Lexington- Fayette Urban County Government Council Meeting

Lexington, Kentucky February 26, 2026

The Council of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky convened in regular session on February 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Gorton in the chair presiding, and the following members of the Council: Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, and Boone.

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

Ordinances No. 012-2025 through 015-2025, inclusive, and Resolutions No. 024-2025 through 041-2025, inclusive, were reported as having been signed and published and ordered to record.

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The Invocation was given by Rev. Dr. Mike Ward, Pastor Emeritus at Walnut Hill Church.

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Upon motion by Mr. Ellinger, seconded by Ms. Curtis, and approved by unanimous vote, the Minutes of the February 12, 2026 Council Meeting were approved.

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Mayor Gorton asked James Weathers, Deacon at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, to join her at the podium, along with Councilmember Brown, and read a Proclamation declaring February 26, 2026 Black Church Coalition of the Bluegrass Day in Lexington.

The Mayor noted that Deacon Weathers has been interim chair of the Black Church Coalition, which was founded in 1983 by 4 churches in the community to help families overwhelmed by housing insecurity.

Deacon Weathers thanked the Mayor and the Council for their recognition.

Councilmember Brown commended the Black Church Coalition for the work performed throughout the community. He also thanked the Div. of Resident Services for initiating the proclamation.

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The following ordinance received second reading. Upon motion by Mr. Sevigny, and seconded by Ms. Curtis, the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, Boone	------15
Nay:		-------0

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.

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The following ordinances received first reading and were ordered to be placed on file for public inspection until March 12, 2026:

An Ordinance creating Section 9-2.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, relating to fire prevention, to adopt and incorporate certain provisions of the 2024 International Fire Code establishing required standards for carbon monoxide detection, including the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in existing buildings, effective one hundred and eighty (180) days following passage of Council.

An Ordinance amending Section 12-1(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, relating to the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code, to adopt and incorporate additional provisions establishing required standards for carbon monoxide detection, including the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in existing single- and multi-family dwellings, which shall be effective one hundred and eighty (180) days following passage of Council.

An Ordinance changing the zone from a Single Family Residential (R-1B) zone to a Mixed Low Density Residential (R-2) zone, for 3.267 net (3.488 gross) acres for property located at 2914 Clays Mill Rd. (Dailey Homes, LLC; Council District 10).

An Ordinance changing the zone from a Single Family Residential (R-1E) zone and Planned Neighborhood Residential (R-3) zone to a Neighborhood Business (B-1) zone, for 0.51 net (0.61 gross) acres for property located at 118 Montmullin St., 121 & 123 Prall St., and a portion of 545-549 and 553 South Limestone St. (Subtext Acquisitions, LLC; Council District 3).

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. 24.

An Ordinance amending Section 2-87(a) of the Code of Ordinances related to the Masterson Station Park Advisory Board to amend the membership as follows: removing "Bracktown Neighborhood Association" and "Lexington Youth Soccer Association," and adding "Bracktown Neighborhood," and "a designated representative of an entity that provides programming at the Masterson Station Park East Side Soccer Complex," and further amending Section 2-87(d) of the Code of Ordinances, to allow members of the board to serve an indefinite number of terms, effective following passage of Council.

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The following resolutions received second reading. Upon motion by Ms. Reynolds, and seconded by Ms. Higgins-Hord, the resolutions were approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, Boone	------15
Nay:		-------0

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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A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order #3 to Contract 147-2025 with Gresham Smith for an increase in the original design scope of work at Kelley's Landing, in the increased amount of $7,626.72 for the new Contract total of $79,476.72 received first reading.

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

Upon motion by Vice Mayor Wu, and seconded by Ms. Curtis, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, Boone	------15
Nay:		-------0

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A Resolution accepting the bid of K Hayes Limited, in the amount of $72,836.71, for the moveable partition wall replacement, for the Div. of Facilities and Fleet Management received first reading.

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

Upon motion by Vice Mayor Wu, and seconded by Ms. Curtis, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, Boone	------15
Nay:		-------0

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A Resolution accepting the bid of L-M Asphalt Partners, Ltd. d/b/a ATS Construction, in the amount of $658,867 for the Meadows Northland Arlington Street Stabilization Project, 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 L-M Asphalt Partners, Ltd. d/b/a ATS Construction, related to the bid received first reading.

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

Upon motion by Vice Mayor Wu, and seconded by Ms. Curtis, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, Boone	------15
Nay:		-------0

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A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 3 to the Agreement with Champlin/Haupt Architects Inc. dba EOP Architects, for professional services for the new Senior and Therapeutic Center, increasing the amount by $92,000, raising the total Contract amount from $993,750 to $1,085,750 received first reading.

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

Upon motion by Vice Mayor Wu, and seconded by Ms. Curtis, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, Boone	------15
Nay:		-------0

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A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or her designee, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute Change Order No. 2 to the Agreement with Terracon, for Special Inspections associated with the new Senior and Therapeutic Center construction, increasing the Contract price by the sum of $13,870, from $50,305 to $64,175 received first reading.

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

Upon motion by Vice Mayor Wu, and seconded by Ms. Curtis, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

Aye:	Brown, Curtis, Eblen, Ellinger, Elliott Baxter, Hale, Higgins-Hord, Lynch, Morton, Reynolds, Sevigny, Sheehan, Wu, Beasley, Boone	------15
Nay:		-------0

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The following resolutions received first reading and were ordered to be placed on file for public inspection until March 12, 2026:

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 Wiseguys Urban Uplift Foundation LLC ($13,072); the Lexington History Museum, Inc. ($1,500); and Levee Collective Incorporated ($8,000), for the Office of the Urban County Council, at a cost not to exceed the sum stated.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a One-Year Agreement with Cumulus Radio Lexington, Ky, to provide rounds of golf at golf courses owned by the Urban County Government at no charge in exchange for radio advertising for the golf courses, from the date of execution through October 31, 2026.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute the necessary documents with Wastequip Manufacturing Co. LLC., for dumpster units at a cost not to exceed $33,845.66.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Project Services Agreement with EverestLabs, to participate in a national study on aluminum container capture rates, for the Div. of Waste Management, at no cost to the government.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with Atlantic Emergency Solutions Inc., for a Custom Pierce Enforcer Heavy Duty Rescue Pumper at a cost not to exceed $1,960,731.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Amendment to an Agreement with Arbor Youth Services, Inc., in order to adjust the Budget, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute any other amendments with Arbor Youth Services, Inc., related to that Agreement.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute and submit a Grant Application to the Ky. Dept. for Environmental Protection - Div. of Waste Management, to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant Application, and to accept this Grant if awarded, which Grant funds are in the amount of $110,000 support of a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for Fayette County, the acceptance of which obligates the Urban County Government to the expenditure of $27,500 as a local match, and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government accepting the Supplemental Grant of $990,202 for the East Hickman Pump Station Expansion and Rehabilitation Project, the acceptance of which does not obligate the Urban County Government to the expenditure of funds, approving the Supplemental Grant Assistance Agreement, authorizing the amendment of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government’s annual budget, and authorizing a representative to sign all related documents.

A Resolution ratifying the Permanent Classified Civil Service Appointments of: Abigail Herald, Telecommunicator Sr., Grade 519N, $28.180 hourly in the Div. of Enhanced 911, effective February 11, 2026, Kandice Mills, Administrative Specialist Principal, Grade 520N, $30.168 hourly in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, effective February 11, 2026, Katrice Smoot, Custodial Supervisor, Grade 517N, $25.536 hourly in the Div. of Facilities and Fleet Management, effective February 25, 2026.

A Resolution authorizing the Comm. of Environmental Quality and Public Works, as Mayor's designee, to execute any and all future Agreements with homeowners associations and neighborhood associations to grant permission for volunteer snow and ice removal services on LFUCG streets in specified residential areas, in exchange for a waiver and release relating thereto, at no cost to the Urban County Government.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, or her designee on behalf of the Urban County Government and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Public Facilities Corporation, to execute a Ground Lease Agreement (awarded pursuant to RFP #35-2025 Haley Pike Solar Lease) and any additional necessary documents related thereto, except the Community Benefit Agreement referenced therein which shall require separate approval by the Urban County Council prior to execution, with Social Impact Solar LLC, leasing approximately 357 acres of the Haley Pike Landfill for the development, construction, and operation of a Solar Photovoltaic Project, in consideration of anticipated revenue in the amount of $30,345 as a base lease payment in the first year.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement with iconectiv, LLC., for a database at a cost not to exceed $6,000.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Field Placement Education Agreement with Eastern Ky. University, for placement of student interns with the Div. of Parks and Recreation, at no cost to the Urban County Government.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Taylor Martin, to serve as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner at a cost not to exceed $96,667.

A Resolution authorizing the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services to purchase cardiac monitors from ZOLL, a sole source provider, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute any necessary Agreement with ZOLL, related to the procurement at a cost not to exceed $73,500.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute an Agreement awarding a Class B (Infrastructure) Incentive Grant to the Sanctuary Lexington LLC., for a Stormwater Quality Project, at a cost not to exceed $211,155.49.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a First Amendment to an Agreement with Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Inc., extending the period of performance through April 30, 2026, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute any other necessary amendments or Agreements related to the use of these funds.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government to accept Grant funds in the amount of $6,745 from the National Association of Police Athletic/Activities League Inc., for the Div. of Police PAL program, no match is required and authorizing the Mayor to transfer unencumbered funds within the Grant Budget.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, or the Chief Information Officer as the Mayor's designee, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute the necessary documents for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to enter into a Limited Engagement Contract and Statement of Work with Dalaero, Inc., the UKG vendor partner supporting legacy Kronos timekeeping environment support services, at a cost estimated not to exceed $6,000 in FY2026, and further authorizing the Mayor, or the Chief Information Officer as the Mayor's designee, to execute any future documents necessary for the operation, support, or maintenance of the same, with any additional costs subject to the appropriation of sufficient funds.

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor, on behalf of the Urban County Government, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, for victims' services.

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Upon motion by Vice Mayor Wu, and seconded by Ms. Curtis, the Communications from the Mayor (Appointments) were approved by unanimous vote and were as follows: (1) Recommending the appointment of Mahtaab Bagherzadeh, At large, filling an unexpired term, and the seat changes of Christina Espinoza, UK Representative, and Anna Higgins, Rehabilitation Professional Representative, to the Access Lexington Commission with terms expiring January 1, 2027, January 1, 2027 and January 1, 2029, respectively; (2) Recommending the reappointment of Anita Dawson to the Civil Service Commission with a term expiring April 1, 2030; (3) Recommending the appointment of Councilmember Tom Eblen, 3rd District Council Seat, to the Downtown Lexington Management Board of Directors with no term expiration; (4) Recommending the reappointment of Councilmember David Sevigny, Council Seat, to the Economic Development Investment Board with a term expiring March 1, 2030; (5) Recommending the appointment of Gregory Butler, filling the unexpired term of Catherine Moran, to the Senior Services Commission with a term expiring September 1, 2028; and, (6) Recommending the appointment of Wesley Whistle, filling the unexpired term of Koffi Akakpo, to the Transit Authority Board with a term expiring June 30, 2026.

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Upon motion by Ms. Sheehan, and seconded by Ms. Curtis, 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 Depts. or Divs. as to the specifications and amount set forth in the terms of the respective bids: (a) Div. of Traffic Engineering - Inductive Loop Vehicle Detection - 2-2026 - Davis H. Elliot Construction Company, Inc.

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The following Communications from the Mayor were received for information only: (1) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of J'La Herring, Customer Service, Specialist, Grade 511N, $19.258 hourly in the Div. of LexCall, effective March 9, 2026; (2) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Matthew Hughes, Engineering Technician, Grade 515N, $24.520 hourly in the Div. of Engineering, effective February 23, 2026; (3) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Drane Harris, Refuse & Recycling Worker, Grade 508N, $16.620 hourly in the Div. of Waste Management, effective February 23, 2026; (4) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Candice Griffin, Refuse & Recycling Worker, Grade 508N, $16.537 hourly in the Div. of Waste Management, effective February 23, 2026; (5) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Amari Faulkner, Service Dispatcher, Grade 516N, $24.000 hourly in the Div. of Waste Management, effective February 23, 2026; (6) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Reginald Caise, Refuse and Recycling Collector Supervisor. Grade 520N, $30.546 hourly in the Div. of Waste Management, effective February 23, 2026; (7) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Charnetta Moberly, Refuse and Recycling Collector Supervisor. Grade 520N, $27.354 hourly in the Div. of Waste Management, effective February 23, 2026; (8) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Jesse Hesley, Arborist Technician, Grade 516N, $27.783 hourly in the Div. of Environmental Services, effective March 16, 2026; (9) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Robert Keller, Vehicle & Equipment Tech. Principal, Grade 521N, $32.474 hourly in the Div. of Facilities and Fleet, effective February 9, 2026; (10) Probationary Classified Civil Service Appointment of Joshua Wu, Park Maintenance Worker Sr., Grade 510N, $18.700 hourly in the Div. of Parks and Recreation, effective February 16, 2026; and, (11) Unclassified Civil Service Appointment to the Officer of the Mayor of Brandis Beaumont, Administrative Specialist, Grade 516N, $25.000 hourly in the Office of the Mayor, effective February 2, 2026.

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Vice Mayor Wu shared that the second wave of medical debt forgiveness was underway and unveiled a short informational video for the public announcement. He thanked the production team of LexTV for their work producing the video, and his colleagues for bringing debt relief to those in the Lexington community.

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Mr. Hale thanked those constituents who attended a successful district-wide meeting recently.

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Ms. Lynch announced that on Saturday, February 28, 2026, the Black and Williams Community Center would host a Black History event, on March 5, 2026, the STEAM Academy would host a Dist. 2 meeting, and on March 7, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30

p.m., the Black and Williams Community Center would host the annual Women Health Summit. Ms. Lynch also thanked her interns, Brandon Hughes and Kayla Threets.

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Mr. Morton commended the students at Lexington Middle School for their recent civic engagement and participation in a peaceful protest. He also shared details of his recent participation in the annual "Lift Every Voice" event at Consolidated Baptist Church.

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Ms. Beasley thanked her colleagues for their participation in the recent Lex Count event, which aims to gather an accurate count of the unhoused community in Lexington. She also thanked Dir. Danielle Sanders, Div. of Community and Resident Services, and Comm. Charlie Lanter, Dept. of Housing Advocacy and Community Development, for holding a recent tenant/ landlord workshop for the community.

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Ms. Sheehan shared that there would be a Board of Adjustment "meet and greet" for the residents in the Duke Rd. area on March 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at 319 Duke Rd.

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Gary Jones, Dist. 11, spoke about low frequency vibrations occurring at his home that could potentially be due to commercial or industrial causes.

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Upon motion by Ms. Curtis, seconded by Ms. Beasley, and approved by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Clerk of the Urban County Council