



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
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Action Summary - Final Labor and Economic Development Committee

Chair Keisha Dorsey (D-3)
Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Donna Purvis (D-5)
Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10)
Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-22)
Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

3:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

Call to Order

Chair Person Dorsey called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person Dorsey 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 and Council Member George, who attended in Chambers.

Present: 7 - Chair Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), and Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), and Council Member Nicole George (D-21)

Support Staff

**Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Paul Rutherford, Jefferson County Attorney's Office**

Clerk(s)

**Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk**

Pending Legislation

1. [R-016-21](#)

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE OFFICE FOR SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS CONCERNING A TRAUMA ASSISTANCE AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - (THE CROSSNORE SCHOOL AND CHILDRENS' HOME - \$313,460.00).

Sponsors: Primary Jessica Green (D-1)

Attachments: [R-016-21 V.1 022521 Contract for The Crossnore School and Childrens' Home.pdf](#)
[Master Services Agreement.pdf](#)
[Crossnore School Non-Comp. Contract Request Form](#)

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

A representative from the Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods was not present to speak to the item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Benson, that this item be tabled.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Purvis, that this item be untabled.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Dorsey
- Council Member George
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Monique Williams, Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

The following was discussed:

- This legislation is for a federally funded program that provides support to families and victims that have experienced trauma.
- This contract is for the partner agency, Crossnore School and Children's Home, that provides capacity building programs that support the backbone organizations to help create leaders.
- This agency partners with and provides services for backbone agencies involved in the Trauma Resilient Communities Initiative.
- This agency provides trainings for local backbone agency partners.
- There are currently 15 local backbone partner agencies that will receive training for continued trauma informed care services.
- This program provides assistance and trauma focused intervention services to youth and families that are disproportionately impacted by violence, systemic inequities and trauma.
- This contract is essential for assisting in creating families that are trauma resilient.

- This contract and program helps to provide leadership and capacity in a trauma informed system of care.
- There were several questions regarding the selection of Crossnore School and Children's Home for the sole source contract.
- There were several questions regarding the local investment of the Crossnore School and Children's Home in Louisville Metro.
- There were several questions regarding the contract term for this vendor.

The motion to recommend for approval carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

2. [O-593-20](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 35 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES REQUIRING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE.

Sponsors: Primary Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Primary Nicole George (D-21), Additional Jessica Green (D-1), Additional Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8) and Additional Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Attachments: [O-593-20 V.1 010421 Paid Parental Leave Ordinance.pdf](#)
[Fiscal Impact of Proposed Parental Leave Ordinance.pdf](#)
[From Previous File ID# O-512-20 V.2 120120 PARENTAL LEAVE.pdf](#)
[From Previous File ID# O-512-20 V.1 110520 PARENTAL LEAVE.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Chair Person Dorsey, seconded by Committee Member Winkler, that this Ordinance be untabled.

There was no discussion on this item.

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

The motion to table carried by a voice vote.

Special Discussion

3. [ID 21-0174](#)

Quarterly Report from Louisville Forward - Jeff O'Brien, Develop Louisville, and Rebecca Fleischaker, Louisville Forward

Attachments: [4Q2020 Council Report.pdf](#)

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Dorsey
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Committee Member Purvis
- Council Member George
- Daniel Frockt, Office of Management and Budget
- Rebecca Fleischaker, Louisville Forward
- Jeff O'Brien, Develop Louisville

The following was discussed:

- For 2020, employment numbers were down, however, there were 41 economic development projects for the year, creating 2,200 jobs in the region.
- Louisville Forward received recognition as a top project development area.
- The fourth quarter statistics for the Metro COVID Economic Development/Small Business Relief plan assisted 824 businesses totaling aid in the amount of \$27.1 million that is detailed on the Louisville Forward web site.
- The Economic Development/Small Business (METCO) loan program aided 70 small businesses totaling \$2.9 million, which will be included in the 2021 Q1 report.
- Louisville Forward has recently opened a Request for Information (RFI) in an effort to gauge interest in creating a minority small business incubator in Louisville Metro.
- Louisville Forward is currently in the beginning phase of opening a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a minority small business incubator to assist in growing small businesses.
- Louisville Forward has entered into negotiations with Underhill and Associates to develop the Paristowne Greene project at the former Urban Government Center site.
- Louisville Forward is currently working with the Re:land Group on the Rhodia Property in the Park Hill area. This project is in phase one of redevelopment.
- The Rhodia Property project is currently undergoing environmental assessment.
- Louisville Forward is currently reporting a slight increase in employment and unemployment is down for the first quarter of 2021.
- There were questions regarding the information/feedback of the Request for Information (RFI).
- There was a discussion that small business leaders requested assistance as a small business incubator, rather than an accelerator, which aids in opening/setting a foundation for a small business.
- There was a discussion that networking and mentoring would be key factors in the Request for Proposals (RFP) criteria.
- There was a discussion regarding finalizing the parameters for the Request for Proposals (RFP), the time for accepting proposals, and a selection of a

proposal.

- There was a discussion regarding additional COVID Relief funding, structural changes for eligibility and learned lessons.
- There were several questions regarding what business sectors were most impacted by the pandemic according to salary caps, full-time versus part-time, etc.
- The hospitality and entertainment industry has been significantly impacted by the pandemic.
- There were several questions regarding the parameters for the new development proposal with Underhill and Associates, which will be a mixed use development. The new development proposal includes preserving the former hospital facility and nursing quarters that are currently on the site.
- There was a question regarding non-payment of black/minority contractors on the Beecher Terrace project. Research on this topic will be provided by Louisville Metro Housing Authority. Lisa Osanka, Louisville Metro Housing Authority, will address this topic with the Committee at an upcoming meeting.
- There were several questions regarding the Build Back Better Together and Downtown Revitalization Groups and what actionable steps were taken by those groups. An action report for the Build Back Better Together is forthcoming. Some of the steps to be taken are expanding outdoor eating opportunities and building on some key suggestions from community feedback gathered.
- There was a discussion regarding downtown revitalization specifically concerning short/medium term legislative initiatives that may assist in policy reform.
- There was a discussion regarding stakeholder input and key areas for change, such as clean and safe areas, homelessness, reuse of office space and change of office capacity.
- These recommendations will most likely be tasked to the Louisville Downtown Partnership and Louisville Forward.
- There were several questions regarding the structure of the small business incubator and resources available. There will be a judging criteria for all submitted proposals.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 3:48 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.