



**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, March 4, 2021

5:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtually

Call to Order

Chair Hollander called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Hollander introduced the committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee members present attended virtually, except for Committee Member Piagentini who attended in Chambers.**

Present: 11 - 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 Markus Winkler (D-17), 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)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
LaTonya Bell, Council Financial Analyst

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-0251](#)

Budget Issues in Reimagining Public Safety - Amy Hess, Public Services; Vincent James, Community Building; and Kendall Boyd, Office of Equity.

Attachments: [Violence_Reduction_Strat_3-4-21_UPDATED.pdf](#)

Daniel Frockt, Office of Management and Budget, gave a brief statement about this topic. He stated that the local general funds for the current Budget year for Louisville Metro Police Department ("LMPD") is about \$178 million, for Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods is a little over \$1.1 million, and the Office of Equity is embedded within Human Resources.

Kendall Boyd, Office of Equity, spoke about resolving issues during the pandemic and in the wake of the death of Brianna Taylor. He spoke about the Build Back Better Together initiative having equity at its core. He spoke the Synergy project that addresses race issues and the need to train facilitators to help with the tough conversations that need to be had.

Chief Amy Hess, Public Safety, referenced the attached document about Louisville Violence Reduction Strategies. She spoke about needing many approaches and partnerships and the help of the community to reduce violence. She spoke about dependence on enforcement to solve problems and how it has led to inequities, and needing to provide other choices for people to detour them from going down the wrong path. She spoke about the Group Violence Intervention ("GVI") and Deflection models, and community outreach teams.

Vincent James, Community Building, spoke about why the violence is increasing in Louisville due to the pandemic and the need for a public health approach to violence prevention. He spoke about building a coordinated crisis system that partners with various community service agencies around the city. He also spoke about issues within the built environment.

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Hollander
- Council Member Piagentini
- Council Member Arthur
- Council Member Winkler
- Council Member Chambers Armstrong
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Council Member George
- Council Member Ackerson
- Council Member McCraney
- Council Member Fowler

The following was discussed:

- Hearing more in the future about the built environment issues
- Whether the issue is the disproportionate number of African Americans in jails compared to the population or who is committing the crime
- Partnering with Jefferson County Public Schools to help prevent crime
- The need to safely open the community centers and libraries and their

- closure being part of the problem
- Questions regarding trauma training, therapy, and mental health services being provided to public safety personnel when involved in a traumatic incident
- Whether the role of the Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods is understood by the Council in regards to preventing versus reacting to violence
- Question about whether anyone is addressing the root issues amongst the Black population in Louisville, such as much higher rates of school suspensions, evictions, unemployment, etc.
- Question about LMPD's budget being over \$170 million and the low rate of solved homicides and shootings
- Information provided regarding the service levels being down and the population being up
- How long it will be before a noticeable decrease in shootings and homicides can be seen from the GVI initiative
- What is being done within LMPD to make the officers aware of LMPD's Homelessness Outreach Team
- Conversations being had regarding investing in Restorative Justice models
- Requiring cost-effectiveness determination in regards to how much it costs to incarcerate someone for particular petty crimes
- Addressing the root causes and not the symptoms
- 67 percent of the victims being Black
- Reasons for why funding was cut to particular programs, such as the programs not providing data to support their level of success and other administrative problems
- What needs to be done to fund anti-racism
- Louisville needing to provide adequate resources to invest in initiatives to see the outcomes, and not investing enough on the front end in regards to evaluation
- Questions about the Synergy program, who is being trained, and how it is being funded
- Acknowledging that there is a crisis and take some chances and investing in some programs to try to solve the problem rather than continuing to have conversations about it
- Investing in programs for longer periods of time to be able to more effectively evaluate them
- Administrative problems with the former Cure Violence Program but not the model it was based on
- Two areas in Louisville with large African American populations that do not have pools, and how quality of life is an important part of the conversation
- The Budget Committee will have a discussion about Budget issues in regards to quality of life on March 18

Pending Legislation

2. [O-069-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 101, SERIES 2014 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 CAPITAL BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 135, SERIES 2016, ORDINANCE NO. 115, SERIES 2017 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 CAPITAL BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 109, SERIES 2018 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 CAPITAL BUDGET, ORDINANCE NO. 121 SERIES 2019, ORDINANCE NO. 158, SERIES 2019 AND ORDINANCE NO. 072, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS BETWEEN PROJECTS.

Sponsors: Primary Mark H. Fox (D-13)

Attachments: [O-069-21 V.1 022521 Transfer of Funds for Various D-13 Projects.pdf](#)

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

Chair Hollander explained that this is routine transfer of funds left over from various sources and Budgets to be used for a project in District 13.

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

Yes: 11 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Kramer, Fowler, Winkler, Piagentini, George, Engel, and Ackerson

3. [O-076-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 072, SERIES 2020 AND ORDINANCE NO. 073, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS, RESPECTIVELY, BY TRANSFERRING \$50,000 FROM THE DISTRICT 22 NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE DISTRICT 22 CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.

Sponsors: Primary Robin Engel (R-22)

Attachments: [O-076-21 V.1 022521 Tranferring D-22 Funds for Various Projects.pdf](#)

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

Chair Hollander explained that this type of Ordinance is usually handled by the Appropriations Committee, and it transfers money from District 22's Neighborhood Development Funds to their Capital Infrastructure Funds.

Committee Member Engel explained that the funds were being transferred to pay for some Capital Infrastructure projects.

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

Yes: 11 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Kramer, Fowler, Winkler, Piagentini, George, Engel, and Ackerson

4. [O-077-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 072, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT BY APPROPRIATING \$30,700,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR MID-YEAR CAPITAL NEEDS TO PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS, PARKS & RECREATION, LIBRARY, AND FACILITIES & FLEET DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 073, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT TO ADJUST GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS/AUTHORIZATIONS AS A RESULT OF MID-YEAR FORECAST.

Sponsors: Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11) and Primary Mark H. Fox (D-13)

Attachments: [O-077-21 V.1 022521 Budget Transfers RE PW, Parks, Library, and Facilities.pdf](#)

This item was held.

Adjournment

Chair Hollander spoke about the upcoming Budget and the calendar that was sent to the Administration regarding the Budget Hearings and working with them to determine the date for each department to appear. He stated that the calendar will be shared with the Committee Members as soon as possible. He stated that there were about 30 hearings being scheduled and two public hearings. He noted that some of the Council Members were having meetings about the Budget in their Districts as well.

Without objection, Chair Hollander adjourned the meeting at 6:52 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 March 11, 2021.