



**Action Summary - Final
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, July 28, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Person Ackerson called the meeting to order at 5:05 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 Chair Person Ackerson, Vice Chair Piagentini, Council Member Coan, and Council President James, who attended in Chambers.

Present: 11 - Chair Person 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 Jessica Green (D-1), Council Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Scott Reed (R-16)

Support Staff

**Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Travis Fiechter, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Eric Graninger, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office**

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [AP072820MB](#)

APPOINTMENT OF MARIANNE BUTLER TO THE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JULY 31, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Waterfront Development Corporation Board 07.23.20.pdf](#)

[Marianne Butler_07.20.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Waterfront Development Corporation Board 07.20.20.pdf](#)

[Current Waterfront Development Corporation Board 07.20.20.pdf](#)

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

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

2. [AP072820KS](#)

APPOINTMENT OF KERRY STEMLER TO THE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JULY 31, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Waterfront Development Corporation Board 07.23.20.pdf](#)

[Kerry Stemler 07.20.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Waterfront Development Corporation Board 07.20.20 - 2.pdf](#)

[Current Waterfront Development Corporation Board 07.20.20.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to the item:

- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Kerry Stemler, Appointee
- Vice Chair Piagentini

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a District 4 resident.
- The appointee is replacing a person that could not be reappointed.
- The appointee is the CEO of KM Stemler Company, Inc.
- The appointee is a commercial and industrial contractor in Louisville Metro and Indiana.
- The appointee is the past Chair Person of Greater Louisville Inc.
- The appointee has served on several boards and is dedicated to community service.
- The appointee lives near Waterfront Park.
- Appointees attending meetings are always encouraged and appreciated.

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

3. [RP072820TN](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF THEODORE NIXON TO THE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JULY 31, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Waterfront Development Corporation Board 07.23.20.pdf](#)

[Ted Nixon 07.20.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Waterfront Development Corporation Board 07.20.20 - 3.pdf](#)

[Current Waterfront Development Corporation Board 07.20.20.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to the item:

- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Ted Nixon, Appointee
- Committee Member Hollander
- Committee Member Purvis

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a District 9 resident.
- The appointee is Chairman and CEO of D.D. Williamson Company.
- The appointee has a passion and love for the Waterfront area and the Metro Parks system and its funding.
- The appointee is dedicated to fundraising for the Phase IV portion for finalizing the Metro Parks system.
- The appointee is commended for his community service.

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

4. **R-100-20**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CREATING THE COMMITTEE ON EQUITY AND INCLUSION AS A STANDING COMMITTEE OF METRO COUNCIL.

Sponsors: Primary David James (D-6) and Primary Nicole George (D-21)

Attachments: R-100-20 PROPOSED CAM 072820 - Amend Rules to Create Comm. on Equity and Inclusion.pdf

R-100-20 V.1 072320 - Amend Rules to Create Comm. on Equity and Inclusion.pdf

This item was held in Committee.

5. [O-290-20](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LOUISVILLE/ JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF JEFFERSONTOWN OF A TRACT OF LAND SOUTH AND EAST OF JEFFERSONTOWN, WHICH LAND IS CONTIGUOUS WITH THE EXISTING BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF JEFFERSONTOWN, BUT NOT CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE FORMER CITY OF LOUISVILLE, AND BEING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE FORMER COUNTY OF JEFFERSON.

Sponsors: Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [O-290-20 V.1 072320 Annexation for Landherr - Jeffersontown.pdf](#)

[O-290-20 ATTACH Annexation Request Packet.pdf](#)

[O-290-20 ATTACH Written Consents.pdf](#)

[Jtown Annexation Meeting Attendance.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

Special Discussion

6. [ID 20-0909](#)

Special Discussion: TARC Investigation

Attachments: [D Beyer July 2020 Timeline & communications.pdf](#)

[M Golden 072820 Cooperative Timeline - TARC Discussion.pdf](#)

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Ellen Hesem, Mayor's Office
- Mary Morrow, TARC Board
- Laura Douglas, TARC Board
- Margaret Handmaker, TARC Board
- Matt Golden, TARC
- Eric Graninger, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- David Beyer, Investigator for Metro Council
- Jonathan Ricketts, Attorney for Metro Council
- Committee Member Sexton Smith
- Committee Member Coan
- Committee Member Hollander
- Council Member Winkler
- Committee Member Kramer
- Committee Member Purvis
- Council President James

The following was discussed:

- TARC Investigation update
- Initial intent proceeded with an understanding for document sharing between investigative teams
- Investigative timeline according to David Beyer
- Investigative timeline according to Matt Golden
- Transparency goals
- Limit of questioning of victims
- Limit of questioning of witnesses
- Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, initially retained as counsel for Louisville Metro
- Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, subsequently became counsel for TARC
- Possible conflict of interest for Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP
- Denial of access to meetings, documents, and list of witnesses/victims
- Questions were raised concerning issues of violating attorney-client privilege
- Access challenges due to COVID-19
- Initial vetting and/or background checks on Ferdinand Risco prior to becoming TARC Executive Director
- Credentials and makeup of current TARC Board
- Any and all reports received by the Administration
- Frequency of TARC Board meetings
- Access to TARC Board minutes

- Is investigation for the purpose of litigation defense or public transparency
- Access to interview and investigative notes
- Council staffer allegedly assisting complainant
- Hiring/Vetting process for TARC Executive Director going forward
- Goal of investigation is to restore trust and ensure the well-being of TARC employees and staff
- The goal of this investigation is not to protect the reputation of Ferdinand Risco
- TARC is in the process of finalizing a report on the sexual harassment investigation
- TARC has a concern for protecting its attorney work product- Council staffer allegedly assisting complainant
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7. [ID 20-0910](#)

Special Discussion: Subpoenas

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Ackerson adjourned the meeting at 7:46 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 August 6, 2020.