

# Louisville Metro Government



## Action Summary - Final

Thursday, October 14, 2021

4:00 PM

**THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING  
THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE  
Council Chambers/Virtual**

## Committee of the Whole

*Jessica Green (D-1), Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Keisha Dorsey (D-3),  
Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Donna L. Purvis (D-5), David James (D-6)\*,  
Paula McCraney (D-7), Cassie Chambers Armstrong (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),  
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), Amy Holton Stewart (D-25), Brent Ackerson (D-26)*

*\*Denotes the Committee Chair(s)*

## Call to Order

Council President James called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

This meeting was held pursuant to KRS 61.826 and Council Rule 5A. Council Members attended the meeting remotely, except for the following who attended in Chambers:

- Council President James
- Council Member Green
- Council Member Dorsey
- Council Member Arthur
- Council Member McCraney
- Council Member Chambers Armstrong
- Council Member Hollander
- Council Member Fowler
- Council Member Triplett
- Council Member Reed
- Council Member Winkler
- Council Member Parker
- Council Member Piagentini
- Council Member Benson
- Council Member George
- Council Member Peden
- Council Member Holton Stewart
- Council Member Ackerson

## Roll Call

A quorum was established.

- Present:** 24 - Council Member Jessica Green (D-1), Council Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Council Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Council Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Council Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Chair David James (D-6), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Council Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Council Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), Council Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), Council Member Scott Reed (R-16), Council Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Council Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Council Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Council Member Stuart Benson (R-20), Council Member Nicole George (D-21), Council Member Robin Engel (R-22), Council Member James Peden (R-23), Council Member Madonna Flood (D-24), Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25), and Council Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)
- Excused:** 2 - Council Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), and Council Member Mark H. Fox (D-13)

## Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
Travis Fiechter, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
Joan Sheffer, Civic Innovation and Technology  
Matt Crady, Civic Innovation and Technology

**Clerk(s)**

Sonya Harward, Clerk  
Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk  
Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk  
Olivia Bennett, Assistant Clerk

**Special Discussion**

[ID 21-1379](#)**Public Safety Discussion with Mayor Greg Fischer**

**Attachments:** [Mayor's Presentation to Council RE Public Safety Discussion 10-14-21.pdf](#)

Mayor Greg Fischer gave a presentation (see attached hereto).

The following also spoke to this item:

- Council Member Ackerson
- Council Member Piagentini
- Council Member Parker
- Council Member Winkler
- Council Member Arthur
- Council Member George
- Deputy Mayor Ellen Hesen
- Council Member Hollander
- Council Member Reed
- Chief Erika Shields
- Council Member McCraney
- Council Member Green
- Council Member Peden
- Council Member Purvis
- Council Member Shanklin

The following was discussed:

- Tax increase more likely to pass in order to address current public safety issues
- Getting back to the negotiation table for the Louisville Metro Police contract
- Specific actions being taken to fill law enforcement staffing shortages
- The need to resume routine traffic stops
- Low bail amounts and judicial leniency
- Impacts of current public safety programs and when the impacts will be noticeable
- Philosophy regarding which general approach to use to solve a complex problem
- Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhood's program funding cut
- Root causes of crime from what the Administration sees on a daily basis
- Ideal gun laws
- Communicating with cities that have lower homicide rates to find solutions locally
- Impact of the closure of the Youth Detention Center
- Juvenile Justice issues
- Council and Administration working together to find solutions
- Partner with Republican Caucus to lobby for legislation before the Kentucky General Assembly
- Pro-growth revenue
- Resuming meetings with Jefferson County Public Schools
- Whether there is a change in leadership needed in Metro Corrections
- Low homicide rate clearance
- Providing sufficient support for the Victims Advocate Unit
- Properly equipping Metro Corrections Officers
- Responsibility of Mayor regarding morale of Metro employees
- Transit Authority of River City (TARC) employees being essential workers

- Impact of vacant houses where crimes have occurred

## Review of Metro Council Agenda

Item 37 (R-097-21) was moved from the Consent Calendar to Old Business.

[ID 21-1367](#)

### Metro Council Agenda

**Attachments:** [FINAL Metro Council Agenda 10-14-21.pdf](#)

[ID 21-1356](#)

### Addresses to Council - October 14, 2021

**Attachments:** [Addresses to Council 10-14-21.pdf](#)

[C. Marshall Handout.pdf](#)

[T. Uselis Handout.pdf](#)

## Adjournment

Without objection, Council President James adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.