



**Action Summary - Tentative
Public Safety Committee**

Chair Person Jessica Green (D-1)

Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)

Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)

Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)

Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13)

Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)

Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers

THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

Chair Person Green called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person Green introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually.**

Present: 7 - Chair Person Jessica Green (D-1), Vice Chair James Peden (R-23), Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Non-Committee Members (s)

President James (D-6), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Brandon Coan (D-8), Council Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Council Member Cindy Fowler (D-14), Council Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Council Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19) and Council Member Brent Ackerson (D-26).

Clerk(s)

Mary Whitlock, Assistant Clerk
Connie M. Dearing, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

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Policing and Increased Violence in the Community - Chief Steve Conrad, LMPD

Chair Person Green designated Council Member Flood as back-up in case she or Vice Chair Peden calls dropped. She introduced Judge Ryan Edwards, Jefferson Circuit Court to speak.

Judge Ryan Edwards discussed the following:

- . The Courts are not closed operating differently
- . Criminal matters in court proceeding are Tele-Conference or Video
- . Corrections Department, Sheriff's Office and all 13 Courts are working together
- . What is happening with the release of defendants
- . How Bond issues are being handle
- . Looking at the in-custody population
- . Do not want to place at high risk individuals out that would be a threat or danger to the community.
- . Working on making sure jails do not invite the Corona Virus
- . Family Courts nothing has changed to take out Domestic Violence and Emergency issues can be done
- . How the civil docket is handle
- . Concerning regarding placing individuals out of jail for failure - Due to the virus not able to get I.D's and a job
- . Cannot have Jury trials - When order expire by Justice Minton, May 31, 2020 may proceed with jury trials
- . Increase in Domestic Violence
- . Monitoring individuals that are release and how it is handle
- . Home Incarceration

The following spoke to this item:

- . Chair Person Green
- . Council Member Piagentini
- . Council Member Shanklin

Chief Steve Conrad, Jefferson County Police Department discussed the following:

- . Special orders instructing officers the protocol they need to use based to the guidance of the Disease Control and Louisville Metro Health Department
- . Trying to limit unnecessary exposure to officer and the public by directing more calls and non emergency calls to be handle by the Telephonic Reporting Unit
- . Making sure all calls should be responded to for a persons at risk
- . Limiting exposure of officers regarding the Corona Virus responding to large crowds
- . Only 8 Officers as of date that tested positive - Officers have recover and back on the street
- . Special Details -Monitoring the parks and social distances and hunting unsafe activity
- . Officers directing traffic and traffic control
- . Senior meals pick-up by officers
- . Officers provided assistance at the hospitals.
Making sure officers have secured protective equipment when going out to do their jobs
- . Increase of shooting and homicides
- . Cases down in the stolen property category
- . Increase of violence and persons seem not to care about the risk of the virus
- . Gang disputes, drug disputes and domestic violence and fraud thrive under the current condition of the virus
- . Due to Community Centers being closed, People out of work, children out of school, Libraries closed, parks closed this seem to increase crime with the effect of the Corona Virus
- . To report crimes please call 57 4-LMPD need help from the community
- . Have special orders in directions on wearing the mask
- . When dealing with someone that is known to be positive officers wear additional equipment
- . Recruiting effort for officers
- . Ages 14 and 15 years of age involve in shootings over the last six weeks
- . Property Crimes increased
- . Concern regarding domestic violence
- . Juveniles not being accountable for crimes and being release and feel there is no consequences for their actions
- . Requested for data regarding crime trends and what has been learned from 2008 to present
- . Homicides for the year 7 people under the age of 18 victims of homicide, 3 arrested under the age of 18
- . Concern regarding victims shootings from cars and being shot inside of their cars

The following spoke to this item:

Chief Steve Conrad
Major Joshua Hasch
Lt. Donny Burbrink
Chair Person Green
Committee Member Sexton Smith
Committee Member Parker
Committee Member Fox

Council Member Blackwell
President James
Council Member Coan
Council Member Piagentini
Council Member Winkler

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Green adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.