



**Action Summary - Tentative
Budget Committee**

Chair Person Bill Hollander (D-9)
Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11)
Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)
Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)
Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7)
Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10)
Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12)
Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14)
Committee Member Scott Reed (R-16)
Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)

Thursday, December 5, 2019

4:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Person Hollander called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person Hollander introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

Committee Member McCraney arrived at 4:35 p.m. Committee Member Fowler arrived at 4:35 p.m. Committee Member Blackwell arrived at 4:39 p.m. Committee Member Parker arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Present: 10 - Chair Person Bill Hollander (D-9), Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), and Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)

Excused: 1 - Committee Member Scott Reed (R-16)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Mark H. Fox (D-13), Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), Council Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Council Member Nicole George (D-21), and Council Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Support Staff

Sean Dennis, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
LaTonya Bell, Metro Council Finance

Clerk(s)

David B. Wagner, Assistant Clerk
Connie Dearing, Assistant Clerk

Pending Legislation

Chair Person Hollander stated four of the items would be discussed and they would be discussed out of order.

1. [R-163-19](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK'S 2020 BUDGET.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [PROPOSED R-163-19 CABS Jeff. Co. Clerk's Budget.pdf](#)
[Jefferson County Clerk Year 2020 REVISED Budget](#)
[R-163-19 V.1 112119 Jefferson County Clerk's Budget for 2020.pdf](#)
[This has been replaced: Clerk 2020 Budget Request.pdf](#)

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

Sue Toole, Jefferson County Clerk's Office, gave background information on the item.

Chair Person Hollander asked about salary increases and cost-of-living adjustments (COLA). Sue Toole explained how the County Clerk implemented the COLA increases retroactively at the end of the year.

Committee Member Winkler asked why there was a four percent COLA which was larger than other employers. Sue Toole answered there was enough funding in the budget, to offset other years when it was only two percent, and salaries were too low to retain employees.

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

2. [R-164-19](#)**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S 2020 BUDGET.**

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [R-164-19 V.1 112119 Jefferson County Sheriff's Budget for 2020.pdf](#)

[Attachment A-1 JCSO 2020 Budget.pdf](#)

[Aubrey2020BudgetFiling.pdf](#)

[BudgetWP2020.pdf](#)

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

Col. John Aubrey, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, gave background information on the item.

Committee Member Fowler expressed appreciation for the services provided for the Southwest Festival.

Chair Person Hollander asked about salary increases in the budget. Col. John Aubrey explained there was a two percent increase for this year and there would be a two percent increase in the upcoming budget.

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

3. [O-382-19](#)**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 081, SERIES 2019 AS PERTAINING TO THE 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET BY ADDING OPERATIONAL LANGUAGE TO PART 1.D.1. TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

Sponsors: Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11), Primary Jessica Green (D-1), Additional Stuart Benson (R-20), Additional Anthony Piagentini (R-19) and Additional Paula McCraney (D-7)

Attachments: [O-382-19 V.1 112119 Amend FY20 Operating by Adding Operational](#)

[Language for LFPL.pdf](#)

[ORD FY20 LFPL ops language add L. Bell request NOV2019.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee per the request of Vice Chair Kramer.

4. [O-390-19](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING YEAR-END OPERATING BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AND TO PROVIDE VARIOUS TRANSFERS AS DETAILED HEREIN AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 081, SERIES 2019 RELATING TO THE 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT.

Sponsors: Primary David James (D-6), Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [O-390-19 PROPOSED CAM 120519 from Ackerson.pdf](#)

[O-390-19 V.1 112119 End of Year Operating Budget Transfers for FY20.pdf](#)
[120519 Mike Gramig Editorial.pdf](#)

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

Daniel Frockt, Office of Management and Budget, announced an award received by the agency and discussed the year-end budget transfers.

Council Member Piagentini requested the administration to not make budget decisions prior to next year's budget debate at Metro Council. He asked why the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) recruit class in February could not be moved up to January. Maj. Paul Humphrey, LMPD, stated there were logistical challenges that prevented moving up the February class. Council Member Piagentini inquired about the investments for the rainy day fund and Daniel Frockt replied they were governed by statutory authority as to how the fund can be invested. Council Member Piagentini encouraged Metro Council not to extend the \$2.7M surplus over three years. Daniel Frockt and Chair Person Hollander commented on the statement.

Committee Member Fowler asked how weather was affecting the Louisville Zoo's operation. John Walczak, Louisville Zoo, said weather was the biggest factor on revenue. She also asked how the golf courses were impacted by the rainiest year on record. Dana Kasler, Metro Parks, stated the significant rain events, particularly on weekends, impacted revenue for the golf courses. Committee Member Fowler noted weather was not mentioned in the transfer Ordinance for Metro Parks and Daniel Frockt replied that the transfers were due to weather and long term trends.

Chair Person Hollander noted this was the second straight year of budget transfers for the Louisville Zoo and asked how the current budget is doing. John Walczak stated they had a positive variance as of the end of October and are using multiple tools to continue the trend.

Committee Member Fowler asked if golf maintenance crews could be moved to Metro Parks during winter months. Dana Kasler stated Human Resources would have to discuss the idea with the union.

Council Member Ackerson asked for clarification on the distribution of the surplus funds and investments and Daniel Frockt provided clarification.

Council Member Ackerson distributed a handout for a proposed amendment for garbage collection (see attached), discussed it, and asked for a committee member to move it since he is not a member of the committee.

Committee Member Mulvihill discussed the funding of the fire department and read an editorial from Mike Gramig (see attached).

Vice Chair Kramer and Daniel Frockt discussed the LMPD budget figures from the last several years. He made suggestions to help solve the garbage collection problem. Daniel Frockt and Chair Person Hollander responded to the suggestions.

Council Member Piagentini, Council Member Ackerson, Chair Person Hollander, and Daniel Frockt further discussed the garbage collection problem.

Committee Member Sexton Smith asked questions about the rainy day fund, if they considered putting \$3.7M toward the pension obligations, if the Office of Management and Budget has the authority for investments, and if they issue loans to local businesses. Daniel Frockt confirmed rainy day fund amounts, stated several options were considered for distributing the surplus, they are responsible for the investments, and they are not authorized to give loans to local businesses.

Daniel Frockt discussed the effect city services, capital projects, and revenues have on the overall budget.

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

Yes: 10 - Hollander, Kramer, Dorsey, Sexton Smith, McCraney, Mulvihill, Blackwell, Fowler, Winkler, and Parker

Excused: 1 - Reed

5. [O-339-19](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XX OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CREATING A NEW SECTION REGARDING THE MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL LICENSE FEE.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9), Primary Brent Ackerson (D-26), Primary Markus Winkler (D-17) and Primary David James (D-6)

Attachments: [O-339-19 V.1 101019 Creating LMCO Section for Motor Vehicle Rental License Fee.pdf](#)
[O-106-19 V.2 082919 Amending LMCO XX for New Section for Motor Vehicle Rental License Fee.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

Special Discussion

Chair Person Hollander expressed appreciation for the committee members serving on the committee in 2019.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Hollander adjourned the meeting at 6:03 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 December 12, 2019.