



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Final Community Affairs, Housing, Health and Education Committee

Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15)
Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1)
Committee Member Donna Purvis (D-5)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

1:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Chair Shanklin called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Note: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except for Council Member Hollander (D-9) and Council Member George (D-21) who attended in Chambers

- Present:** 5 - Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1), Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), and Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
- Excused:** 2 - Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), and Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), and Council Member Nicole George (D-21)

Support Staff

Paul Rutherford, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Olivia Bennett, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-1382](#)

Odor Control Efforts within West and Central Louisville - Daymond Talley and Wesley Sydnor, Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District ("MSD")

Attachments: [Metro Community Affairs Meeting 10202021.pdf](#)

Daymond Talley and Wesley Sydnor, Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District ("MSD"), gave a presentation.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Dorsey
- Committee Member Green
- Council Member George
- Council Member Hollander

The following was discussed:

- The significant odor being more prominent in West Louisville
- More community engagement regarding this issue with a series of future Town Hall meetings
- Congress called for project submittals in early 2021, guidelines surrounding this include:
 - No district would receive more than 10 projects
 - \$1M dollar maximum spending amount per each project
- The Congressional Office as well as the Committee would review the projects submitted to determine if funding was applicable
- MSD received 15-20 letters of support for the project submittals
- The projects submitted by MSD was included in the 10 projects that Chairman John Yarmuth brought to committee, and this passed in late July and is currently with Senate
- If this is passed through Senate, MSD would like to come back to speak before Metro Council
- Question as to how long MSD has been aware of the catch basin issues -- at least 16 years of catch basin issues MSD has been addressing
- MSD is made aware of catch basin issues by complaints -- potential of 3,000 untrapped catch basins within the combined sewer systems
- Whether the issues with the catch basins were known of when Park Duvalle was built -- when the Louisville projects were taken down and Park Duvalle was being built the contractors separated the storm sewer and the sanitary sewer and then combined them into a combined sewer system further down the sewer line
- Previous projects were investigated by Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District ("APCD") and 31 untrapped catch basins were found in Park Duvalle and fixed. From this investigation APCD found that certain contractors left plugs out from the catch basins -- this information was found years after the Park Duvalle construction took place
- Questions as to whom made the decision the override the underlying issues -- Contractors left out the plug so MSD is responsible for the issue
- Approximately 30 percent of untrapped catch basins are in West Louisville more specifically:

- 1,000 untrapped catch basins in Downtown Louisville
- 200 untrapped catch basins in Germantown neighborhood
- 155 untrapped catch basins in Taylor Berry
- Approximately 300 untrapped catch basins in Wyandotte
- 107 untrapped catch basins in Deer Park
- 213 untrapped catch basins in Clifton
- 55 percent of the catch basins in Park Duvalle are untrapped
- MSD has implemented a position for odor control as well as a new master control plan, and other projects
- The current update states there is a new contractor that has inspected all catch basins within Park Duvalle and has documented the conditions of each catch basin so there should be a report out next week showing what was found and from this report MSD should be able to generate a dollar amount to fix each one
- Questions as to how inventory of known catch basins are taken -- all catch basins are inventoried with LOJIC mapping
- What percentage of catch basins are properly catalogued or known within MSD and what percentage are not captured -- a survey is taken as this is not as easy to document and record and this data is not as complete
- How the catch basins are located within 14 districts align with Metro Council districts -- MSD can cut the map showing Metro Council Districts as a layer in LOJIC
- How constituents would know if they have an untrapped or unplugged catch basin -- possibly tell by water being in the catch basin but primarily by the odor
- Whether there is a current funding mechanism for the catch basins in Park Duvalle and Taylor Berry that are untrapped -- There is no true funding source, MSD will have to slowly fund this issue with annual budgets
- Current funding analysis shows approximately \$6.9M
- Whether the odor is more prominent closer to the Waste Water Treatment Plant -- Not from the catch basins themselves, however when there are issues with the digesters, this caused MSD to not be able to process solids, and because of this there were extra sludge blankets on the primaries, causing the odor to leave the Waste Water Treatment Plant. An odor survey is often sent to the residents in close proximity of the plant
- Asked for a proposal to come from MSD before the Metro Council to expedite this matter
- Overall planning of the capping project
- Timeline residents should expect after receiving the funding -- multi-year project for all catch basins in Park Duvalle and Taylor Berry to be repaired or replaced
- Clarification on the districts shown on the map
- Questions regarding the percentage of catch basins that are untrapped or are missing plugs and if an individual inspection has to be done to know this information
- MSD is launching a new odor survey page which breaks the targeted areas in Louisville down into the following 13 areas:
 - Chickasaw
 - Shawnee
 - California
 - Park Duvalle
 - Taylor Berry
 - Downtown

- Old Louisville
- Clifton
- Smoketown/Shelby Park
- Germantown
- Deer Park
- Wyandotte
- Beechmont
- Potential request for Louisville Metro to use American Rescue Plan ("ARP") funds for this issue
- Whether MSD made the decision to use ARP funds coming from the state not for this project but for other projects -- yes, the flood pump station in West Louisville is in drastic need of repairs

Pending Legislation

2. [R-113-21](#)

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEGACY OF MR. EDGARDO MANSILLA BY DEDICATING THE INTERSECTION OF WEST KENWOOD WAY AND SOUTHSIDE DRIVE AS "MR. EDGARDO MANSILLA WAY" IN HIS HONOR.

Sponsors: Primary Nicole George (D-21)

Attachments: [R-113-21 V.1 101421 Honorary Street Sign for Mr. Edgardo Mansilla.pdf](#)

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

Council Member Nicole George spoke to this item.

The following was discussed:

- Edgardo Mansilla has been the director of the Americana Community Center for over 30 years
- Edgardo Masilla has been a tremendous resource in the community
- Edgardo Masilla plans to stay working in the community center to bring in new leadership
- In honor of Edgardo Mansilla's early retirement, District 21 wants to recognize his work

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

3. [R-119-21](#)

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CONCERNING CPR, FIRST AID, AND CARDIOVASCULAR CARE MATERIALS - AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, INC., - \$300,000.00.

Sponsors: Primary Kevin Triplett (D-15)

Attachments: [R-119-21 V.1 101421 Contract for Emergency medical services concerning care materials.pdf](#)
[AMERICAN HEART ASSC NCCR w Agreement signed.pdf](#)

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

Vice Chair Triplett stated that this is a routine contract, and he asked for support.

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

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Shanklin adjourned the meeting at 2:38 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 October 28, 2021.