



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

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, February 18, 2021

5:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtually

Call to Order

Chair Person Hollander called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person Hollander introduced the Committee Members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All Committee Members present attended virtually.**

- Present:** 10 - 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 Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22), and Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)
- Excused:** 1 - Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)

Support Staff

Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
LaTonya Bell, Council Financial Analyst

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk
Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-0182](#)

SPECIAL DISCUSSION: UPDATE ON THE STATE OF HOUSING, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR FY21 AND FY22 --

- * DANIEL FROCKT - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
- * MARILYN HARRIS - OFFICE OF HOUSING
- * DR. SARAH MOYER - METRO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS
- * TAMEKA LAIRD - RESILIENCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Attachments: [Network Update_metro council_2.18.2021.pdf](#)
[Youth Program - 021821 -annual-report-draft-1-13-21.pdf](#)
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Tameka Laird, Dr. Sarah Moyer, and Marilyn Harris, gave presentations and updates on the state of Housing in Louisville Metro.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Hollander
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Arthur
- Committee Member Chambers Armstrong
- Tameka Laird, Resilience and Community Services
- Dr. Billie Castle, Youth Development
- Dr. Sarah Moyer, Metro Public Health and Wellness
- Marilyn Harris, Office of Housing

The following was discussed:

- Opportunity Youth and Adult Funding information has recently been provided to the Metro Council, a brochure on the program is attached to this summary.
- There was a discussion regarding the state of the Office of Resilience and Community Services and the services/programs currently available through the agency.
- Resilience and Community Services currently offers eviction prevention assistance, senior meals, home initiatives, financial empowerment, Team Kentucky funds, Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) programming, and a summer LiHeap heating assistance program.
- Additionally, there are nine other programs available to residents through the agency.
- Resilience and Community Services has allocated \$12.3 million dollars in HUD (Housing and Urban Development) funding to homeless services.
- A targeted focus for FY22 in Resilience and Community Services is to assist and stabilize households via eviction prevention assistance, utility assistance, living wage initiatives and programs, and homelessness.
- Job training will also be a focus of Resilience and Community Services in FY22.
- There was a discussion on how eviction prevention is being addressed with

the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) restrictions in place versus how it will change as the restrictions are lifted.

- There was a discussion regarding more outreach and/or programmatic changes for response as this situation evolves.
- The federal CARES funds and Metro Louisville COVID Initiative funds have been essential in assisting households.
- There was a discussion on implementation strategies to meet the most vulnerable residents.
- Resilience and Community Services has reached out to the homeless and moderate income households.
- There was a discussion for the Metro Council to share this information with its constituency.
- There was a discussion regarding the efforts being made to engage and reach the youth in the community, as well as, the barriers/obstacles.
- There has been a campaign to utilize youth influencers in the community to engage youth, as well as, youth organizations.
- There was an update on the services available through Metro Public Health and Wellness, such as mosquito control and Hazmat services, the syringe exchange program, the methadone clinic, Lead program, WIC program, as well as COVID response.
- The Center for Health Equity has worked on Narcan legislation, health assessments, 70,000 COVID case investigations, and contact tracing work.
- The agency has administered over 25,000 COVID vaccinations and will work on mortality rate prevention programs for the future.
- There were several questions regarding a new health equity annual report. The research/data for the report is currently being compiled and analyzed.
- There was a discussion regarding the Metro Home Repair program. There was \$3 million in repair funds available which was exhausted in December 2020. The agency will work on a budget forecast that captures additional funds in the future.
- There was a discussion regarding affordable housing and housing vouchers.
- The Office of Housing has exhausted both federal and Louisville CARES funds.
- The agency is partnering with the Center for Neighborhoods and Bates Community Development Corporation to create a Housing CLT (Community Collaboration) for the coming year.
- The agency is working with Resilience and Community Services to address eviction prevention and has created the eviction diversion program in the court system.
- It is essential for tenants to appear in court so a judgment is not entered against them. The agency has viable programs to assist individuals in eviction court.
- Residents are encouraged to log onto Stopmyeviction.org to receive information and assistance on eviction prevention.
- The agency is working on possible eviction prevention services post pandemic.
- There was a discussion regarding \$10 million dollars allocated to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The monies are targeted for homelessness and the Adopt-A-Block program for home ownership.
- There was a discussion regarding the decrease in evictions from 17,000 to presently 6,400.
- There was a discussion on how to best address the community's challenges post COVID.
- There were several questions and a discussion regarding factors that may

contribute to why some individuals do not attend eviction diversion court, such as not receiving adequate notice, the notice not commonly including information on available resources; or, confusing/misinformation on whether tenants must physically appear or appear via Zoom.

- There was a discussion regarding a law suit filed on behalf of individuals who received an eviction judgment, but did not receive adequate notice.
- There was a discussion regarding on self-evictions after receiving the eviction notice; tenants move out without understanding their rights.
- There was a discussion regarding the number of Louisville Metro residents that may become unhoused, as well as, the impacts to future housing, home ownership, and the impacts to families and children.
- There was a discussion regarding fully funding the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- There was a discussion regarding the crisis and need for housing assistance in Louisville Metro.
- There were several questions regarding why people are being evicted while there is a housing moratorium in place.
- There was a discussion regarding restructuring the process for assisting individuals within the eviction crisis.
- There was a discussion regarding recovery, debt assistance, and financial planning help for individuals moving forward to build viable foundations offered by the Office of Resilience and Community Services.
- There was a discussion regarding collaborating with grassroots leaders/organizations to capture data from the eviction crisis going forward.

Pending Legislation

2. [O-046-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 029, SERIES 2016, ORDINANCE NO. 041, SERIES 2016, AND ORDINANCE NO. 072, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET BY REALLOCATING \$34,000 OF D10 PAVING AND SIDEWALKS FUNDING TO AN EXISTING D10 JOE CREASON WALKING PATH PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary Pat Mulvihill (D-10)

Attachments: [O-046-21 V.1 021121 AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 029, SERIES 2016 - CREASON SIDEWALK PROJECT.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Hollander
- LaTonya Bell, Council Finance

The following was discussed:

- This Ordinance will transfer funds of \$34,000 from the District 10 FY17 paving and sidewalk project to the District 10 Joe Creason walking path project.
- Additionally, \$125,000 in funds from the budget process in FY18 will be reallocated to complete this project.
- The total cost for Phase One of the project is \$470,719.

- A Capital Infrastructure Fund allocation in the amount of \$233,718 was also approved in the Appropriations Committee.

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

Yes: 10 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Kramer, Fowler, Piagentini, George, Engel, and Ackerson

Absent: 1 - Winkler

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Hollander adjourned the meeting at 6:25 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 February 25, 2021.