



Action Summary - Tentative
Budget Committee

Chair Bill Hollander (D-9)
Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11)
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 Markus Winkler (D-17)
Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)
Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)
Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Thursday, April 15, 2021

5:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtually

Call to Order

Chair Hollander called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Hollander introduced the committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except for Committee Member Piagentini, who attended in Chambers.**

Present: 11 - Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), 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 Markus Winkler (D-17), Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22), and Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Support Staff

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

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [O-127-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 073, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT BY APPROPRIATING \$725,000 TO THE BELLE OF LOUISVILLE TO FUND OPERATING EXPENSES.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9), Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11), Primary Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Primary Robin Engel (R-22) and Primary Cindi Fowler (D-14)

Attachments: [O-127-21 V.1 032521 Budget Appropriation for Belle of Louisville.pdf](#)

Clerk's Note: A technical correction was made in the title to change "TRANSFERRING" to "APPROPRIATING."

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Hollander
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Krista Snider, Belle of Louisville
- Committee Member Ackerson
- Daniel Frockt, Office of Management and Budget
- Committee Member Winkler

The following was discussed:

- These funds are to get the Belle of Louisville through the current fiscal year
- Discussion regarding dry docking expenses being less than what were expected and reallocating the left over amount for the operation of other boats the Belle of Louisville is responsible for
- No request for the additional funds and this Ordinance covers what has been requested by the Belle of Louisville
- Project title or description would need to be amended so that it is clear what the funds are to be spent on, and the changes would need to be made to the Capital Budget Ordinance rather than the Operation Budget Ordinance being considered here
- Request is for an appropriation on a on-going basis for next 4 - 5 years

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kramer, seconded by Committee Member Engel, that this Ordinance be amended to allow the Belle of Louisville to use the unused capital funds to take care of other on-going expenses.

The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Kramer, Piagentini, and Engel

No: 8 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Fowler, Winkler, George, and Ackerson

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

Yes: 11 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Kramer, Fowler, Winkler, Piagentini, George, Engel, and Ackerson

2. [O-132-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) PROVIDING FOR LIMITED LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO THE INDIGENT IN EVICTION COURT AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 073, SERIES 2020 RELATED TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$400,000 TO THE OFFICE OF RESILIENCE & COMMUNITY SERVICES TO FUND EVICTION PREVENTION SERVICES AUTHORIZED HEREIN (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION).

Sponsors: Primary Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)

Attachments: [O-132-21 V.2 CABS 041521 Amend LMCO RE Legal Rep. for the Indigent in Eviction Court.pdf](#)
[O-132-21 V.1 032521 Amend LMCO RE Legal Rep. for the Indigent in Eviction Court.pdf](#)

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

A motion was made by Committee Member Chambers Armstrong, seconded by Committee Member Winkler, that this Ordinance be amended by substitution as shown in the attached document titled "O-132-21 V.2 CABS 041521 Amend LMCO RE Legal Rep. for the Indigent in Eviction Court.pdf."

The motion to amend by substitution carried by a voice vote.

The following spoke to this item:

- Committee Member Chambers Armstrong
- George Eklund, Coalition for the Homeless
- Neva-Marie Polley Scott, Legal Aid Society
- Katy Brown, Brown Capital
- Council Member Holton Stewart
- Committee Member McCraney
- Chair Hollander
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Marilyn Harris, Develop Louisville
- Committee Member Arthur
- Committee Member George
- Committee Member Ackerson

The following was discussed:

- Overview of the Ordinance
- Three things needed to help with evictions: rental assistance, legal representation, and outreach
- Legal Aid Society serves about 5,000 families throughout Kentucky
- Possible that Legal Aid Society may be called upon to carry out services provided by this Ordinance
- Legal Aid Society tries to find solutions that are good for the tenant and the landlord
- Proactive work needed to prevent evictions

- Statistics on homelessness for students/youth
- Students having to change schools when students lose their housing and lose 4 - 6 months academic content and they fall behind
- Getting the information out regarding available assistance
- Whether \$400,000 will cover all of the people that need this assistance
- This may not be the solution to help people get out of the hole they are in when they cannot pay their rent and the issue compounds
- Grant agreement should be very detailed in regards to the reporting requirement by Legal Aid Society
- Landlords' ability to apply for rental assistance on behalf of tenants
- Whether it is the intent of the Ordinance to provide on-going funding for this grant, and repercussions of not getting the funding in the future
- Discussion regarding a financial impact statement
- Whereas clauses stating the basis for the Ordinance and issues with a study referenced therein
- In previous Budget Committee meeting, problems related to providing assistance with evictions were given as communication issues, lack of attendance in court for various reasons, lack in belief of assistance - needing attorneys was not one of the reasons given
- When attorney is present in Eviction Court there is successful negotiation with the landlord to keep eviction off their record and tenant has access to immense amount of services
- This is an additional service being made available to help with evictions
- Need for on-going case management
- Lack of affordable housing

A motion was made by Committee Member Ackerson, seconded by Committee Member Winkler, to call the question.

The motion to call the question carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 8 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Fowler, Winkler, George, and Ackerson
- No:** 3 - Kramer, Piagentini, and Engel

The motion to recommend for approval carried by the following vote and the amended Ordinance was sent to Old Business:

Vice Chair Kramer explained during the vote that he was abstaining out of an abundance of caution at this time because his wife works for a real estate company and has contact with her company's attorney regarding non-rent payments by tenants.

- Yes:** 9 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Fowler, Winkler, George, Engel, and Ackerson
- No:** 1 - Piagentini
- Abstain:** 1 - Kramer

3. [O-133-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY, INC. TO ISSUE ITS MORTGAGE REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, WHETHER TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT, TO FINANCE (I) THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING PARKING AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY, INC. FIRST MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2010B, (II) THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY, INC. FIRST MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2013A, AND (III) THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY, INC. FIRST MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2013B; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRUST INDENTURE AND ANY SUPPLEMENTAL THERETO; THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AND ANY SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; AND TAKING OTHER RELATED ACTION.

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

Attachments: [O-133-21 V.1 032521 Refunding PARC Revenue Bonds.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Hollander
- Daniel Frockt, Office of Management and Budget

The following was discussed:

- Refinancing to take advantage of better interest rates
- Indenture also being updated for the first time since the mid-1980s

Vice Chair Kramer requested that he be added as a co-sponsor to this Ordinance.

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

Yes: 11 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Kramer, Fowler, Winkler, Piagentini, George, Engel, and Ackerson

4. [O-134-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 073, SERIES 2020 RELATED TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$374,600 TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO FUND OPERATING EXPENSES.

Sponsors: Primary Pat Mulvihill (D-10)

Attachments: [O-134-21 V.1 032521 Budget Transfer for Sheriff's Office.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

5. [O-135-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 073, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT BY APPROPRIATING \$11,000 TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CORONER TO FUND INDIGENT BURIAL EXPENSES.

Sponsors: Primary Cindi Fowler (D-14)

Attachments: [O-135-21 V.1 032521 Budget Appropriation to Coroner to Fund Indigent Burials.pdf](#)

Clerk's Note: A technical correction was made in the title to change "TRANSFERRING" to "APPROPRIATING."

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Committee Member Fowler
- Deacon Lucio Caruso, Catholic Charities
- Buddy Dumir, formerly with Jefferson County Coroner's Office
- Vice Chair Kramer

The following was discussed:

- Catholic Charities has agreed to take on the Indigent Burial program
- Funds to last through current fiscal year and hopefully get funds appropriated in next fiscal year budget
- Questions regarding whether this will impact the Jefferson County Coroner's Office, the previous request for funding by the Jefferson County Coroner's Office that was denied, and what the relationship will exist between the Jefferson County Coroner's Office and Catholic Charities for this program

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

Yes: 11 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Kramer, Fowler, Winkler, Piagentini, George, Engel, and Ackerson

6. [O-077-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 072, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT BY APPROPRIATING \$30,700,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR MID-YEAR CAPITAL NEEDS TO PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS, PARKS & RECREATION, LIBRARY, AND FACILITIES & FLEET DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 073, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT TO ADJUST GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS/AUTHORIZATIONS AS A RESULT OF MID-YEAR FORECAST.

Sponsors: Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11) and Primary Mark H. Fox (D-13)

Attachments: [O-077-21 V.1 022521 Budget Transfers RE PW, Parks, Library, and Facilities.pdf](#)

This item remained tabled.

Adjournment

Chair Hollander noted that the Budget Hearing Schedule, including the two public meetings regarding the Budget, is now available online on the Metro Council Clerk's website, and the hearings will start the Monday after Derby.

Without objection, Chair Hollander adjourned the meeting at 7:19 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 April 22, 2021.