



**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)*

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Wednesday, July 15, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers

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**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:** 6 - 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 Marilyn Parker (R-18), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

**Absent:** 1 - Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13)

**Non-Committee Member(s)**

President David James (D-6)

**Support Staff**

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

**Clerk(s)**

Mary Whitlock, Assistant Clerk  
Connie M. Dearing, Assistant Clerk  
Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Special Discussion

1. [ID 20-0873](#)

**Drug and Alcohol Testing: Dr. Bill Smock, Chief Robert Schroeder, Louisville Metro Police Department, Ryan Nichols, President , Fraternal Order of Police**

The following spoke to this item:

- Council President James
- Committee Member Sexton Smith
- Dr. Bill Smock, Surgeon, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Chief Robert Schroeder, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Ryan Nichols, President, Fraternal Order of Police
- Major Jamey Schwab, Special Investigations, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Chair Person Green
- Committee Member Shanklin
- Committee Member Parker
- Vice Chair Peden
- Committee Member Flood
- Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

The following was discussed:

- Drug and alcohol testing with officers when a critical incident occurs which would protect the Officers and the Community
- Educating colleagues and general public regarding the issue of drugs and alcohol testing
- In 30 years, have not come across officers using drugs/alcohol during duty
- Safe pathway for officers and citizen
- Forensic exams
- Evidence is reserved in Medical Department
- How criminal investigations are done
- Sections of the Bargaining Agreement regarding the drug test covers the drug test policy agreements
- Process contract expires July 27th; will be meeting with the city
- Random Drug Policy cannot change the contract
- Risk of unfair labor policy, need more refined language from city side
- Drug test and criminal prosecution
- Exploring test and how mandated test can be used
- Criminal investigations and how they are done
- Steroid and prescription drug testing
- Testing people with a drug test before hiring
- Random drug testing data
- Concern if other agencies first responders have any testing if signs of erratic behavior

## Pending Legislation

2. [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.

3. [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 V.1 062520 - Transparency RE Police Investigations.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

## Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Green adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.