, contamination in both recycling and yard waste streams has created significant operational challenges. Impacts include:

- Safety risks for workers
- Equipment damage and inefficiencies
- Landfilling of recyclable and yard waste materials
- Double transportation costs when contaminated loads must be rehandled
- Limited processing options for yard waste due to the lack of sorting equipment, requiring full loads to be accepted or rejected

Internal causes include mixed loads, limited cart visibility before dumping, and incorrect cart collection. External causes are largely behavioral, including improper cart use, confusion about accepted materials, and "wish-cycling"—placing unacceptable items in carts in the hope they can still be diverted from the landfill.

The department has initiated both internal operational changes and external education efforts:

- Improved staff training, accountability, and facility tours
- Evaluation of supervisory structure
- Proposed change of yard waste cart lids to yellow to improve visibility
- Expanded public outreach through mailings, mass media, tabling, audits with personalized feedback, partner engagement, and removal of consistently misused carts

Early residential contamination audits (first two rounds) show:

- Persistent issues with plastic bags and wrap, including wrap still attached to cardboard
- Some wish-cycling, though staff noted many currently unacceptable items are expected to become recyclable by fall 2026
- Use of a tagging system (Green = pass, Yellow = needs work, Red = fail) to provide direct household feedback

Next Steps include:

- A third round of residential audits beginning the week of December 1
- Simplified and consolidated messaging
- Redesigned and translated door hangers
- Integration of contamination tags into routine waste operations
- Continued staff training
- Expanded focus on multi-family properties and additional neighborhoods

Looking ahead to FY27, the program anticipates expanded outreach, refreshed print and media campaigns, partnerships with the Living Arts & Science Center for educational exhibits, and updates to the Materials Recovery Facility classroom to support public education.

The Committee discussed the scope of the waste audit, noting that it currently focuses on residential materials and that a future phase is planned to include businesses and other affiliates. Members reviewed recent reductions in contamination, and staff explained that these improvements reflect active removal of contaminated materials both on the processing line and from loads on the tipping floor. Questions were raised about recyclable material categories and market availability, and staff noted that acceptance depends on facility capabilities and available space and that expansion options are being explored to support continued progress. No action was taken on this item.

IV. HALEY PIKE LANDFILL SOLAR PROJECT

Richard Dugas, Senior Administrative Officer, provided a status update on the Haley Pike Solar Project, a proposed solar installation on the capped Haley Pike landfill in response to RFP 35-2025. Staff requested approval of a Letter of Intent (LOI) in November 2025 to allow Edelen Renewables to begin regulatory, fiscal, and interconnection coordination, with final lease approval anticipated in December 2025 or January 2026. Project development would continue through spring 2026, with construction targeted to begin in late spring or early summer 2026.

Changes to federal tax law under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) modified the eligibility deadlines for the 30% Investment Tax Credit (ITC). Failure to meet these deadlines could reduce project feasibility by up to 40%, particularly given the higher costs and risks associated with solar development on capped landfill sites compared with farmland.

The proposed project includes a mix of fixed-tilt and single-axis tracker panels, with non-penetrating, ballasted systems used on capped landfill areas to protect cap integrity. The developer outlined extensive environmental compliance commitments, including modifications to the landfill permit, water quality requirements, performance bonding, and coordination with LFUCG, the permitted entity.

The project includes a Community Benefit Plan to be developed in collaboration with LFUCG, community nonprofits, and schools, with goals related to workforce development, environmental education, sustainability outcomes, and alignment with the Imagine Lexington 2045 Comprehensive Plan, including significant greenhouse gas reductions.

Finally, the presentation addressed long-term obligations, including vegetation and erosion management, a detailed land management plan, and a fully bonded decommissioning plan that ensures the removal and recycling of solar equipment at the end of the project life would be the responsibility of the project owner, not LFUCG or the community.

The Committee discussed labor, land use, procurement, and the long-term implications of the Haley Pike Solar proposal. Questions were raised about the project footprint, and staff explained that 357 of the landfill's 687 acres are proposed for lease, including 158 acres of capped landfill and additional vacant land. The property is agriculturally zoned but is exempt under state law because it is publicly owned. Concerns were raised about the extent of development on vacant land and the need to align with broader solar policy discussions, including agrivoltaics. Discussion also focused on the non-binding Letter of Intent, with staff clarifying that it authorizes negotiations only and does not obligate LFUCG. No action was taken on this item.

V. DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STORMWATER PRIORITY LIST

The Stormwater Priority List was included in the packet for informational purposes only.

VI. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

No action was taken on this item.

<u>The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.</u>