



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Final Public Safety Committee

Chair Jessica Green (D-1)
Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)
Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)
Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Chair Person Green called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Roll Call

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

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except Council President James, and Committee Member George, who attended in Chambers.**

- Present:** 5 - Chair Jessica Green (D-1), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), Vice Chair James Peden (R-23), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)
- Excused:** 2 - Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), and Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), and Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Robbie Howard, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-1061](#)

SPECIAL DISCUSSION: UPDATE ON HILLIARD HEINTZE REPORT - CHIEF ERIKA SHIELDS, LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Erika Shields, Louisville Metro Police Department, gave an update on the Hillard Heintz Report recommendations. (See following link - <https://louisville-police.org/803/HH-Dashboard>)

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Green
- Council President James

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding implementation of the recommendations made from the Hillard Heintz Report.
- There was a discussion regarding updates made to several domains within the Louisville Metro Police Department. The following areas of transparency were discussed - Data Analysis, Records Management System, Kentucky Operations, Use of Force and De-escalation, the Performance Review Board and Peer Review Process, Defensive Tactics Training, Complaints Against Louisville Metro Police Personnel (creating an online complaint form), installing a Louisville Metro Police Review Board, giving greater emphasis to Community Oriented Policing, installing a Civilian Review Board.
- There were several questions regarding how to encourage veteran officers and police leadership to change/reverse the previous police culture of the department.
- There were several questions regarding the proposed plan to ensure buy-in from veteran officers and police leadership.
- There were several questions regarding whether a contract had been secured to forensically examine the software system to determine whether Internal Affairs investigations had been compromised.
- There were several questions regarding what recruitment improvements/efforts have been made.
- There were several questions regarding equipment improvements.

Pending Legislation

2. [O-350-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 96 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY FIREARMS.

Sponsors: Primary Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Attachments: [O-350-21 V.1 072921 CREATING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 96 OF THE LMCO REQUIRING REPORTING OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY FIREARMS.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

3. [O-403-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §§ 123.35 AND 123.01 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SECONDARY METALS RECYCLERS.

Sponsors: Primary Pat Mulvihill (D-10) and Primary Mark H. Fox (D-13)

Attachments: [O-403-21 PROPOSED CABS 091521 METAL RECYCLERS.pdf](#)
[O-403-21 V.1 081221 Amend LMCO 123 RE Secondary Metal Recyclers.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

4. [O-401-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION TO THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 91 TO ADDRESS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ANIMAL ABUSE AND INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE (AS AMENDED).

Sponsors: Primary Paula McCraney (D-7) and Primary Marilyn Parker (R-18)

Attachments: [O-401-21 PROPOSED CABS 100621 LINK BETWEEN ANIMAL ABUSE AND INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE.pdf](#)
[O-401-21 V.2 CAM 091621 ORD RE ANIMAL ABUSE AND INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE.pdf](#)
[O-401-21 V.1 081221 Ord RE Animal Abuse and Interpersonal Violence.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Parker, seconded by Chair Green, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Green
- Council Member McCraney
- Robbie Howard, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Committee Member Parker
- Vice Chair Peden
- Council President James

- Committee Member George
- Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding the overall intent of the legislation to show the link between animal abuse and domestic violence.
- There was a discussion regarding the proposed training and reporting processes for the Louisville Metro Police Department, Louisville Metro Animal Services, and other agencies.
- There were several questions regarding a specific training curriculum to implement that would be in line with this legislation.
- There were several questions regarding whether this training component would be in addition to the regular training schedule.
- There were several questions regarding whether this training would impact the agency's budget.
- There were several questions regarding the time allotted for the training program, whether four, six, or eight additional hours of training.
- There was a discussion regarding the proposed risk assessment process that will be implemented based on the legislation.
- There were several questions regarding what would trigger/prompt the reporting process and/or investigation.
- There were several questions regarding whether the training schedule is annual or semiannual.
- There were several questions regarding the timeline for risk assessments and training certification.

Council President James proffered an amendment under "Training Requirements" to add a section stating that, the Louisville Metro Police Department and Louisville Metro Animal Services shall have one year after passage of this Ordinance to implement the training course(s).

A motion was made by Chair Person Green, seconded by Committee Member George, that this Ordinance be amended.

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

- There were several questions regarding whether the Louisville Metro Police Department currently has an assessment tool to use in instances of interpersonal violence.
- There was a discussion regarding the definition of interpersonal violence.
- There were several questions regarding whether Louisville Metro Animal Services currently has an assessment tool to use in instances of animal abuse.
- There were several questions regarding the definition or designation of animal abuse in the presence of a minor as opposed to an adult.
- There was a discussion regarding similar legislation in peer cities that also use the designation of animal abuse in the presence of a minor.
- There were several questions regarding whether these agencies are mandatory reporting agencies.

A motion was made by Committee Member Flood, seconded by Vice Chair Peden, that this Ordinance be tabled.

Without objection, the Ordinance was tabled.

5. [O-431-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 131.02 AND 131.03 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATING TO THE RELOCATION OF PERSONS WHO ARE HOMELESS FROM CAMPS.

Sponsors: Primary Nicole George (D-21) and Primary Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Attachments: [O-431-21 PROPOSED CABS 090121 HOMELESS RISK ASSESSMENT.pdf](#)
[O-431-21 V.1 082621 AMEND SECTS.131.02 AND 131.03 LMCO - RELOCATION OF PERSONS WHO ARE HOMELESS FROM CAMPS.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

6. [O-432-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 113 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATING TO EXTENDED HOUR SUPPLEMENTAL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF DISTILLED SPIRITS, WINE, AND MALT BEVERAGES.

Sponsors: Primary Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)

Attachments: [O-432-21 V.1 082621 AMEND CH 113 LMCO - TO EXTENDED HOUR SUPPLEMENTAL LICENSES - SALE OF DISTILLED SPIRITS, WINE, AND MALT BEVERAGES.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Green adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.