



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 Kevin Kramer (R-11)
Committee Member Donna Purvis (D-5)
Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7)
Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)
Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12)
Committee Member Mark Fox (D-13)
Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14)
Committee Member Scott Reed (R-16)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

5:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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.

Present: 11 - Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13), Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Scott Reed (R-16), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25), and Chair Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member JeCory Arthur (D-4), Council President David James, (D-6), Council Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), and Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Alice Lyons, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [RP030221SG](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. SCOTT GILTNER TO THE CEMETERY BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES APRIL 13, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Cemetery Board 02.22.21.pdf](#)

[Dr. Scott Giltner 02.22.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Cemetery Board 02.22.21.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Cemetery Board 02.22.21 \(2\).pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Dr. Scott Giltner, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- This appointee is the current board member.
- The appointee was originally appointed in 2017.
- The appointee is a District 18 resident.
- The appointee is interested in historical preservation.
- The appointee believes protecting and preserving public cemeteries is vital to the community for its historical value.

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

2. [RP030221JW](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF JUANITA WHITE TO THE CEMETERY BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES APRIL 13, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Cemetery Board 02.22.21.pdf](#)

[Juanita White 02.22.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Cemetery Board 02.22.21 \(2\).pdf](#)

[Current Board - Cemetery Board 02.22.21 \(1\).pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

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

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a District 17 resident.
- This appointee is a retiree dedicated to historical preservation.
- The appointee is a historian for the Corydon Kentucky United Brothers of Fellowship (UBF) Cemetery Committee.

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

3. [AP030221YV](#)

APPOINTMENT OF YANI VOZOS TO THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2022)

Attachments: [APT Board of Zoning Adjustment 02.22.21.pdf](#)

[Yani Vozos 02.22.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Cemetery Board 02.22.21 \(2\).pdf](#)

[Current - Board of Zoning Adjustment 02.22.21.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Yani Vozos, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a District 21 resident.
- This appointee is an educator and a physician.
- The appointee has a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Louisville.
- The appointee previously had a role with Louisville Metro Housing and Community Development as an Urban Planner.
- The appointee has been an Academic Advisor in Urban and Public Affairs at the University of Louisville for the past ten years.
- The appointee is an Adjunct Professor teaching Urban Agriculture and Community Development at Bellarmine University.
- The appointee is dedicated to making Louisville Metro a better and more equitable place to live.
- There was a discussion regarding the appointee's music and previous political aspirations.

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

4. [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 remained held in Committee.

Special Discussion

5. [ID 21-0240](#)

SPECIAL DISCUSSION:

• DISCUSSION WITH LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE CHIEF ERIKA SHIELDS CONCERNING POLICE PRESENCE AT EMW WOMEN'S SURGICAL CENTER ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

Chief Erika Shields, Louisville Metro Police Department, gave updates regarding police presence at the EMW Women's Surgical Center on Saturday, February 20, 2021.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member Fowler
- Committee Member McCraney
- Council President James
- Council Member Arthur
- Council Member Chambers Armstrong
- Chief Erika Shields

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding reports from multiple individuals that an officer had participated in a Pro-Life protest at the EMW Women's Surgical Center on February 20.
- There was a discussion regarding State statutes that prohibit law enforcement agencies from commenting on ongoing internal investigations.
- There was a discussion regarding needed additions and improvements to the current policy regulating police conduct and behavior.
- There was a discussion regarding a need for a safety/buffer zone surrounding EMW Women's Surgical Center. Protestors have historically been very aggressive toward individuals that attempt to enter the facility.
- There was a discussion regarding the review of the present allegations being a breach of trust between Louisville Metro Police Department and the provider community.
- There were several questions regarding what steps will be taken going forward to rebuild the trust.
- There was a question regarding whether an officer may be assigned to policing the facility to address public safety concerns.
- There was a discussion regarding officer conduct in regard to public policy and political platforms.
- There were several questions regarding some protesters having ties to radical organizations.

- There was a discussion regarding off-duty officers' conduct while in uniform, in light of one's 1st Amendment rights.
- There were several questions regarding what disciplinary action has been taken previously, when an officer has committed a policy infraction.
- There was a discussion regarding creating/implementing an internal policy matrix.
- There was a discussion regarding the contact, interaction, and harassment experienced by individuals attempting to enter the EMW Women's Surgical Center.
- There were several questions regarding whether the officer in question was on duty during the protest.
- There were several questions regarding what authority Louisville Metro Police Department would have over an off-duty officer.
- There was a discussion regarding police officers involved in other protests during the summer and if Louisville Metro Police Department encourages this conduct.
- There was a discussion regarding receiving notice when the investigation is completed.

6. [ID 21-0241](#)

SPECIAL DISCUSSION:

**• DISCUSSION WITH LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE CHIEF ERIKA SHIELDS
CONCERNING THE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT REMOVAL BY LOUISVILLE METRO
POLICE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021**

Chief Erika Shields, Louisville Metro Police Department, gave updates on the recent clearing of a homeless encampment.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Committee Member Fowler
- Committee Member McCraney
- Committee Member Purvis
- Committee Member Hollander
- Committee Member Reed
- Council President James
- Council Member Arthur
- Council Member Chambers Armstrong
- Council Member Triplett
- Chief Erika Shields
- Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Judah, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Vincent James, Community Building
- Tameka Laird, Office of Resilience and Community Services
- Keith Hackett, Solid Waste Management Services

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding the Louisville Metro Police homeless outreach officers in the area observing an increasingly unclean encampment. The officers coordinated a cleaning with Solid Waste Management Services via email. The Office of Resilience and Community Services were not

included in the email collaboration.

- The cleaning of the encampment was rescheduled due to inclement weather. The original officer in charge of the collaboration was unavailable on the date of cleaning and misinformation was relayed to the officers on site. As a result, rather than the encampment being cleaned it was cleared without notice.
- There was a discussion regarding the lack of detailed department communication and notice to the individuals in the encampment.
- There was a discussion regarding precise policy development within Louisville Metro Police Department concerning homelessness going forward.
- There was a discussion regarding the proper authority securing the required 21-Day notice for the clearing.
- There was a discussion regarding the protocol for requesting and issuing the 21-Day notice for homeless clearings. The process requires the Office of Resilience and Community Services' Homeless Encampment Coordinator to schedule an evaluation of the property with the collaborative partners within Solid Waste Management Services, Louisville Metro Police Department, Codes and Regulations, and sometimes Metro Public Health and Wellness at the site within 48 hours of the request.
- There are three levels to be considered in evaluating homeless sites, such as, Level One (cleaning trash/debris - no encampment); Level Two (moderate - cleaning trash and debris w/encampment) - which includes the issuance of the 21-day notice and a 3-day notice for homeless outreach, relocation, and support assistance service partners to engage the individuals; and, Level Three (public health hazard) which is determined if the site is deemed a public health or hazardous emergency. This level is an accelerated level two. No camping signs are posted after the clearing is complete.
- There was a discussion regarding the process followed when a 21-day notice is issued such as relocating the individuals, storing of property until the individual is safely relocated and the role of each department upon the expiration of the 21-day notice.
- There were several questions regarding whether there were documented complaints in regard to the homeless encampment.
- There was a discussion regarding the primary department that takes the lead in coordinating and addressing homeless challenges.
- There were several questions regarding whether Louisville Metro Police Department has a clear internal policy to address homeless encampments going forward.
- There were several questions regarding reevaluating the current policy and the missteps made to avoid a recurrence of this nature in the future.
- There was a discussion regarding implementing and improving communication strategies to avoid this type of occurrence again. An internal policy document will be shared with the Committee illustrating improved strategies and communication tools based on review of the current narrative.
- There were several questions regarding outgoing communications from one of the on-site officers concerning the narrative.
- There was a discussion regarding which properties Louisville Metro may clear, such as public versus private, federal and state, and Metro Park properties.
- There were several questions regarding the use of a trespass waiver from property owners to remove homeless encampments on private property. This process allows Louisville Metro Police Department to enter private property without providing the 21-day notice.
- There were several questions regarding whether Louisville Metro Police

Department has removed homeless encampments under State highways or overpasses.

- There were several questions regarding why the 21-day notice requirement does not apply to Metro Parks.
- There was a discussion regarding the removal of fencing under overpasses and what department bears the responsibility in repairing or replacing the fencing.
- There was a discussion regarding including homeless outreach subject matter experts when department partners conduct the site evaluation.
- There was a discussion regarding what businesses and/or entities voiced complaints against the homeless encampment.
- There was a discussion on how homeless complaints are routed, whether from Metro 311, the Mayor's Office or the Metro Council. Upon receipt of the complaint, an evaluation of whether the site is public or private property. In the instance the site is private property, the Office of Resilience and Community Services will inform Metro 311 that the property does not fall within the guidelines of the Ordinance.
- There was a discussion regarding where individuals are relocated to after being displaced from a homeless encampment.
- There was a discussion regarding the current housing crisis in Louisville Metro.
- There was a discussion regarding implementing, improving, and following protocol of a joint policy concerning homeless encampments.

7. [ID 21-0097](#)

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION: TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY (TARC)
INVESTIGATION**

Attachments: [TARC Cooperative Timeline - M.Golden 2020.pdf](#)
[TARC Timeline - D.Beyer 2020.pdf](#)

8. [ID 21-0098](#)

**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 7:20 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.