



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Action Summary - Tentative Government Oversight and Audit Committee

Chair Brent Ackerson (D-26)
Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)
Committee Member Donna Purvis (D-5)
Committee Member Brandon Coan (D-8)
Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)
Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11)
Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12)
Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Person Ackerson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call

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

NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members attended the meeting virtually, except Vice Chair Piagentini, Committee Member Coan, and President James who attended in Chambers.

Present: 11 - Chair Brent Ackerson (D-26), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Committee Member Brandon Coan (D-8), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Barbara Shanklin, (D-2), Council President David James (D-6) and Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7)

Support Staff

Jonathan Ricketts, Counsel for the Metro Council
Chris Bush, Counsel for the Metro Council
Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [AP102720YA](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF YVONNE AUSTIN-CORNISH TO THE ANCHORAGE MIDDLETOWN
FIRE PROTECTION BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2023)**

Attachments: [APT Anchorage Middletown Fire Protection District Board 10.19.20.pdf](#)
[Yvonne Austin-Cornish 10.19.20.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Board - Anchorage and Middletown FPD 10.19.20.pdf](#)
[Current Board - Anchorage and Middletown FPD 10.19.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Sexton Smith, seconded by Committee Member Blackwell, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Yvonne Austin-Cornish, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a District 18 resident.
- This appointment is a property owner elect position that the Mayor appoints only when an appointee resigns.
- The appointee is the President and lead consultant with Closing the Gap, LLC.
- The appointee is a graduate of Spalding University and the University of Louisville.
- The appointee is the Guild President of the Louisville Urban League.
- The appointee is an Administrator with Metropolitan Sewer District.
- The appointee is very active in the community and eager to serve on the board.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Appointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

2. [AP102720LF](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF LESLIE FAUST TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
ENFORCEMENT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)**

Attachments: [APT Human Relations Commission Enforcement Board 10.19.20.pdf](#)
[Leslie Faust 10.19.20.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Board - Human Relations Commission Enforcement
Board - 10.19.20.pdf](#)
[Current Board - Human Relations Commission Enforcement Board
10.19.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Sexton Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Committee Member Benson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Leslie Faust, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a resident of District 20.
- The appointee is a retired employee of Louisville Metro Government.
- The appointee is also a former employee of the Louisville Water Company.
- The appointee is a registered Republican.
- The appointee is eager to serve on the board.
- The Human Relations Commission Enforcement Board conducts very important work in our community.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Appointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

3. [RP102720KD](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGE KEVIN DELAHANTY TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

Attachments: [APT Human Relations Commission Enforcement Board 10.19.20.pdf](#)
[Judge Kevin Delahanty 10.19.20.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Board - Human Relations Commission Enforcement Board -\(2\) 10.19.20.pdf](#)
[Current Board - Human Relations Commission Enforcement Board -\(2\) 10.19.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Sexton Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to the item:

- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a resident of District 9.
- The appointee is a retired Judge and attorney.
- This appointment is in accordance with Ordinance and Statute; therefore, the appointee may be reappointed for a total of three consecutive terms.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Reappointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

4. [RP102720AM](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF ANGELICA MATOS TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS ADVOCACY BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

Attachments: [APT Human Relations Advocacy Board 10.19.20.pdf](#)

[ANGELICA MATOS 10.19.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Human Relations Advocacy Board 10.19.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Human Relations Advocacy Board 10.19.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Sexton Smith, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a District 19 resident.
- The appointee is a real estate agent.
- The appointee has served on the board since 2013.
- The appointee is of Hispanic origin and a registered Democrat.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Reappointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

5. [AP102720KD](#)

APPOINTMENT OF KRISTIAN DUDGEON TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS ADVOCACY BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

Attachments: [APT Human Relations Advocacy Board 10.19.20.pdf](#)

[KRISTIAN DUDGEON 10.19.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Human Relations Advocacy Board \(2\) 10.19.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Human Relations Advocacy Board \(2\) 10.19.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Sexton Smith, seconded by Committee Member Purvis, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Committee Member Sexton Smith
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Kristian Dudgeon, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a District 18 resident.
- The appointee is an insurance product management representative for Humana.
- The appointee is African American and a registered Independent.
- The appointee is a graduate of the University of Kentucky.
- The appointee is active in the community with such organizations as Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Sowing Seeds with Faith, and the Lighthouse Community Center.
- The appointee is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- The appointee is eager to serve.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Appointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

6. [AP102720BC](#)

APPOINTMENT OF BETH CLINGAMAN TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS ADVOCACY BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 13, 2021)

Attachments: [APT Human Relations Advocacy Board 10.19.20.pdf](#)

[BETH CLINGAMAN 10.19.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Human Relations Advocacy Board \(3\) 10.19.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Human Relations Advocacy Board \(3\) 10.19.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Purvis, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to the item:

- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Beth Clingaman, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is Vice President of Advancement at Sacred Heart Schools.
- The appointee is a District 9 resident.
- The appointee is a Caucasian registered Republican.
- The appointee has experience in fundraising and strategic planning.
- The appointee is eager to serve.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Appointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

7. [R-132-20](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT ("COUNCIL") TO RELEASE DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE LMPD EXPLORER CASE.

Sponsors: Primary David James (D-6)

Attachments: [R-132-20 V.1 102220 Release of LMPD Explorer Case Documents.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

Special Discussion

8. [ID 20-1459](#)

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION: DISCUSSION ON ELLIOTT AVENUE WITH REGARD TO
CODES AND REGULATIONS AND DEVELOP LOUISVILLE**

- Robert Kirchdorfer, Director of Codes and Regulations
- Jeff O'Brien, Director of Develop Louisville

Attachments: [2424 Elliott Avenue timeline and supporting documentation.pdf](#)

[Elliott Ave Project Description w map July 2020.pdf](#)

[Elliott Ave Project timeline 2020 corrected.pdf](#)

[Elliott Ave property acquisition.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Coan, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, to hear the Special Discussion Item. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Committee Member Hollander
- Committee Member Coan
- Committee Member Purvis
- Committee Member Sexton Smith
- Committee Member Fowler
- Council Member Winkler
- Jeff O'Brien, Develop Louisville
- Robert Kirchdorfer, Codes and Regulations

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion on aggressive enforcement in the 2600 block of Elliott Avenue.
- There was a discussion on the Choice Planning/Neighborhood Grant of 2014.
- The goal of the Choice Planning/Neighborhood Grant is to identify vacant and abandoned properties in problem areas.
- Historically, this grant impacted areas of the Russell neighborhood.
- Elliott Avenue was identified by residents as an area with a high concentration of vacant and abandoned properties and crime.
- The target area refers to Elliott Avenue between 24th and 26th Streets, north of Broadway.
- This area contains nearly 60 houses and over half are vacant and abandoned.
- Louisville Forward contracted with the Keeping It Real Group to conduct community engagement and outreach in the Russell community.
- The Vacant and Public Property Administration began identifying houses that were vacant and abandoned in 2017.
- The Vacant and Public Property Administration began foreclosing on the identified properties.
- Louisville Metro owns approximately 27 properties on Elliott Avenue and some additional properties on surrounding blocks.
- Properties have been acquired by either foreclosure, donation or purchase.

- In the past several years, there have been several major crime events in the area.
- Louisville Forward partnered with the Louisville Metro Police Department's Place Based Investigations Unit to identify blighted areas.
- Louisville Metro has a Blighted Property Action Team consisting of Develop Louisville, Office of Management and Budget, Codes and Regulations and the Jefferson County Attorney's Office.
- Develop Louisville was notified that Elliott Avenue would be the target area for the Choice Grant in February 2020.
- There was a discussion on possible targeted gentrification, targeted redevelopment and enforced resources heavily expressed in certain areas and ignored in others.
- There was a discussion on changes to the project overview for the Elliott Avenue project as it relates to Place Based Investigations and an overlap with the Office of Community Development.
- There was a discussion on the customary protocol for vacant and abandoned properties in high crime areas.
- There was a discussion on qualifying factors for Public Nuisance abatement.
- There was a discussion regarding several Public Nuisance qualified properties on Elliott Avenue.
- There was a discussion regarding the impact to property values of surrounding properties near Elliott Avenue.
- There was a discussion on other blighted areas that do not receive this degree of enforcement.
- There was a discussion regarding Place Based Investigations pursuing property maintenance violations and Public Nuisance abatement in the Elliott Avenue area due to a high concentration of vacant and abandoned properties.
- Request for a listing of properties deemed a public nuisance by zip code to be provided to Committee Members.
- Keeping It Real is a Community Development Corporation that has been active in the community for some time.
- Keeping It Real customarily works with Federal HOPWA program houses established for persons living with HIV and Aids.
- Louisville Forward had previously worked with the agency and enlisted their assistance for grassroots engagement in the Elliott Avenue area.
- While affordable housing is the goal for this area, a redevelopment agreement has not be established presently.
- Reverend Bo with Keeping It Real will redevelop two houses in the area pursuant to the agreement between Keeping It Real and Louisville Metro.
- Several questions regarding the general protocol for community development in Louisville Forward.
- Several questions surrounding the selection of Keeping It Real as the community developer and the contract amount of \$110,000.
- Several questions regarding the procurement process and final contractual amount between Keeping It Real and Louisville Metro.
- Several questions regarding the West Can't Wait Development Company that has partnered with Louisville Forward.
- The West Can't Wait and Rebound approached Louisville Forward to develop several properties as affordable housing for home ownership in West Louisville.
- The West Can't Wait group is a conglomeration of several affordable housing agencies such as Rebound, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Housing Partnership, Inc. (HPI) and others.

- Several questions regarding the overall goal and tasks of Keeping it Real and their data collection to date.
- Several questions regarding a meeting between the Office of Community Development with Major McClinton, Louisville Metro Police Department.
- Several questions regarding other areas targeted by Placed Based Investigations.
- Louisville Forward is also working on other areas such as Cedar, Muhammad Ali and a track and field project in relation to vacant and abandoned.
- Several questions surrounding why the Elliott Avenue area is unique in comparison to other development projects, especially if it does not currently have a project/plan in place.
- There was a discussion regarding the level of criminal activity in the area which is an element for this targeted area.
- Several questions surrounding the frequency of meetings between Louisville Forward and Place Based Investigations.
- Codes and Regulations works closely with Louisville Metro Police Department when dealing with vacant and problem properties.
- Several questions regarding personnel in Place Based Investigations, Codes and Regulations and Louisville Forward that have been involved in this project since its inception.
- Several questions regarding if Metro Council was notified about targeted projects.
- Several questions regarding changes made to the project management document for Elliott Avenue by Place Based Investigations.
- There was a discussion on targeted project areas versus selecting projects one-by-one.
- Several questions surrounding the use of the Public Nuisance Ordinance and recent media reports.
- Several questions regarding the protocol for declaring a property a Public Nuisance.
- Several questions regarding the areas and properties that the West Can't Wait are focused on.
- Several questions regarding community/neighborhood input on targeted areas.
- Several questions regarding how Code Enforcement Officers are assigned to areas.
- Code Enforcement Officers are selected for areas based on caseload.
- There was a discussion on the volume of workload versus workforce in Codes and Regulations.
- The goal of each project is to pool resources and address each factor to improve the areas block by block.
- There were questions regarding what properties are placed in the landbank and other properties that may not be.

9. [ID 20-1458](#)

SPECIAL DISCUSSION: PURSUANT TO ORDER 003, SERIES 2020, TO INVESTIGATE THE ACTIONS AND INACTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF BREONNA TAYLOR, THE DEATH OF DAVID MCATEE, AND RELATED PROTESTS IN LOUISVILLE METRO

Attachments: [OR.003.2020.pdf](#)

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Ackerson adjourned the meeting at 6:57 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 November 5, 2020.