



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative Public Safety Committee

Chair Mark H. Fox (D-13)

Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)

Committee Member Angela Bowens (D-1)

Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)

Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7)

Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)

Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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Call to Order

Chair Fox called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Roll Call

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

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except Chair Fox, Vice Chair Peden, Council President James, and Council Member Triplett, who attended in Chambers**

Present: 7 - Committee Member Angela Bowens (D-1), Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Chair Mark H. Fox (D-13), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Vice Chair James Peden (R-23), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Council Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), and Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 22-0401](#)

Hillard Heinze Report - Chief Erika Shields, Louisville Metro Police Department

Attachments: [Hillard Heintze - Presentation 3-23-22.pdf](#)

Chief Erika Shields, Louisville Metro Police Department ("LMPD"), gave a presentation (see attached).

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Fox
- Council President James
- Committee Member Shanklin
- Council Member Hollander
- Vice Chair Peden

The following was discussed:

- Early Intervention [Warning] System being disconnected and whether that was done electronically or manually -- Third-party report showed that it was not deliberately or intentionally shut off and had been off for years -- work being done to prevent this in the future
- Appreciation for the ride-a-longs with LMPD shared by re-appointees to the Civilian Review and Accountability Board
- Inspector General office's staffing needs
- Currently using the old Early Intervention System and a new one that allows things to be flagged more readily
- Investigation regarding situation with protester in Jefferson Square is almost ready
- Responsibility of Chief to help maintain morale of LMPD officers
- Reason for reassigning the Major [Corey Robinson] previously in District 2 when the Major has been successful in the District
- Issue with repeated incidences and establishments still being allowed to have liquor licenses
- Whether there is a need to change the Record Retention Schedule to make the Early Intervention System work
- Importance of tracking the number of people on Administrative reassignment and having the goal to reduce that number by disposing of investigations/cases more quickly to get people back on street as quickly as possible -- Professional Standards Unit [PSU] process started quickly, and those investigated by the Department are more quickly adjudicated than those investigated by other agencies
- Status of staffing and hiring for Accountability and Improvement Bureau -- jobs posted and a few possible hires need to still go before the Merit Board
- Number of Domestic Violence cases and whether there is any correlation related to COVID-19
- DNA evidence backlog and consideration of LMPD doing their own DNA testing - Kentucky State Police is tasked with DNA testing, but due to increase in need some DNA testing has been out-sourced -- creating a Crime Lab to conduct DNA testing is challenging due to a low number of people having the qualifications needed to do the testing, due to it being expensive, and needing a space set away from everything else in order to maintain pristine conditions
- How shortages in LMPD are manifested compared to the service the public

- was used to before the shortages -- example of officers not being sent to non-injury accidents -- balancing demands based on criticalness of incidents
- Rehires not liking the 12-hour shifts and whether part-time is being considered -- would require negotiation with and approval of Fraternal Order of Police
- Whether Swatting, a tactic by gamers to deceive emergency responders into going to another person's address, is an issue at more than one address locally
- Appreciation for clearing the backlog of Internal Affairs cases

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Fox adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.