

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

*200 E. Main St
Lexington, KY 40507*



Tuesday, May 5, 2026

3:00 PM

Packet

Council Chamber

Urban County Council Work Session

**Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
Schedule of Meetings
May 4-11, 2026**

Monday, May 4

Environmental Quality and Public Works (EQPW) FY27 Budget Link.....10:00 a.m.
Government Center – Caucus Room, 2nd Fl.

Tuesday, May 5

Finance, Economic Development and Planning (FEDP) FY27 Budget Link.....10: 00 a.m.
Government Center – Caucus Room, 2nd Fl.

Social Services and Public Safety (SSPS) 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, May 6

General Government and Services (GGS) FY27 Budget Link.....10:00 a.m.
Government Center – Caucus Room, 2nd Fl.

Thursday, May 7

No Meetings

Friday, May 8

No Meetings

Monday, May 11

No Meetings

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
Work Session Agenda
May 5, 2026

- I. Public Comment - Issues on Agenda**
- II. Requested Rezoning/ Docket Approval - No**
- III. Approval of Summary - Yes**
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- V. Budget Adjustments - For Information Only - No**
- VI. New Business – Yes, p. 4-5**
- 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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 - c. Proclamation: Building Safety Month, p. n/a**
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Administrative Synopsis - New Business Items

- a** **0341-26** Authorization to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with United Way of the Bluegrass, INC. for the operation of the Rides United program, a pilot project to provide transportation services within Lexington-Fayette County, at a cost of \$375,000. Funds are budgeted. This project was approved as a Council fund balance project in December 2025. (L0341-25) (Angelucci/Hamilton), p. 4

- b** **0347-26** Authorization to execute a Utility Access Agreement with Metro Fibernet, LLC for the installation and maintenance of broadband infrastructure for the Legacy Business Park project at no cost for a three-year term, continuing beyond the initial term until either party provides a written notice of termination, and to authorize the execution of other required documents related to utility installation for Legacy Business Park that do not have associated costs. (L0347-26) (Bencz/Atkins), p. 5

**URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
TABLE OF MOTIONS
April 28, 2026**

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

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

Motion by Ellinger to approve the April 30, 2026 Council Meeting Docket. Seconded by Sevigny. Motion passed without dissent (as amended).

Motion by Hale to place on the April 30 Council Meeting Docket, an Ordinance changing the zone from an Agricultural Urban (A U) zone to a medium-density residential (R 4) zone, for 38.998 net (39.148 gross) acres, for property located at 3515 Richmond Rd., without a public hearing. Seconded by Wu, the motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Boone to place on the April 30 Council Meeting Docket, an Ordinance changing the zones from an Expansion Area Residential-1 (EAR-1) zone and Agricultural Rural (A-R) zone to an Expansion Area Residential-2 (EAR-2) zone and Medium Density Residential (R-4) zone, for 2.33 net (2.77 gross) acres, for property located at 4184 Todds Rd., without a public hearing. Seconded by Wu, the motion passed without dissent.

- III. Approval of Summary

Motion by Reynolds to approve the April 21, 2026 Table of Motions. Seconded by Sevigny. Motion passed without dissent.

- IV. Budget Amendments

Motion by Wu to approve Budget Amendments. Seconded by Sheehan. Motion passed without dissent (as amended).

Motion by Brown to amend to allocate \$2 million to establish a quasi-endowment fund (for the Opioid Abatement Funds) within LFUCG. Seconded by Morton, the motion passed without dissent.

Brown placed the proposed ordinance, as shared by the administration, in the Budget Finance and Economic Development (BFED) Committee for further review and amendments.

- V. Budget Adjustments – For Information Only

VI. New Business

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

VII. Communications from the Mayor- Appointments

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

VIII. Communications from the Mayor- Donations

Motion by Sevigny to approve Communications from the Mayor- Donations. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion passed without dissent.

IX. Communications from the Mayor- Procurements

Motion by Sheehan to approve Communications from the Mayor- Procurements. Seconded by Sevigny. Motion passed without dissent.

X. Continuing Business/Presentations

Motion by Baxter to approve Neighborhood Development Funds, April 28, 2026. Seconded by Sevigny. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Curtis to move the Lexington Parking Authority Proposed FY27 Budget presentation after Council Capital Projects. Seconded by Morton. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Wu to approve Council Capital Projects, April 28, 2026. Seconded by Ellinger. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Eblen to approve the proposed FY 2027 budget of the Lexington and Fayette County Parking Authority. Seconded by Baxter. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Eblen to place on the Docket for the April 30, 2026, Council meeting a Resolution approving the proposed FY 2027 budget of the Lexington and Fayette County Parking Authority, as well as the proposed fee or rate increases presented today, pursuant to KRS 67A.921. Seconded by Hale. Motion passed without dissent.

Councilmember Sheehan provided a summary of the March 10, 2026 General Government and Planning (GGP) Committee meeting.

Motion by Sheehan to place on the Council Meeting docket for April 30, 2026, a resolution for first reading to send this proposed language to the Planning Commission for their review and a public hearing by initiating a Solar Energy Systems zoning ordinance text amendment. Seconded by Lynch, the motion passed with a 11 - 4 vote (yes: Wu, Brown, Morton, Lynch, Curtis, Sheehan, Higgins-Hord, Hale, Baxter, Sevigny; no: Ellinger, Eblen, Reynolds, Boone).

Motion by Boone to authorize and direct the Division of Water Quality to proceed with negotiations for easements and take other preliminary related steps towards implementing the proposed Mint Lane Pump Station sewer project at its existing location adjacent to Dunbar High School. Seconded by Brown. Motion passed 10-5 (yes: Brown, Ellinger, Morton, Eblen, Curtis, Higgins-Hord, Hale, Baxter, Reynolds, and Boone; no: Wu, Lynch, Sheehan, Beasley, and Sevigny).

- XI. Council Reports
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- XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Baxter to adjourn the meeting at 6:56. Seconded by Ellinger. Motion passed without dissent.

MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

SALLY HAMILTON
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

TO: Linda Gorton, Mayor
Urban County Council

FROM: Hilary Angelucci
Senior Special Projects Administrator

DATE: April 28, 2026

SUBJECT: United Way, Rides United Pilot Transit program

Request: Authorization to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with United Way of the Bluegrass, INC. for the operation of the Rides United program, a pilot project to provide transportation services within Lexington-Fayette County, at a cost of \$375,000. This project was approved as a Council fund balance project in December 2025.

Transportation services will be provided by the United Way of the Bluegrass in partnership with Lyft under three categories of needs: essential and subsistence, maintenance and personal business, and social and quality of life needs. Project funding uses a per-ride blended rate model, consisting of up to \$23 per ride for the transportation services and \$7 per ride for administrative costs. The pilot project is projected to provide approximately 12,500 rides. The funding will be disbursed in two (2) phases; \$125,000 allocated for Phase 1 and \$250,000 allocated for Phase 2, allowing for adjustments to the program in Phase 2 if necessary.

The term of the MOU is through June 30, 2028, or until all funding for Rides United has been exhausted and all reporting obligations are complete. This agreement may be terminated for any reason whatsoever by providing 30 days advance written notice.

The cost for FY 2026 is \$375,000. Funds are budgeted.

Account number: 1101-900359-0001-71101

File Number: 0341-26

Director/Commissioner: Angelucci/Hamilton



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

KEVIN ATKINS
CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: Craig Bencz
Administrative Officer Sr.

CC: Kevin Atkins
Chief Development Officer

DATE: April 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Legacy Business Park – Utility Access Agreement, Metro Fibernet, LLC

Request

Request Council authorization to execute a Utility Access Agreement with Metro Fibernet, LLC for the installation and maintenance of broadband infrastructure for the Legacy Business Park project at no cost, and to authorize the execution of other required documents related to utility installation for Legacy Business Park that do not have associated costs.

Reason for Request

Metro Fibernet, LLC requires the execution of a Utility Access Agreement with LFUCG to proceed with the installation of broadband infrastructure for the Legacy Business Park project. The Agreement provides for the installation, operation, and maintenance of broadband infrastructure on the site for a three-year term, continuing beyond the initial term until either party provides a written notice of termination. The resolution also authorizes execution of similar agreements with utility providers for installation of utilities at Legacy Business Park that do not have associated costs. Broadband infrastructure installation is planned for calendar year 2026 concurrent with the ongoing construction of the Legacy Business Park project.

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?

N/A

File Number: 0347-26

Director/Commissioner: Bencz/Atkins



**Council Capital Projects
May 5, 2026
Work Session**

Amount	Recipient	Purpose
\$ 5,500.00	United Way of the Bluegrass Jason Russo 1105-121001-0001-71102	To go towards the purchase of a cargo van to better serve the community and increase access to services
\$ 12,564.00	Sayre Christian Village Nursing Home Elise Hinchman 1105-121001-0001-71102	For new dining chairs for the short-term rehab and memory care units
\$ 10,000.00	The Voyage Movement Doyle Lee 1105-121001-0001-71102	For the purchase of lawn care equipment for the Youth Workforce Development Program
\$ 30,000.00	LFUCG - Traffic Engineering Roger Mulvaney 1105-303602-3606-91616	For traffic improvements including curb ramps, a concrete median island, pavement markings, and new signs on Redding Road



Social Services and Public Safety Committee

April 14, 2026

Summary and Motions

Chair Jennifer Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Vice Mayor Dan Wu and Committee Members Chuck Ellinger, Tyler Morton, Shayla Lynch, Tom Eblen, Lisa Higgins-Hord, Joseph Hale, Amy Beasley, and Whitney Elliott Baxter were in attendance as voting members. Council Members James Brown, Emma Curtis, Dave Sevigny, and Hil Boone were present as non-voting members.

I. APPROVAL OF MARCH 17, 2026 COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Motion by Ellinger for approval of the March 17, 2026 Committee Meeting Summary. Seconded by Hale. Motion passed without dissent.

II. AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS UPDATE

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Affordable Housing Fund is the community's primary tool for producing and preserving affordable housing for households earning at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). The fund leverages local dollars with federal, state, and private financing to reduce development costs, enabling lower rents and more affordable homeownership opportunities.

Since Fiscal Year 2015, the Fund has committed approximately \$59 million to support 3,826 housing units, while leveraging over \$474 million in outside investment—a significant return on local funding. On average, LFUCG investment equates to approximately \$15,474 per unit, demonstrating strong financial leverage. A substantial portion of resources has been directed toward deeper affordability, with 84.2% of funded units serving households at or below 60% AMI.

Recent developments include senior housing, supportive housing, and mixed-income projects across Lexington, reflecting a diversified approach to meeting housing demand. To maintain long-term affordability amid rising rents, the Affordable Housing Board has adopted policies that ensure funded units remain affordable to households at or below 60% AMI, even as market pressures increase. Despite strong performance, the program faces ongoing challenges, including rising interest rates, escalating construction and property management costs, and limited availability of affordable land.

Looking ahead, Fiscal Year 2027 priorities include expanding permanent supportive housing, increasing units for households at or below 30% AMI, and advancing targeted developments such as the Transylvania project. The Fund will also continue aligning investments with identified community housing needs. Overall, the Affordable Housing Fund represents a high-impact, leveraged investment strategy that delivers measurable housing outcomes, supports vulnerable populations, and remains central to Lexington's broader efforts to address housing affordability and supply.

III. LEXINGTON MOBILE MARKET

Ciara Coleman, Opportunity Officer in the Mayor's Office, provided an update on the Lexington Mobile Market. The market is a public-private partnership advancing health equity by delivering affordable groceries directly to underserved neighborhoods with limited food access and transportation barriers. The program was developed in response to the 2020 Commission for Racial Justice & Equality, which identified improved food access as a priority recommendation.

Launched through a phased process (2020–2022) and now fully operational, the model leverages coordinated roles across LFUCG (ownership and oversight), God’s Pantry Food Bank (operations and logistics), and Kroger (inventory and sales systems). Service is targeted using data-driven site selection, with a concentration in high-need areas such as Districts 1, 2, and 11, and a focus on low-income households and seniors with mobility challenges.

The program has demonstrated strong and growing utilization. In 2025, the Mobile Market generated 9,259 transactions and \$163,542 in sales, up from 2024, with EBT usage increasing to over 35%, indicating a deeper reach into low-income populations. Average sales per stop have nearly doubled, reflecting improved efficiency and demand. High-performing locations are concentrated in senior- and dense-residential communities.

Primary opportunities moving forward include expanding performance metrics (customer demographics and outcomes), assessing service coverage gaps, and evaluating scalability through additional routes or capacity. The Lexington Mobile Market is emerging as a replicable regional model, with interest from nearby communities. Continued refinement and targeted investment could further strengthen its role as a core component of Lexington’s health equity and food access strategy.

IV. DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION COALITION

Stephanie Theakston, Program Coordinator, explained that the Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition (DSVPC) serves as Lexington’s coordinated community response to domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking. The Coalition brings together a broad network of stakeholders, including law enforcement, courts, schools, healthcare providers, nonprofit service agencies, and LFUCG divisions, to ensure a comprehensive, victim-centered approach to prevention, intervention, and system coordination. The Coalition’s mission is to foster a culture of safety and empowerment through advocacy, education, collaboration, and service alignment. Its core work focuses on improving system responsiveness to survivors, promoting best practices across agencies, and strengthening public understanding of interpersonal violence and available resources.

In the past year, DSVPC has significantly expanded its prevention and training efforts, particularly through its bystander intervention program, which has delivered multiple trainings and developed a growing network of trained community members equipped to intervene safely before violence occurs. The Coalition has also prioritized youth and child-focused initiatives, including training on the impacts of domestic violence on children, teen dating violence education, and the development of public awareness materials such as videos and PSAs.

Looking forward, DSVPC is focused on strengthening evaluation of program outcomes, expanding housing-related support for survivors, and continuing to build partnerships that address emerging needs—particularly those affecting children and vulnerable populations. Overall, the Coalition represents a critical infrastructure for coordinated violence prevention and response in Lexington, delivering both direct community impact and long-term system improvements through sustained collaboration and targeted prevention strategies.

V. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

No action was taken on this item.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.