



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative Budget Committee

Chair Bill Hollander (D-9)
Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11)
Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)
Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4)
Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7)
Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)
Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14)
Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)
Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)
Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)

Thursday, June 16, 2022

5:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Chair Person Hollander called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person Hollander introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

Note: All committee members and non-committee members present attended in Chambers, except for Council Member Bowens, Council Member Shanklin, Council Member Purvis, Committee Member McCraney, and Committee Member Fowler, who attended virtually via WebEx.

Present: 10 - Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Chair Bill Hollander (D-9), Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), and Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)

Excused: 1 - Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Angela Bowens (D-1), Council Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Council Member Donna Purvis (D-5), and Council President David James (D-6)

Support Staff

LaTonya Bell, Metro Council Financial Analyst
Beth Stenberg, Metro Council Financial Analyst
Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation**1. [O-168-22](#)****AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY (TARC).**

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9)

Attachments: [O-168-22 V.1 051922 APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR TARC.pdf](#)
[TARC FY 2023 Annual Report and Budget FINAL.pdf](#)
[TARC FY 2023 Budget Presentation.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Winkler, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

Carrie Butler, Transit Authority of River City ("TARC"), gave a presentation (attached hereto).

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Hollander
- Council Member Purvis
- Council President James
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Committee Member George

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding the review and approval process for the TARC budget.
- There were several questions regarding the "fixed price" fares designed to combat rising gas prices and increase ridership on TARC.
- There were several questions regarding the time frame that TARC has to appropriate/expend American Rescue Plan ("ARP") funds.
- There were several questions regarding additional sub-contractors that TARC has added for TARC3 services.
- Silver Ride, Alpha Medical Transportation, and Transport Care Services, are three of the seven additional sub-contractors recently added.
- There were several questions regarding whether the sub-contractors are operating vehicles similar to the main supplier of TARC3.
- Transport Care Services use similar vehicles to TARC3, while the other sub-contractors use their personal vehicles.
- There were several questions regarding whether the funds expended for transportation are confined to TARC's main vendor.
- There were several questions regarding whether the sub-contractors are covered under M V Transportation's contract with TARC3.

- There were several questions regarding whether the sub-contractors are covered by M V Transportation's liability insurance.
- There were several questions regarding whether utilizing sub-contractors alleviates missed trips by TARC3 due to staffing shortages.
- There were several questions regarding any allocations that have been made to improve employee engagement to increase morale and retain talent.
- There were several questions regarding the frequency of the employee awards and recognition programs.
- There were several questions regarding how the recipients of these programs are identified and the employee selection process.
- There were several questions regarding the eligibility requirements/criteria for employee award/recognition programs.
- There were several questions regarding TARC's addressing of restrooms for non-gender specific i.e., LGBTQ and non-binary employees.
- There was a request for a written plan of action to address requests to install non-gender specific restrooms for LGBTQ and non-binary employees.
- There were several questions regarding current vacancies within TARC.
- There were several questions regarding how the current vacancies are equated financially.
- There was a discussion regarding the need to hire 50 coach operators at \$54,000 per annual salary, as well as mechanics, maintenance, etc.
- There was a discussion regarding whether TARC leadership would embrace the same directives as other peer city ambulatory transportation service leadership.
- There were several questions regarding how TARC will address driver restroom concerns/challenges while operating coaches on fixed routes.
- There were several questions regarding whether TARC will conduct community conversations to receive rider input for transportation improvements.
- There was a discussion regarding whether challenges with TARC3 missed trips will be addressed in the near future.
- There were several questions regarding the percentage of paratransit riders that are non-ambulatory versus disabled riders on TARC3.
- There are approximately 19 percent of non-ambulatory riders on TARC3.
- There was a discussion regarding the overall intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act as it relates to public transportation.
- There were several questions regarding whether TARC's goal is to improve accessibility for riders via infrastructure investments that would transition paratransit capabilities to fixed routes.
- There were several questions regarding TARC's budget plan to make accessible infrastructure improvements.
- There were several questions regarding what financial support has been made to address accessibility improvements.
- There were several questions regarding how accessibility improvement projects/enhancements are prioritized.
- There were several questions regarding the decrease in ridership post-pandemic.
- There were several questions regarding marketing strategies to increase ridership post-pandemic.
- There were several questions regarding fare-free days to increase ridership.
- There were several questions regarding whether sub-contractors are required to obtain a commercial drivers license.
- There were several questions regarding when additional paratransit routes will be added to TARC3.

- There were several questions regarding the percentage of non-ambulatory riders that have experienced missed trips on TARC3.
- TARC will forward this data to the Committee.

The motion carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar:

Yes: 8 - McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Kramer, Triplett, Piagentini, George, and Engel

Excused: 3 - Arthur, Fowler, and Winkler

2. O-198-22

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT, AND FUNCTIONING OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS VARIOUS OFFICERS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES, AND OTHER METRO-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES (AS AMENDED).

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: O-198-22 V.2 CAM 062122 FY22-23 Operations Budget.pdf
approved CAM 062122 - Spreadsheet p. 1.pdf
approved CAM 062122 - Spreadsheet p. 2.pdf
approved CAM 062122 Council Member Controlled Spending FY23.pdf
approved CAM 062122 - FY23 Friendly Amendments to Operating and Capital Ordinances.pdf
approved CAM 062122 - FY23 Operating Budget.pdf
Technical Corrections Made to Amendment Documents.pdf
O-198-22 V.1 060922 FY22-23 Operations Budget.pdf
O-198-22 ATTACH Exhibit A - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget.pdf

This item was held in committee.

3. O-199-22

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS OF FUNDS FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY AND OTHER LOUISVILLE METRO-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES (AS AMENDED).

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: O-199-22 V.2 CAM 062122 FY22-23 Capital Budget.pdf
approved CAM 062122 - FY23 Friendly Amendments to Operating and Capital Ordinances.pdf
approved CAM 062122 - FY23 Capital Budget.pdf
approved CAM 062122 - Spreadsheet p. 1.pdf
approved CAM 062122 - Spreadsheet p. 2.pdf
approved CAM 062122 Council Member Controlled Spending FY23.pdf
Technical Corrections Made to Amendment Documents.pdf
O-199-22 V.1 060922 FY22-23 Capital Budget.pdf
O-199-22 ATTACH Exhibit A - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Budget - Exhibit A .pdf

This item was held in committee.

4. O-639-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 168, SERIES 2021 RELATING TO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (“ARP”) LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDING TO VARIOUS LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO ADDRESS THE CONTINUED IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE ECONOMY, PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUALS, AND BUSINESS (AS AMENDED).

Sponsors:Primary Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Attachments: O-639-21 V.2 CAM 120921 Amending Second Round ARP Ordinance.pdf
O-639-21 CAM 120921 ATTACH Schedule A.pdf
O-639-21 CAM 120921 ATTACH ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT50.pdf
O-639-21 CAM 120921 ATTACH ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT53.pdf
O-639-21 PROPOSED CAM 120921 ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT50.pdf
O-639-21 PROPOSED CAM 120921 ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT53.pdf
O-639-21 PROPOSED CAM 120921 Schedule A.pdf
O-639-21 V.1 120221 Amending Second Round ARP Ordinance.pdf
O-639-21 ATTACH Schedule A.pdf
O-639-21 ATTACH ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT50.pdf
O-639-21 ATTACH ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT53.pdf
Stinson Property Map.pdf
Aerial photo of College Street and Breckinridge Street Properties.pdf
Appraisals.pdf

This item expires on June 30, 2022.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Hollander adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

***NOTE:** Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council meeting on June 23, 2022.