



**Action Summary - Final
Government Oversight and Audit
Committee**

Chair Person 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, May 19, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Person Ackerson called the meeting to order at 5:01 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.

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 Dorsey (D-3), Council President James (D-6), Council Member McCraney (D-7), Council Member Reed (-16), Council Member Winkler (D-17)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [AP051920AB](#)

APPOINTMENT OF ASHLEY BARTLEY TO THE BARDSTOWN ROAD OVERLAY DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES APRIL 30, 2023)

Attachments: [APT Bardstown Road Overlay District Board 05.11.20.pdf](#)

[Ashley Bartley 05.11.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Bardstown Road Overlay District Board 05.11.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Bardstown Road Overlay District Board 05.11.20.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to the item:

- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Ashley Bartley, Appointee

- The following was discussed:

- Vice Chair Piagentini asked for a detailed account on the decision making process the selection of this appointee. Althea Jackson stated that the appointee was selected to fill the vacancy for an architect. She also stated that the appointee has over 18 years of architectural experience.

- Ashley Bartley stated that she has worked in the architectural field for 18 years, 14 of those years were in Louisville. She also stated that she worked quite a bit with Planning and Zoning and is a Highlands resident. She stated that she is excited to be a part of the committee.

- Vice Chair Piagentini thanked Ashley Bartley for her volunteerism and public service as well as attending the Government Oversight and Audit committee meeting.

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

2. [AP051920KJ](#)

APPOINTMENT OF KELLI JONES TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JANUARY 31, 2023)

Attachments: [APT Downtown Development Overlay District Board 05.11.20.pdf](#)
[Kelli Jones 05.11.20.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Board - DDRO District Board 05.11.20.pdf](#)
[Current Board - DDRO District Board 05.11.20 - Copy.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to the item:

- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Kelli Jones, Appointee

The following topics were discussed:

-Vice Chair Piagentini asked Althea Jackson for a detailed account of the decision making process for this appointee's selection. Althea Jackson stated that the appointee is fulfilling the seat for the landscape architect. She also stated that the appointee has 16 years of experience in the field of architecture.

- Kelli Jones stated that she is thrilled with the appointment and that she has worked in Louisville since 2003. She stated that some of her favorite projects to work on are urban design projects and projects that might be located within the downtown overlay district.

-Vice Chair Piagentini asked Kelli Jones about her work in Norton Commons. Kelli Jones stated she had worked on two major projects in the area and was very proud of the work. Vice Chair Piagentini commended Kelli Jones for her work on the project.

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

3. [RP051920DR](#)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF DON RODGERS TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
OVERLAY DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES APRIL 13, 2023)**

Attachments: [APT Downtown Development Overlay District Board 05.11.20.pdf](#)
[Don Rodgers 05.11.20.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Board - DDRO District Board \(2\) 05.11.20.pdf](#)
[Current Board - DDRO District Board 05.11.20 - Copy.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to the item:

Committee Member Sexton Smith

The following topics were discussed:

Committee Member Sexton Smith stated that she has known the appointee for several years as she also serves on this board representing the Metro Council. She stated that the appointee has been a pleasure to work with and an asset to the board. She also encourage the remaining committee members to support the reappointment.

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

4. [AP051920RG](#)

APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT GRAVES TO THE POLICE MERIT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 1, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Police Merit Board 05.11.20.pdf](#)

[Robert Graves 05.11.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Police Merit Board 05.11.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Police Merit Board 05.11.20.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to the item:

- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Committee Member Sexton Smith

The following topics were discussed:

- Vice Chair Piagentini asked Althea Jackson for a detailed account on the decision making process for selecting this appointee. He also asked for a description of the role of the Police Merit Board. Althea Jackson stated that the appointee is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, held a role as military police and is a business owner. She stated that the Administration believes the appointee would be a great asset to the board. She further stated that the role and purpose of the Police Merit Board is to classify and examine applicants seeking employment as police officers of the consolidated local government. She stated that this board does not assess officers above the rank of Captain, Assistant Chief or Chief of Police.

- Committee Member Sexton Smith asked if the board makes recommendations on terminations or suspensions? Althea Jackson stated that the board makes recommendations for appointments, probations, demotions, suspensions, etc. Committee Member Sexton Smith thanked Althea Jackson for the clarification and also stated that this board should not be confused with the Police Accountability Board that the Metro Council approves appointments for or the Administration's recently announced work group that will be researching the advantages of a Citizen Review Board for our community.

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

Special Discussion

5. [ID 20-0579](#)

Special Discussion: Police Overtime / Special Events Audit

- Chief Steve Conrad, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Mayria Porter, Internal Audit

Attachments: [051920 LMPD Special Events Financial Admin Audit GOAC 05.19.20 Presentation.pdf](#)

May Porter and Jacqueline Lewis, Office of Internal Audit gave a presentation and led the special discussion on police overtime and a recent audit.

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Committee Member Purvis
- Committee Member Sexton Smith
- Council President James
- Council Member Scott Reed
- Committee Member Hollander
- Committee Member Coan
- Committee Member Kramer
- Council Member Winkler
- Committee Member Fowler
- Council Member McCraney
- May Porter, Internal Audit
- Jacqueline Lewis, Internal Audit
- Daniel Frockt, Office of Management and Budget
- Chief Steve Conrad, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Kelly Jones, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Lieutenant Colonel Shara Parks, Louisville Metro Police Department

The following topics were discussed:

- Untracked overtime
- Improper billing practices
- Lack of control in documentation or executed agreements
- Lack of control in standard guidelines regarding fee waivers
- Areas in which costs exceed the billed amount -- Community Festivals/Events are possible examples
- Office of Management and Budget does not have a manner to track special events billing
- Office of Management and Budget billed a total of \$750,000 without an executed agreement
- Does audit detail special events in which Louisville Metro Police Department had regular/overtime hours? - May Porter will follow up with Committee
- What was the amount reimbursed per event? - May Porter will follow up with Committee
- Louisville Metro Police Department's relationship with Churchill Downs
- Total Louisville Metro Police Department's costs for regular hours and all Derby events - \$1.128 Million
- Does audit show the amount reimbursed to Louisville Metro Police Department from Derby Festival? - May Porter will follow up with Committee

- Which events reimburse, for example, was any monies reimbursed from the mini-marathon? - May Porter will follow up with Committee
 - Does for instance, the Forecastle or Bourbon Beyond events reimburse Louisville Metro Police Department for security? - Chief Conrad did not have the specific details
 - Are there funding alternatives for security details?
 - Is reimbursement fees equitable throughout Louisville Metro?
 - When will the remainder of the overtime audit be completed? - Department has 30 days to review the findings and offer any corrective action. Louisville Metro Police Department has requested an extension until June 22.
 - What is the current overtime rate? - Louisville Metro Police Department currently uses a rank and file rate, this new system gives event promoters a better idea of the total cost.
 - Louisville Metro Police Department does not bill the event promoter; the Mayor's Special Events team prepares and sends the quote to the promoter for event and security.
 - Any reimbursements for events are returned to the Louisville Metro general fund not into Louisville Metro Police Department general fund
 - Special event overtime comprises 14 percent of Louisville Metro Police Department's overtime
 - Discounts and waivers are executed by the Mayor's Special Events team
 - Are there instances where Louisville Metro Police Department has received recoverable funds - There is no documented process for tracking.
 - Fee waivers should be used for local small businesses rather than larger corporations
 - Clarification in budget report amounts - \$1.9 Million was recovered from overtime for Louisville Metro Police Department
 - Better accounting and tracking processes are being put into place
 - What is the rate for Churchill Downs and how was this rate determined - This is the same rate in place when Chief Conrad was appointed.
 - This is the first year that Mayor's Special Events team will negotiate with Churchill Downs on the rate and amount to be paid for security.
 - Does Louisville Metro Police Department receive notification documents on proposed charges versus actual costs charged? - These processes are difficult to streamline, but are being put into place at this time. The need to provide billables in a more efficient manner is essential.
 - Pursuant to the new special events policy organizations may not use private security and must utilize Louisville Metro Police Department; this can be problematic and very expensive. What do event promoters need to provide under the new policy.
 - What is the difference between scheduled and non-scheduled overtime? - Lieutenant Colonel Shara Parks will follow up with the Committee.
 - What is considered normal police work in which NDF funds may be used? - Lieutenant Colonel Shara Parks will follow up with the Committee.
- May Porter thanked the committee for the opportunity to present and stated that she would follow up with the Committee to provide additional information.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Ackerson adjourned the meeting at 6:49 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 May 28, 2020.