

Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202



Action Summary - Tentative

Thursday, July 23, 2020

5:15 PM

Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole

*Jessica Green (D-1), Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Keisha Dorsey (D-3),
Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Donna L. Purvis (D-5), David James (D-6)*,
Paula McCraney (R-7), Brandon Coan (D-8), Bill Hollander (D-9), Pat Mulvihill (D-10),
Kevin Kramer (R-11), Rick Blackwell (D-12), Mark H. Fox (D-13),
Cindi Fowler (D-14), Kevin Triplett (D-15), Scott Reed (R-16), Markus B. Winkler (R-17),
Marilyn Parker (R-18), Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Stuart Benson (R-20),
Nicole George (D-21), Robin Engel (R-22), James Peden (R-23),
Madonna Flood (D-24), David Yates (D-25), Brent Ackerson (D-26)*

** Denotes the Committee Chair(s)*

Call to Order

Council President James called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Council President James stated that the meeting was being conducted by video teleconference, pursuant to KRS 61.826 and in accordance with Senate Bill 150. He also spoke about provisions regarding any disruptions in remote access for Council Members, which would require a temporary suspension of the meeting, and the time allotted to regain remote access before the meeting resumes.

Council Members attended the meeting remotely, except for the following who were present in Chambers:

Council President James
Council Member Reed
Council Member Winkler
Council Member George
Council Member Engel
Council Member Ackerson

Roll Call

A quorum was established.

Council Member Parker experienced technical difficulties and was unable to join the meeting.

Present: 25 - Jessica Green (D-1), Barbara Shanklin, Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Donna L. Purvis (D-5), David James (D-6), Paula McCraney (D-7), Brandon Coan (D-8), Bill Hollander (D-9), Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Kevin Kramer (R-11), Rick Blackwell (D-12), Mark H. Fox (D-13), Cindi Fowler (D-14), Kevin Triplett (D-15), Scott Reed (R-16), Markus Winkler (D-17), Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Stuart Benson (R-20), Nicole George (D-21), Robin Engel (R-22), James Peden (R-23), Madonna Flood (D-24), David Yates (D-25), and Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Absent: 1 - Marilyn Parker (R-18)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Joan Sheffer, Department of Information Technology

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk
Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk

Note: Genevieve First, Executive Assistant, managed the WebEx component of the virtual meeting.

Announcements

Council President James wished the following a happy birthday:

- Scott Harrington
- Barbara Nichols
- Council Member Fox
- Chanelle Smith
- Jared Townes
- Monica Hodge

Special Discussion

[ID 20-0838](#)

Introductions of Council Member-Elects, Jecorey Arthur and Cassie Chambers Armstrong

Cassie Chambers Armstrong and Jecorey Arthur were introduced and gave brief statements.

Council Member Coan and Council Member Sexton Smith made brief remarks as well.

Council President James also introduced Cheryl Woods, the newest Assistant Clerk.

Review of Metro Council Agenda

[ID 20-0906](#)

Metro Council Agenda - July 23, 2020

Attachments: [Final Metro Council Agenda for 7-23-20.pdf](#)

Council President James reviewed the Metro Council agenda.

Council Member Reed spoke briefly about his and Council Member Peden's guest for the evening.

The Clerk confirmed that there were three Addresses to Council and one cancellation.

Council President James announced that item 29 (R-100-20) listed under Special Legislation would not be heard and would be referred to the Government Oversight and Audit Committee.

Council Member Ackerson briefly spoke about item 28 (R-098-20) and explained that it was procedural in nature to adopt the subpoena form and the oath [to be used by the Government Oversight and Audit Committee].

Committee Member George briefly explained that item 29 (R-100-20) makes the Committee on Equity and Inclusion a permanent committee and allows the Council President to vote and serve in a leadership role in the Committee.

Council Member Ackerson explained that item 30, the reappointment of Keith Jackson, and item 31, the reappointment of JT Sims, were on Old Business so that Council Member Purvis could abstain from voting on them.

Council Member Piagentini spoke about item 20, the reappointment of John Launius, and explained that his previous concern was in regards to the position of new TARC Board members relating to the level of openness and transparency the TARC Board has provided to the Council. Since the appointment passed out of Committee, Council Member Piagentini has spoken to John Launius and will stand by his vote to approve the appointment since John Launius committed to working with the Council to increase transparency.

[ID 20-0895](#)

Addresses to Council - July 23, 2020

Attachments: [Addresses to Council - 7-23-20.pdf](#)

Closed Session

A motion was made by Council President James, seconded by Council Member Piagentini, that the Committee enter into closed session, pursuant to KRS 61.810(c), to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried by a voice vote and the Committee entered into closed session at 5:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Benson, that the Committee reconvene in open session. The motion carried by a voice vote and the Committee reconvened in open session at 6:02 p.m.

Council President James explained that, pursuant to KRS 61.815(1)(c), no final action was taken during the closed session.

Adjournment

Without objection, Council President James adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.