Lexington- Fayette Urban County Government Council Meeting

Lexington, Kentucky   February 12, 2026

The Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky convened in regular session on February 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Gorton in the chair presiding, and the following members of the Council: Boone, Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Wu, and Beasley. Absent was Council Member Sheehan.

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

Ordinances No. 001-2026 through 011-2026, inclusive, and Resolutions No. 003-2026 through 023-2026, inclusive, were reported as having been signed and published and ordered to record.

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The Invocation was given by Rev. Keith Tyler of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

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Upon motion by Mr. Ellinger, seconded by Ms. Curtis, and approved by unanimous vote, the Minutes of the January 22, 2026 Council Meeting and January 29, 2026 State of the City-County Address were approved.

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Mayor Gorton welcomed Scout Troop 89.

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At 6:06 p.m., Mayor Gorton declared open a public hearing and invited public comment on the proposed amendments to the 2019, 2020, and 2023 Annual Action Plans for the Community Development Block Grant.

At 6:06 p.m., with no one appearing to speak, Mayor Gorton declared the public hearing closed.

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Brittany Roethemeier, Dist. 3, spoke on behalf of Fayette Alliance, about the Urban Service Boundary, of safeguarding the green space in Lexington, and thanked those who worked on the related ordinance.

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

Aye:	Boone, Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Wu, Beasley	------14
Nay:		-------0

An Ordinance changing the zone from a Planned Neighborhood Residential (R-3) zone to a Medium Density Residential (R-4) zone, for 0.585 net (0.793 gross) acres for property located at 401 Woodland Avenue. (Anderson Midtown Apartments, LLC; Council District 3).

An Ordinance changing the zone from a Planned Neighborhood Residential (R-3) zone to a Corridor Business (B-3) zone, for 0.658 net (0.885 gross) acres for property located at 2788 Ruby River Dr. (a portion of). (Anderson Village at Great Acres; Council District 2).

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 2026 Schedule No. 22.

An Ordinance amending the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances as follows: amending Chapter 20, creating Section A, relating to Preservation and Urban Growth Management, adopting Sections relating to intent; definitions; applicability; and general requirements applicable to the Preservation and Growth Management Plan, all effective upon passage of Council.

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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 2026 Schedule No. 23 was on the docket for first reading.

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Reynolds, and approved by unanimous vote, the ordinance was amended to provide funds for the Div. of Street and Roads for salt in the amount of $803,000. Funds are being reallocated from budgets for various accounts within the General Fund to cover this expense.

Mr. Ellinger asked about the intended purpose of the additional funds. Mayor Gorton responded.

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 2026 Schedule No. 23, as amended, received first reading and was ordered to be placed on file for public inspection until February 26, 2026.

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

Aye:	Boone, Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Wu, Beasley	------14
Nay:		-------0

A Resolution ratifying the Permanent Classified Civil Service Appointments of: Leangela Drake, Accounts Payable Manager, Grade 524E, $2,933.52 bi-weekly in the Div. of Accounting, effective January 14, 2026, Jessica McClung, Revenue Compliance Analyst, Grade 518N, $28.114 hourly in the Div. of Revenue, effective December 30, 2025, Sherita Jackson, Staff Assistant, Grade 509N, $18.364 hourly in the Div. of Revenue, effective December 23, 2025, Nathan Deas, Mailroom Clerk, Grade 510N, $18.816 hourly in the Dept. of General Services, effective January 14, 2026; Kyle Cloyd, Vehicle & Equipment Technician Principal, Grade 521N, $32.093 hourly in the Div. of Facilities and Fleet Management, effective January 28, 2026.

A Resolution expressing support for the work of CivicLex in organizing a Lexington Civic Assembly for the purpose of examining the Urban County Government Charter, affirming the intent of Lexington Fayette Urban County Council to collaborate with CivicLex and the Lexington Civic Assembly on public engagement efforts to elicit diverse and inclusive perspectives regarding same, and committing to receive and to consider recommendations from the Lexington Civic Assembly relating to the Urban County Government Charter upon a presentation made to the Council General Government and Planning Committee.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Participating Addendum/Cooperative Purchasing Master Agreement with Safariland LLC through NASPO ValuePoint, establishing a price contract for the purchase of body armor and ballistic resistant products, and further authorizing the Director of Procurement or his designee to execute any other necessary documents related to the price contract.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Release of Claims Agreement with Officer Pat Murray Jr., for care of retired Canine Echo.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, or the Chief Information Officer as the Mayor's designee, to execute a renewal Agreement with RecTrac LLC, d/b/a Vermont Systems, for RecTrac and WebTrac software for the Div. of Parks and Recreation, at a cost estimated not to exceed $30,000 in FY2026, and further authorizing the Mayor, or the Chief Information Officer as the Mayor's designee, to execute any other documents, including future renewals, necessary for continued implementation, operation, support, or maintenance of same, subject to annual increases in an amount not to exceed five percent (5%), contingent upon the appropriation of sufficient funds in future fiscal years.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Professional Services Agreement (awarded pursuant to RFP No. 38-2025) with Tetra Tech, Inc., for services related to the North Elkhorn PS WWS Tank NE-1, required by the Consent Decree, at a cost not to exceed $1,495,000, contingent upon the approval of a pending Budget Amendment.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a multi-year pay for Output Agreement with Lynn Imaging to lease a large format printer and related supplies for the Dept. of General Services, at a cost not to exceed $960 in FY26, with increases of up to ten percent (10%) annually thereafter.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 2 to the Consultant Services Agreement with GRW, for Professional Design Services for the Div. of Water Quality Headquarters and

Operations Building Project, increasing the Contract by the sum of $64,353, from $443,965 to $508,318.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, to execute the First Amendment to the Purchase of Service Agreement with the Lexington-Fayette Animal Care and Control, LLC., to add enforcement of Sections 4-13 and 4-13.1 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Revised Code of Ordinances, relating to the prohibiting of the sale of cats and dogs in certain areas, at no cost to the Urban County Government, effective upon passage of Council.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with the Hyatt Regency Lexington, for catering services for the Senior Intern Alumni Luncheon, at a cost not to exceed $8,000.

A Resolution approving and adopting substantial amendments to the 2019, 2020, and 2023 Annual Action Plans reallocating funding from existing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects, and decreasing funding for 2019 Community Development Block Grant Care Act Administration ($3,600.11), 2020 Community Development Block Grant Care Act Administration ($3,431.72), Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention ($7,031.83), Radio Eye ($8,910.47), Application Fees and Deposit Assistance ($88,763.27), and Meadows Northland Arlington Public Improvement ($57,790.26), and reallocating those funds to Arbor Youth ($155,464.00), 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 Agreements related to Council Capital Project Expenditure funds with Common Good Community Development Corporation ($2,000.00); the Living Arts and Science Center, Inc. ($1,000.00); Sayre Christian Village Nursing Home, Inc. ($3,483.65); LFUCG Div. of Parks and Recreation ($5,000.00); Keep Lexington Beautiful, Inc ($5,000.00); the Black Soil Charitable Fund, Inc. ($5,000.00); and LFUCG - Complete Streets ($50,000.00), for the Office of the Urban County Council, at a cost not to exceed the sum stated.

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Agreements related to Neighborhood Development Funds with William Wells Brown Neighborhood Association, Inc. ($750.00); Green Acres, Hollow Creek and Breckenridge Neighborhood Association, LLC ($750.00); Institute 193, Incorporated ($2,000.00); Studio Players, Inc. ($1,500.00); Meadowcreek Neighborhood Association, Inc. ($449.78); Western Pennsylvania Search And Rescue Development Center Bluegrass Div. Inc. ($1,500.00); EmpowerHER Academy of Lexington Incorporated ($1,000.00); Project Ricochet Incorporated ($1,000.00); Charleston Gardens Homeowners Association, Inc. ($2,650.00); LFUCG Div. of Parks and Recreation ($270.00); Little Red Blessing Food Box Co. ($1,150.00); Lexington Rescue Mission, Inc. ($1,450.00); Lexington Ballet Co., Inc. ($1,500.00); and Douglass Baseball Boosters Inc. ($750.00), for the Office of the Urban County Council, at a cost not to exceed the sum stated received first reading.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Morton, and seconded by Mr. Sevigny, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Boone, Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Wu, Beasley	------14
Nay:		-------0

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute the Consultant Services Agreement (awarded pursuant to RFP No. 42-2025) with WSP USA Inc. for the Winchester Road Corridor Study, for the Div. of Grants and Special Programs, at a cost not to exceed $350,000 received first reading.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Morton, and seconded by Mr. Sevigny, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Boone, Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Wu, Beasley	------14
Nay:		-------0

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A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Rozzi's Famous Fireworks to furnish and deliver a Fireworks display on July 4, 2026, or the postponement date of July 5, 2026, for a cost of $25,300 with an additional fee of ten percent (10%) if fired on the postponement date received first reading.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Morton, and seconded by Mr. Sevigny, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Boone, Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Wu, Beasley	------14
Nay:		-------0

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to accept a Grant award from Kentucky American Water of $500 from the 2025 Fire Fighting Support Grant for purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget received first reading.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Morton, and seconded by Mr. Sevigny, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Boone, Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Wu, Beasley	------14
Nay:		-------0

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit a Grant Application to the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant Application, and to accept this Grant if the application is approved, which Grant funds are in the amount of $100,000 in Federal funds under the Victim Assistance Formula Grant funded by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and further authorizing an expenditure of $57,644 as a voluntary local match for the purposes of continuing the Green Dot Program, subject to sufficient funds being appropriated in FY2027 received first reading.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Morton, and seconded by Mr. Sevigny, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Boone, Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Wu, Beasley	------14
Nay:		-------0

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Agreements related to Council Capital Project Expenditure Funds with African American Forum, Inc. ($6,419.94); the Southland Association, Inc. ($2,000.00); Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center Corporation ($3,500.00); Tates Creek Baseball Booster Club, Inc. ($3,499.95); and Community Inspired Lexington Inc. ($2,324.88), 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. Curtis, and approved by unanimous vote, the rules were suspended and the resolution received second reading.

Upon motion by Mr. Morton, and seconded by Mr. Sevigny, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Boone, Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Wu, Beasley	------14
Nay:		-------0

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The following resolutions received first reading and were ordered to be placed on file for public inspection until February 26, 2026:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with the Fayette County Board of Education for space to host Truck-A-Palooza, for the Dept. of Environmental Quality and Public Works, at a cost not to exceed $389.16.

A Resolution authorizing the Div. of Aging and Disability Services, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to purchase exercise equipment from Design2Wellness, a sole source provider, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute any necessary agreement with Design2Wellness related to the procurement, at a cost not to exceed $175,576.45.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with ESO Solutions, Inc., for Record Management Services at a cost not to exceed $42,451.50 with a total cost of $66,996.84.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Release of Claims Agreement with Officer Chaz Grider, for care of Retired Canine Cato.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with God’s Pantry Food Bank, for a partnership to distribute food.

A Resolution accepting the bid of Lagco, Inc., in the amount of $474,477, for the East Vine Street Retaining Wall, for the Dept. of Environmental Quality and Public Works, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an agreement with Lagco, Inc., related to the bid.

A Resolution accepting the bid of C & R Asphalt, LLC, in the amount of $135,900, for the Meadowbrook Park Parking Lot, for the Div. of Parks and Recreation, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an agreement with C & R Asphalt, LLC, related to the bid.

A Resolution ratifying the Permanent Classified Civil Service Appointments of: Devin Adams, Forestry Technician Assistant, Grade 510N, $18.425 hourly in the Div. of Streets and Roads, effective January 21, 2026, Samuel Wier, Police Sergeant, Grade 315N, $42.968 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective January 14, 2026, and Raymond Miller, Police Lieutenant, Grade 317E, $4,450.93 biweekly in the Div. of Police, effective January 14, 2026.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with A Caring Place, Inc., to expand the Village Model, including the pilot testing of neighborhood social hubs, at a cost not to exceed $50,000.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with Watershed Watch in Ky., Inc., to coordinate volunteers for water quality monitoring to fulfill the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Requirements, at a cost not to exceed $5,000.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an amended Flexible Spending Benefits Plan with Chard, Snyder & Associates, Inc., for the purpose of adopting a new limit increase from $5,000 to $7,500 for the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account, effective January 1, 2026.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an addendum to the Health Services Agreement with Marathon Health, LLC, for certain health care services offered at the Samuel Brown Health Center, extending the Agreement through December 31, 2026, at a cost not to exceed $1,069,068, effective January 1, 2026.

A Resolution authorizing payment in the amount of $32,000 to the Commonwealth of Ky., Ky. State Treasurer, and $32,000 to the United States Dept. of Justice, as stipulated penalties under the Consent Decree, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, to execute any necessary documents related to the payment.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Dr. Robert Gregory McMorrow as a volunteer physician for the Community Paramedicine Program at a cost not to exceed $9,998.

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Upon motion by Vice Mayor Wu, and seconded by Ms. Curtis, the Communications from the Mayor (Appointments) were approved by majority vote (Mr. Ellinger recused) and were as follows: (1) Recommending the appointment of Amy Beasley, Council seat, to the Affordable Housing Governing Board, with a non-expiring term; (2) Recommending the appointment of Joel Howell, Parks and Recreation Representative, replacing Chris Cooperider, to the Greenspace Trust, with a non-expiring term; (3) Recommending the appointment of Chuck Ellinger, Council seat, to the Lexington Center Corporation Board of Directors, with a non-expiring term; (4) Recommending the appointment of Basel Touchan, Multicultural Affairs Coordinator, to the Mayor’s International Affairs Advisory Commission, with a non-expiring term; (5) Recommending the appointment of Hil Boone, Council seat, replacing Liz Sheehan, to the Neighborhood Action Match Grant Program Review Board, with a term expiring December 31, 2026; (6) Recommending the reappointment of Monica Calleja to the Racial Justice and Equity Commission, with a term expiring February 1, 2030; (7) Recommending the reappointment of Jamison Barton, to the Raven Run Citizens Advisory Board, with a term expiring January 13, 2030; and, (8) Recommending the appointment of Adam Blevins to the Transit Authority Board, with a term expiring June 30, 2029.

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Upon motion by Ms. Curtis, and seconded by Mr. Hale, the Communications from the Mayor (Procurements) were approved by unanimous vote and were as follows: (1) Accepting and approving the following bids and establishing price contracts for the following Departments or Divisions as to the specifications and amount set forth in the terms of the respective bids: (a) Division of Water Quality - Electric Actuators - 76-2025 - Hydro Controls, Inc., (b) Division of Emergency Management - Maintenance and Repair of Outdoor Warning Sirens and AM Radio Signs - 9-2026 – Amteck, (c) Division of Facilities Management - CRAC Units PM & Repairs - 141-2025 - DeBra-Kuempel, Inc., (d) Division of Fleet Services - Auto Light Duty

Truck Repair - 137-2025 - AAMCO Transmissions & Total Car Care and Paul Miller Ford, (e) Division of Fleet Services - BMW Motorcycles - 139-2025 - BMW Motorcycles of Greater Cincinnati; and, (2) Accepting and approving the following vendors as sole source providers: (a) Division of Water Quality - CUES - Sewer inspection CCTV camera parts, repairs and service.

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The following Communications from the Mayor were received for information only: (1) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Hildo Gomes, Customer Service Specialist, Grade 511N, $19.447 hourly in the Div. of LexCall, effective February 23, 2026; (2) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Willis Barnett, Production Maintenance Technician, Grade 517N, $23.514 hourly in the Div. of Water Quality, effective February 9, 2026; (3) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Matthew Moore, Production Maintenance Technician, Grade 517N, $24.311 hourly in the Div. of Water Quality, effective February 9, 2026; (4) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Gary Demus, Treatment Plant Operator, Grade 518N, $25.324 hourly in the Div. of Water Quality, effective February 9, 2026; (5) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Rodricuse Jackson, Pavement Marking Technician, Grade 512N, $21.779 hourly in the Div. of Streets and Roads, effective February 2, 2026; (6) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Heather Puckett, Telecommunicator Sr., Grade 519N, $28.090 hourly in the Div. Enhanced 911, effective February 2, 2026; (7) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Phillina Wingate, E-911 Manager, Grade 527E, $3,490.16 biweekly in the Div. of Enhanced 911, effective February 23, 2026; (8) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Daniel Stamper, Safety/Loss Control Specialist, Grade 520E, $2,514.48 biweekly in the Div. of Human Resources, effective February 23, 2026; (9) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Austin Williams, Breathing Apparatus Manager, Grade 516N, $25.000 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective February 9, 2026; (10) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of William Reece, Electronic Technician, Grade 517N, $26.003 hourly in the Div. of Police, effective February 9, 2026; (11) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Kwame Oppong-Koduah, Data Engineer, Grade 524E $2,815.36 biweekly in the Div. of Police, effective February 9, 2026; (12) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Evan Kyle, Vehicle & Equipment Technician, Grade 517N, $24.097 hourly in the Div. of Facilities and Fleet Management, effective March 2, 2026; (13) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Xavier Whiting, Vehicle & Equipment Technician, Grade 517N, $24.428 hourly in the Div. of Facilities and Fleet Management, effective February 9, 2026; (14) Sworn Appointment of Justin Waters, Corrections Lieutenant, Grade 114E, $3,305.19 biweekly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective February 9, 2026; (15) Sworn Appointment of Samantha Murray-Collier, Corrections Captain, Grade 115E, $3,742.00 biweekly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective February 1, 2026; (16) Sworn Appointment of Arthur Allen, Corrections Sergeant, Grade 112N, $34.193 hourly in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective February 9, 2026; (17) Classified Temporary Appointment of Anthony Roberts, SLM Supervisor, Grade 518N, $26.461 hourly in the Div. of Water Quality, effective January 20, 2026; (18) Resignation of Tanya Collins, Staff Assistant, Sr., in the Div. of Aging & Disability, effective January 1, 2026; (19) Resignation of Conner Steele, Arborist Technician, in the Div. Environmental Services, effective January 1, 2026; (20) Resignation of John McFaull, Police Officer, in the Div. of Police, effective January 2, 2026; (21) Resignation of Brenton Walters, Safety Officer, in the Div. of Police, effective January 2, 2026; (22) Resignation of James Hall, SLM Field Technician, in the Div. of Water Quality, January 5, 2026; (23) Resignation of Samuel Sheehan, Police Officer, in the Div. of Police, effective January 8, 2026; (24) Resignation of Samuel Harney, Treatment Plant Operatory, in the Div. of Water Quality, effective January 10, 2026; (25) Resignation of Austin Adams, Corrections Officer, in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective January 13, 2026; (26) Resignation of Jaala Stone, Administrative Specialist, Sr., in the Dept. of Law, effective January 16, 2026; (27) Resignation of Austin Curran, Treatment Plant Operator, in the Div. of Water Quality, effective January 16, 2026; and, (28) Resignation of Douglas Perreault, Corrections Officer, in the Div. of Community Corrections, effective January 22, 2026.

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Chief Jason Wells, Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, presented a disciplinary action regarding Lt. Franklin Ashford- 57158. An allegation has been made that Lt. Franklin Ashford has committed the offense of Absent without approved leave in violation of KRS 95.450 (inefficiency, misconduct, insubordination or violation of law or rule) and UDG 1.11 Tardy, Late, and AWOL in that on the 8th day(s) of January, 2026, he/she allegedly failed to report on time for a scheduled shift.

The appropriate punishment for this conduct is written reprimand.

Upon motion by Mr. Morton, seconded by Ms. Curtis and approved by unanimous vote, the disciplinary recommendation was approved.

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Chief Lawrence Weathers, Div. of Police, presented a disciplinary matter regarding Officer Christopher Jackson- 59561. An allegation has been made that Officer Jackson has committed the offense of Unsatisfactory Performance which constitutes misconduct under the provisions of KRS 95.450 and/or KRS 15.520 and General Order 1973-02L, Disciplinary Procedures, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.11 Unsatisfactory Performance in that during 2025, he/she allegedly:

(1) Officer Jackson has had numerous issues that seem to originate from his lack of knowledge and proficiency concerning rules and regulations from department policy. Officer Jackson's knowledge of General Orders, Special Orders, Executive Orders, and Kentucky Revised Statutes are not at the level expected for officers employed by the Lexington Police Department. The appropriate punishment for this conduct is Written reprimand and retraining.

Upon motion by Vice Mayor Wu, seconded by Ms. Reynolds and approved by unanimous vote, the disciplinary recommendation was approved.

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Chief Lawrence Weathers, Div. of Police, presented a disciplinary matter regarding Officer Caleb Croney- 56142. An allegation has been made that Officer Croney has committed the offense of Unsatisfactory Performance which constitutes misconduct under the provisions of KRS 95.450 and/or KRS 15.520 and General Order 1973-02L, Disciplinary Procedures, Appendix B, Operational Rule 1.11 in that during 2025, he/she allegedly:

(1) Officer Caleb Croney- 56142 has had numerous issues over the past 8 months that show his inability to communicate in a professional manner with citizens

he encounters while on duty, and in an off-duty capacity. He has shown the inability to de-escalate the situations and speak to them in a manner that is expected from his position and according to the policies of the Lexington Police Department.

This is Officer Croney's second Formal Complaint. The appropriate punishment for this conduct is one (1) day suspension without pay.

Upon motion by Ms. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Elliott Baxter and approved by unanimous vote, the disciplinary recommendation was approved.

Mr. Morton asked about retraining. Chief Weathers responded.

Mr. Brown asked about the number of incidents and the origin of the complaint. Chief Weathers responded, noting that body-worn cameras are routinely monitored and reviewed by supervisors.

Ms. Elliott Baxter thanked the Chief for holding the department to high standards.

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Mr. Brown recognized Budget Analyst Kelley Farley, Council Administration Office, for her outstanding work in organizing and supporting the recent Council budget retreat. He also commended the Mayor and her team for their continued collaboration and diligence as they work to finalize the upcoming fiscal year budget.

In closing, Mr. Brown paid tribute to several community members whose recent passing leaves a lasting impact: Dr. Thomas Shelton, former Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent; Tatum Dale, former District Director, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Campaign Manager for U.S. Congressman Andy Barr; and Gloria Tompkins, a steadfast pillar of the Jimtown community.

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Mr. Hale shared details of the upcoming District-wide meeting which will be held on February 23, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Edythe J. Hayes School. He also recognized the Scout Troop in attendance.

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Ms. Reynolds thanked the safety officers for keeping the roads of Lexington safe and commended them for assisting a motorist this afternoon.

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Ms. Beasley shared details of a recent Mayoral Proclamation presented to Scout Troop 103, recognizing the group for its service and commitment to the community. She also highlighted the success of the recent Lexington Polar Bear Plunge, held on February 7, 2026, at Texas Roadhouse, noting strong participation and community support.

She concluded by reminding everyone that the ongoing "From City Hall to Centre Parkway" initiative is now underway. Meetings will continue every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1165 Centre Parkway.

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Mr. Morton shared reflections from his recent visit to Bluegrass Community and Technical College, where he had the opportunity to engage with students and staff and witness firsthand the impact of the institution's work in the community.

He also attended the "Divine 9 Black History Stepshow" at the Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center, hosted in partnership with local Black Greek-letter organizations, celebrating culture, history, and unity.

Mr. Morton concluded by reminding everyone that February is American Heart Month. In recognition of the month, Baptist Health Hamburg will host a community-wide heart health screening event on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mr. Morton also moved to place a Cardiac Crusade item into the Social Services & Public Safety (SSPS) Committee. Ms. Reynolds seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Mr. Eblen recognized the Scout Troop for attending and expressed his appreciation to his colleagues and staff for the warm welcome as he begins his newly appointed role.

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Upon motion by Ms. Elliott Baxter, seconded by Ms. Curtis, and approved by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Clerk of the Urban County Council