



**Action Summary - Tentative  
Public Works Committee**

*Chair Nicole George (D-21)*  
*Vice Chair Robin Engel (R-22)*  
*Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)*  
*Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)*  
*Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)*  
*Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)*  
*Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)*

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Tuesday, March 2, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**Call to Order**

Chair George called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Chair George 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 Chair George, and Council Member Piagentini, who attended in Chambers.**

**Present:** 6 - Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Chair Nicole George (D-21), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), and Vice Chair Robin Engel (R-22)

**Excused:** 1 - Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

**Non-Committee Member(s)**

Council Member Marcus Winkler (D-17), Council Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), and Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

**Support Staff**

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

**Clerk(s)**

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk  
Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Special Discussion

### 1. [ID 21-0191](#)

#### **Update on National Ozone Standard Attainment and Reformulated Gas - Byron Gary, Rachael Hamilton, and Michelle King, Air Pollution Control District**

Attachments: [Ozone and Reformulated Gas Update.pdf](#)  
[Ozone and Reformulated Gas Update 2.pdf](#)  
[Presentation Ozone and Reformulated Gas.pdf](#)

Rachael Hamilton and Byron Gary, Air Pollution Control District, gave a presentation.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Anthony Piagentini
- Rachael Hamilton
- Council Member Marcus Winkler

The following was discussed:

- The Center for Disease Control and Prevention does not evaluate asthma and respiratory disease with correlating data in Jefferson County
- The Clean Air programs takes into account correlating data with medical and health based information, with standards based on hospitalization, lost work, and lost school time
- Mill Creek has conducted a study on health based information
- Question about reduction in mobile source air toxins between April through the end of September
- Question about the contribution to road based emissions being small due to record low driving
- Question whether it would be economically better for the community to change what is being done from an emission point of view than to use Reformulated Gas
- Question about New Albany Duke Energy being part of our recording area and whether a large drop from 2012 to 2015 was due to compliance standards related to coal power plants and the Clean Air Act
- Question about 3 years of data required to monitor the air quality and what kind of impact is expected
- Question about how many power plants in Jefferson County are natural gas plants and how many are coal
- Mill Creek facility is all coal fired plant and will be retiring 2 units, the first unit is being retired in 2024
- Cane Run facility was converted to natural gas at a cost of approximately a billion dollars
- Question about the cost to convert Mill Creek plant to natural gas
- Question whether the ozone trend would have a reduction if Mill Creek plant was converted to natural gas
- Question whether the cost of Reformulated Gas to Jefferson County residents is known
- Reformulated Gas cost roughly 6 cents more per gallon
- Question whether there were stats to see how many gallons were sold to

Jefferson County residents

- Question about whether emissions would increase because of the use of electrical vehicles

2. [ID 21-0250](#)

**Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) - Vince Guenther, and Kelly Deering-Smith, Louisville Water Company**

**Attachments:** [Louisville Water Company Overview of AMI Metro Council Presentation Final.pdf](#)

Kelly Deering Smith, and Vince Guenther, Louisville Water Company, gave a presentation.

Chair George asked the Water Company to send examples of literature showing what the public could be looking for when new installations are occurring.

Chair George stated she would defer Louisville Water Company to Committee Member Hollander to have them come to speak at a Budget Committee meeting.

### Pending Legislation

3. [R-165-20](#)

**AN [EMERGENCY] RESOLUTION URGING THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO MODERNIZE KENTUCKY'S TRANSPORTATION FUNDING MECHANISMS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR ALL OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S TRANSPORTATION NEEDS (AS AMENDED).**

**Sponsors:** Primary Markus Winkler (D-17)

**Attachments:** [R-165-20 V.2 CAM 030221 Res RE Transportation Funding Mechanism Modernization.pdf](#)  
[R-165-20 PROPOSED CAM 030221 Res RE Transportation Funding Mechanism Modernization.pdf](#)  
[R-165-20 V.1 121020 Emerg. Res RE Transportation Funding Mechanism Modernization.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Hollander, seconded by Committee Member Engel, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Council Member Winkler spoke about removing the emergency language.

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, stated that there is a committee amendment in the system that removes the emergency language and removes "EMERGENCY" from the title.

A motion was made by Committee Member Chambers Armstrong, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, to amend the Resolution to remove the emergency language.

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

Council Member Winkler spoke in support of this Resolution.

Committee Member Hollander stated that it is rare to get cities and counties together to change a formula that has held back cities for a very long time and this Resolution is really important for the Commonwealth.

Committee Member Engel stated that he has traveled the state to plead the case for Jefferson County and is in support of the Resolution.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to Old Business.

## **Adjournment**

Without objection, Chair George adjourned the meeting at 5:00 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 March 11, 2021.