

Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202



Action Summary - Final

Thursday, September 17, 2020

5:15 PM

Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole

*Jessica Green (D-1), Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Keisha Dorsey (D-3),
Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Donna L. Purvis (D-5), David James (D-6)*,
Paula McCraney (R-7), Brandon Coan (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 B. Winkler (R-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), David Yates (D-25), Brent Ackerson (D-26)*

** Denotes the Committee Chair(s)*

Call to Order

Council President James called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Council President James stated that the meeting was being conducted by video teleconference, pursuant to KRS 61.826 and in accordance with Senate Bill 150. He also spoke about provisions regarding any disruptions in remote access for Council Members, which would require a temporary suspension of the meeting, and the time allotted to regain remote access before the meeting resumes.

Council Members attended the meeting remotely, except for Council President James, Council Member Kramer, and Council Member Winkler who were present in Chambers.

Roll Call

A quorum was established.

Present: 26 - Jessica Green (D-1), Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Donna L. Purvis (D-5), David James (D-6), Paula McCraney (D-7), Brandon Coan (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), David Yates (D-25), and Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Support Staff

Genevieve First, Executive Assistant
Mike O'Connell, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Sarah Martin, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Travis Fiechter, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Joan Sheffer, Department of Information Technology

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk
Connie Dearing, Assistant Clerk

Special Discussion

[ID 20-1238](#)

Discussion about Breonna Taylor Settlement - Office of Management and Budget and Jefferson County Attorney's Office

The following spoke to this item:

- Mike O'Connell, Jefferson County Attorney
- Council President James
- Daniel Frockt, Office of Management and Budget
- Council Member Triplett
- Sarah Martin, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Council Member Piagentini
- Council Member Reed
- Council Member Green
- Council Member Fox
- Council Member Parker
- Council Member McCraney
- Council Member Flood

The following was discussed:

- Amount of settlement that came from Risk Management fund and the amount remaining once the settlement is paid
- The breakout of where the funding came from was explained
- Ability of the Administration to make the systemic policy changes listed in the settlement agreement on their own authority without Council approval
- How the dollar amount was determined
- Whether it is common that a civil settlement is agreed upon before a linked criminal case is completed, and why it is being done in this case
- The 'client' being Louisville Metro and the Council not knowing about the settlement
- The Taylor Family's demand for damages that led to negotiations being initiated
- Whether each Police Reform item was directly connected to the lawsuit
- Change in insurance premiums
- Who introduced each Police Reform item
- Questions regarding timeline for when the Explorer case will be settled
- Multiple complainants in the Explorer case and each has a different set of facts, as well as multiple defendants

Review of Metro Council Agenda

[ID 20-1200](#)

Metro Council Agenda - September 17, 2020

Attachments: [Final Metro Council Agenda 9-17-20 .pdf](#)

[ID 20-1201](#)

Addresses to Council - September 17, 2020

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Announcements

Council President James reminded the Council that there would be a press conference the following day, September 18, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to encourage the Jefferson County Clerk to have more opportunities available for people to vote in the upcoming election.

Adjournment

Without objection, Council President James adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.