



**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, July 29, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Person Green called the meeting to order at 3:30 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, 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 Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Paula McCraney(D-7), and Council Member Cindi Fowler (D-14).

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Mary Whitlock, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [O-276-20](#)

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OF LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WHEN CRITICAL INCIDENTS OCCUR.

Sponsors: Primary David James (D-6) and Primary Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)

Attachments: [O-276-20 V.1 062520 Police Drug Testing.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

2. [R-090-20](#)**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY INTO, AND EXPEDITE CLOSURE OF, POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.**

Sponsors: Primary David James (D-6) and Primary Jessica Green (D-1)

Attachments: [R-090-20 PROPOSED FAM 080620 - Transparency RE Police Investigations.pdf](#)
[R-090-20 V.1 062520 - Transparency RE Police Investigations.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to the item:

- Council President James
- Chair Person Green
- Committee Member Sexton Smith
- Council Member McCraney

The following was discussed:

- Brief overview regarding what the Resolution was about for a better understanding for the public
- Transparency with Metro Government especially right now with the Louisville Metro Police Department
- Trayvon Martin - Public criticism over the handling of the case
- Shelby Gazaway - Shot and killed by police officers, police department released the body cam video but Kroger's video was much better and the police didn't release the video
- Breonna Taylor's lawyer filed a Civil Lawsuit, the case is still in limbo
- David McAtee shot and killed - Police Department released the video from the restaurant due to the officers not having their cameras on them
- Documents that will not be released (Example - When Officers interview people these interviews would not be open to the public until after the case is closed; Evidence gather in an investigation would not be released until the case is closed)
- Information normally available - 911 Calls, body camera data and Safe Computer Aided Dispatch logs
- When autopsies are available they should be released
- The Police Department should not be able to requested the coroner to keep reports as a secret - The reports should be open to the public
- All items that this Resolution captivate are typical the kinds of items that anybody can log into their computer 48 hours after an incident occurs and requested the report -The way they have been used in the past often involves frustration for families

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

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Green adjourned the meeting at 3:47p.m.

***NOTE:** Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on August 6, 2020.