

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

*200 E. Main St
Lexington, KY 40507*



Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

3:00 PM

Packet

Council Chamber

Urban County Council Work Session

I. Public Comment - Issues on Agenda

Present 15 - Dan Wu, James Brown, Chuck Ellinger, Tyler Morton, Shayla Lynch, Tom Eblen, Liz Sheehan, Lisa Higgins-Hord, Joseph Hale, Amy Beasley, Whitney Elliott Baxter, Dave Sevigny, Jennifer Reynolds, Hilary Boone, and Linda Gorton

Absent 1 - Emma Curtis

II. Requested Rezonings/ Docket Approval

A motion was made by Council Member Shayla Lynch, seconded by Council Member Tyler Morton, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

An Ordinance changing the zone from a Single Family Residential (R-1C) zone to a Corridor Business (B-3) zone, for 4.912 net (6.047 gross) acres, for property located at 1770 and 1800 Harrodsburg Rd. (Plumbers and Steamfitters Local No. 452 Building Corporation; Council District 10). Approval 10-0 (To Be Heard By October 21, 2026) [Div. of Planning, Duncan]

A motion was made by Council Member Dave Sevigny, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Ordinance be Approved and Referred to Docket without Hearing.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

An Ordinance recognizing the need to regulate data centers as an emerging land use in Lexington-Fayette County by amending the Lexington-Fayette County Zoning Ordinance, as follows: amending Section 1-11 to create definitions for data center, data center major, data center minor, and server room; clarifying uses by deleting references to computer and data processing centers in Sections 8-15, 8-19, 8-21, 8-24, 23A-9 and 23A-10; amending Section 8-1 relating to the Agricultural-Rural (A-R) zone to classify major and minor data centers as a prohibited use; amending Section 8-2 relating to the Agricultural-Buffer (A-B) zone to classify major and minor data centers as a prohibited use; amending Section 8-3 relating to the Agricultural-Natural Areas (A-N) zone to classify major and minor data centers as a prohibited use; amending Section 8-15 relating to the Professional Office (P-1) zone to classify server rooms as an accessory use; amending Section 8-16 relating to the Neighborhood Business (B-1) zone to classify server rooms as an accessory use and to classify major and minor data centers as a prohibited use; amending Section 8-17 relating to the Downtown Business (B-2) zone to classify server rooms as an accessory use; amending Section 8-19 relating to the Downtown Frame Business (B-2b) zone to classify server rooms as an accessory use and to classify major and minor data centers as a prohibited use; amending Section 8-20

relating to the Corridor Business (B-3) zone to classify server rooms as an accessory use; amending Section 8-21 relating to the Wholesale and Warehouse Business (B-4) zone to classify server rooms as an accessory use, to classify minor data centers as a conditional use, to classify major data centers as a prohibited use, and to provide conditions and considerations for the board of adjustment when it considers any conditional use application for a data center; amending Section 8-22 relating to the Light Industrial (I-1) zone, to classify server rooms as an accessory use, to classify minor data centers as a conditional use, to classify major data centers as a prohibited use, and to provide conditions and considerations for the board of adjustment when it considers any conditional use application for a data center; amending Section 8-23 relating to the Heavy Industrial (I-2) zone to classify major and minor data centers as a prohibited use; amending Section 8-24 relating to the University Research Campus (P-2) zone to classify major and minor data centers as a prohibited use; amending Section 22C-4 relating to the Industrial Redevelopment Planned Unit Development (PUD-3) zone to classify server rooms as an accessory use; amending Section 23A-9 relating to the Community Center (CC) zone to classify server rooms as an accessory use; and amending Section 23A-10 relating to the Economic Development (ED) zone to classify server rooms as an accessory use (Urban County Council). Amended Text 7-2 OBJECTORS [Div. of Planning, Duncan]

A motion was made by Council Member Liz Sheehan, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Ordinance be Removed From Docket and Sent to the October 6, 2026 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

III. Approval of Summary

a Table of Motions: Council Work Session, August 18, 2026

A motion was made by Council Member Liz Sheehan, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Summary be Approved. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

IV. Budget Amendments

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A motion was made by Council Member Liz Sheehan, seconded by Council Member Dave Sevigny, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026. The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

b YEAR END BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST LIST

A motion was made by Council Member Liz Sheehan, seconded by Council

Member Dave Sevigny, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

V. Budget Adjustments - For Information Only

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VI. New Business

Present 15 - Dan Wu, James Brown, Chuck Ellinger, Tyler Morton, Shayla Lynch, Tom Eblen, Liz Sheehan, Lisa Higgins-Hord, Joseph Hale, Amy Beasley, Whitney Elliott Baxter, Dave Sevigny, Jennifer Reynolds, Hilary Boone, and Linda Gorton

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VII. Communications From the Mayor - Appointments

A motion was made by Council Member Elliott Baxter, seconded by Council Member Brown, that the be Approved The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

VIII. Communications From the Mayor - Donations

A motion was made by Council Member Elliott Baxter, seconded by Council Member Sevigny, that the be Approved The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

IX. Communications From the Mayor - Procurements

A motion was made by Council Member Sheehan, seconded by Council Member Elliott Baxter, that the be Approved The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

X. Continuing Business/ Presentations

- a Neighborhood Development Funds, August 25, 2026

A motion was made by Council Member Tom Eblen, seconded by Council Member Joseph Hale, that this Agenda Item be Amended.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Tyler Morton, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

- b Council Capital Projects, August 25, 2026

A motion was made by Council Member Whitney Elliott Baxter, seconded by Council Member Joseph Hale, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The

motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

c Summary: Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee, June 23, 2026

A motion was made by Council Member James Brown, seconded by Council Member Joseph Hale, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

d Presentation: ADA Transition Plan

Received and Filed

XI. Council Reports

XII. Public Comment - Issues Not on Agenda

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made that the be Adjourned The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

Administrative Synopsis - New Business Items

- a** Authorization to approve an agreement with the United States Geological Survey for the continued operation and maintenance of existing stream flow, water quality, and rain gauges for the period between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027. At a cost of \$127,000. Funds are budgeted. (L0622-26)(Sanders/Martin)
- A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.**
- b** Authorization to renew maintenance and support with Q-Free America through Traffic Control Products, the sole-source vendor for this region, for a period of one year. Software manages the centralized traffic control system. At a cost not to exceed \$62,000. Funds are budgeted. (L0648-26)(Neal/Martin)
- A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.**
- c** Authorization to enter into a 12-month Purchase of Service Agreement and related Lease Agreements for animal control services with Lexington-Fayette Animal Care and Control, LLC beginning on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The cost for FY27 is \$2,512,545. Funds are budgeted. (L0694-26)(Armstrong)
- A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.**
- d** Authorization to accept an award of \$4,000 from the Energy and Environment Cabinet, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Waste Management for waste tire disposal/recycling for Fiscal Year 2027. No match required. Budget amendment in process. (L0696-26) (Baldon/Martin)
- A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.**
- e** Authorization to execute Change Order No. 3 to the consultant services agreement with GRW Inc. (awarded pursuant to RFP 48-2024) for professional design services to cover unforeseen circumstances of the Division of Water Quality Headquarters and Operations Building

Renovation & Refit Project. The increased amount of \$22,205.00 brings the total from \$508,318.00 to \$530,523.00. Funds are budgeted.

(L0706-26)(Dugas/Martin)

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

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Authorization to execute an Endowment Fund Agreement with Blue Grass Community Foundation (BGCF). This agreement outlines the terms, conditions and responsibilities of LFUCG and BGCF to support the development of Parks and Recreation's Kelley's Landing property via an expenditure fund, known as the Kelley's Landing Endowment Fund. This fund will continue to be in operation unless all funds are expensed. No budgetary impact. (L0712-26)(Conrad/Ford)

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

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Authorization to execute an agreement and accept an award of \$127,186 in federal and state funding from the Bluegrass Area Development District for operation of the Lexington Senior Center in FY 2027, the acceptance of which obligates the government to provide match in the amount of \$8,223.53. Budget amendment in process. (L0713-26) (Stambaugh/Allen-Bryant)

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

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Authorization to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Louisville Research Foundation for participation in the KY COAST Pilot Project (Centers of Activity Sequencing and Testing) which supports the Kentucky Wastewater Surveillance System by sampling for respiratory pathogens for the period of one year. No budgetary impact. (L0714-26)(Sanders/Martin)

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

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Authorization to use Kentucky Office of Highway Safety grant funds in the amount of \$17,500.00 to host one additional Institute of Police Technology and Management 40 hour training course. This training course allows up to 30 officers to attend. Funds are budgeted. (L0715-26)(Weathers/Armstrong)

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

- j Authorization to execute an Amended and Restated Supplemental Grant Assistance Agreement for the federal award from the Kentucky Cleaner Water Round 2 Grant (American Rescue Plan Act funds) awarded in the amount of \$3,770,202 for the East Hickman Pump Station Expansion and Rehabilitation project. No matching funds are required. (L0717-26) (Sanders/Martin)

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

- k Authorization for the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary for the reallocation of all Kentucky Cleaner Water Grant funds. Excess funds assigned to completed projects require reallocation to active projects that are not fully grant funded. The total value of the awarded grant is \$37,765,835, which is providing funding for nine (9) distinct, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) approved stormwater and sanitary sewer projects. (L0718-26)(Sanders/Martin)

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

- l Authorization to submit an application requesting \$65,000 of federal funds and \$12,000 of state funds, and to accept award if offered, from the Kentucky Justice Cabinet under the Violence Against Women Act Program for the continuation of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program in FY 2027. Local match of \$24,667 is budgeted. (L0719-26) (Weathers/Armstrong)

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

- m Authorization to upgrade the current PhotoShelter subscription by \$4,500 for a total of \$9,815 per year. The upgrade from the Basic plan to the Enterprise level will add new alt text capabilities, AI functionality, and significant accessibility compliance benefits. Funds are budgeted. (L0722-26)(Dimon/Brown)

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to

Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

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Authorization to execute an agreement with LinkedIn for advertising services to promote open positions with LFUCG for the period of one year, at a cost of \$20,925. Funds are budgeted. (L0723-26)
(Dimon/Brown)

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.

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Authorization to execute Change Order #6 to the agreement with Calhoun Construction for the New Senior & Therapeutic Center, increasing the contract price in the amount of \$326,485.06 from \$17,206,172.98 to \$17,532,658.04, with no calendar day change to the contract time. Funds are budgeted. (L0727-26)(Ford)

A motion was made by Council Member Chuck Ellinger II, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Reynolds, that this Agenda Item be Approved and Referred to Docket.and sent to the Urban County Council to return on 8/27/2026.The motion PASSED by unanimous vote.