



# Louisville Metro Government

## Action Summary - Final Budget Committee

*Chair Bill Hollander (D-9)*  
*Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11)*  
*Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)*  
*Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4)*  
*Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7)*  
*Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)*  
*Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14)*  
*Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)*  
*Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)*  
*Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)*  
*Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)*

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Thursday, April 21, 2022

5:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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**THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

### Call to Order

Chair Person Hollander called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

### Roll Call

Chair Person Hollander 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 for Committee Member Arthur, Chair Person Hollander, Vice Chair Kramer, Committee Member Piagentini, Committee Member George, Committee Member Triplett, and Committee Member Engel, who attended in Chambers.

**Present:** 10 - Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Chair Bill Hollander (D-9), Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), and Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)

**Excused:** 1 - Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)

### Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Angela Bowens (D-1)

### Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
LaTonya Bell, Metro Council Financial Analyst

**Clerk(s)**

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk  
Sonya Harward, Clerk

**Pending Legislation**1. [R-062-22](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD OF \$133,559.78 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Bill Hollander (D-9)

**Attachments:** [R-062-22 V.1 041422 Authorization to Accept ARP Grant for Library.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Lee Burchfield, Louisville Free Public Library
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Chair Person Hollander

The following was discussed:

- These funds originated as monies from the American Rescue Plan Act disseminated to states to distribute to local libraries.
- The Louisville Free Public Library submitted an application stating how the funds would be spent.
- The amount of the grant is based on a variety of factors developed by the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives.
- The criteria for the grant examines poverty levels, unemployment rate, etc.
- A portion of the grant funds will be used to pay for educational databases received via the Kentucky Virtual Library totaling \$53,553.
- These funds will pay the Louisville Free Public Library's membership fee for the Kentucky Virtual Library.
- The remaining balance of \$80,006.78 will be used to purchase two additional laptop kiosks for two additional library locations.
- The kiosks will be added to the Shawnee and Iroquois branches.
- There were several questions regarding how many laptops the kiosks support.
- The kiosks support 12 bays per location.
- There were several questions regarding the parameters of the grant.

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

2. [O-135-22](#)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 168, SERIES 2021 RELATING TO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY BY REALLOCATING FUNDS RELATING TO COVID-19 RESPONSE AND VACCINATION ACTIVITIES, AND CONTINUATION (LAT-0058) TO BE ADMINISTERED BY PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Bill Hollander (D-9)

**Attachments:** [O-135-22 V.1 041422 AMENDING ORD NO. 168, SERIES 2021 RELATING TO SECOND ROUND OF ARP LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY OF COVID-19 FUNDS \(PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS\).pdf](#)  
[O-135-22 ATTACH Amended Schedule A - American Rescue Plan - Revised Funding Allocation \(ARP\) Round Two – LAT-58.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Arthur, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- John Moore, Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness
- Chair Person Hollander
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Arthur

The following was discussed:

- This legislation is for a reallocation of COVID-19 American Rescue Plan funds for the last two months of the fiscal year.
- This legislation will afford Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness the capability to realign their funding for continued response to COVID-19.
- This reallocation will move funds from the Personal Protective Equipment, contract tracing, and personnel accounts and re-routed the funds to the vaccination account.
- This allocation will enable Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness to address cost drivers such as contracted staff, information technology support staff and software.
- There was a discussion regarding the breakdown of unused funds available for reallocation.
- There were several questions regarding additional reallocations either in FY22 or FY23.
- There were several questions regarding Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness' total ("ARP") proposed budget for FY23.
- There was a discussion regarding the upcoming proposed budget versus previous years' ("ARP") budget given the increasing available resources and climbing vaccination rates.
- There were several questions regarding additional funding that Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness received in addition to their direct funding for testing, contact tracing, and vaccinations.

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

**Consent Calendar:**

**Yes:** 10 - Arthur, McCraney, Hollander, Kramer, Fowler, Triplett, Winkler, Piagentini, George, and Engel

**Excused:** 1 - Chambers Armstrong

3. [O-125-22](#)**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR LOUISVILLE TOURISM.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Bill Hollander (D-9)

**Attachments:** [O-125-22 V.1 041422 APPROVING THE FY 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR LOUISVILLE TOURISM.pdf](#)  
[Operating Budget 22-23.pdf](#)  
[Debt Service Fund Budget 22-23.pdf](#)  
[FY 22-23 Fiscal Budget Presentation MC.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Cleo Battle, Louisville Tourism
- Chris Kipper, Louisville Tourism
- Chair Person Hollander
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Winkler
- Committee Member Triplett
- Committee Member George
- Vice Chair Kramer

The following was discussed:

- There was a presentation detailing the current budget, areas of continued revenue increase, as well as tourism areas needing improvement (See attached).
- There was a discussion regarding transient room taxes spanning from 2019 to 2022 reviewing their decline and recent rebounding.
- There were several questions regarding how Louisville Tourism was able to make Kentucky International Convention Center bond payments during the tourism decline due to the pandemic.
- There were several questions regarding the amount of reserve funds used on the bond payments during the pandemic, as well as how much of those funds had been depleted.
- There were several questions regarding the hotel gap that depicts the amount of conferences and trade shows compared to peer cities that Louisville Metro loses due to an inadequate number of hotels to accommodate guests.
- There was a discussion regarding Louisville Metro's deficient number of available hotel rooms totaling 21,000 rooms, in comparison to cities such as Indianapolis - 40,000 rooms, Nashville - 50,000+ rooms, and Columbus - 32,000 rooms.
- There were several questions regarding the recent State/Local amendment in the Kentucky legislature to provide more flexibility in local taxation.
- At this time, the legislation has not passed but would have allowed local governments to raise revenue through sales taxation.
- There were several questions regarding the synergy between Kentucky's and Louisville Metro's tourism vision.
- There was a discussion regarding creating a tax structure from Kentucky that

impacts and aligns with Louisville Metro.

- There was a discussion regarding Louisville Metro's current tax structure.
- There were several questions regarding the breakout of bond funds when they exceed Louisville Metro's bond obligation.
- There were several questions regarding whether funds that exceed bond obligations are entirely sent to the bond reserve fund.
- The funds that exceed the bond obligation are sent to the bond's reserve fund to be used for future debt service.
- The funds are restricted for a span of ten years for the purpose of debt service payment if necessary.
- There were several questions regarding whether funds may exceed the bond obligation at the end of its term.
- There were several questions regarding possible impacts of the upcoming downtown gaming center on tourism.
- There were several questions regarding the current market status of Louisville Metro tourism and downtown hotel occupancy to date.
- Louisville Metro is in a good tourism state, however, Louisville Metro does not have the capacity to attract corporate transient travelers.
- There were several questions regarding a data breakdown of a peer city comparison of rooms, conferences, and meetings.
- There were several questions regarding which organizations collect the tourism peer city comparative data.
- There were several questions regarding what tactics/practices may be utilized to expand conference/meeting growth beyond sales, rooms, etc.
- There were several questions regarding what Louisville Metro could do to inspire more convention growth.
- There were several questions regarding other tourism factors that may impact Louisville Metro's ability to attract conferences and meetings.
- Insufficient transportation, airlift, and downtown shopping are tourism factors that present challenges for Louisville Metro to competitively attract tourism.
- There were several questions regarding any infrastructure carry forward funds in Louisville Tourism's FY23 budget.
- The FY22 infrastructure carry forward funds were utilized for capital improvements at the Kentucky International Convention Center.
- The FY23 budget will set aside \$1 million of Louisville Tourism's revenue for possible capital improvements to the Kentucky International Convention Center.

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

**Yes:** 10 - Arthur, McCraney, Hollander, Kramer, Fowler, Triplett, Winkler, Piagentini, George, and Engel

**Excused:** 1 - Chambers Armstrong

4. [O-570-21](#)

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDING TO VARIOUS LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO ADDRESS THE CONTINUED IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE ECONOMY, PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUALS, AND BUSINESS. [SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWN]**

**Attachments:** [O-570-21 SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWN 042122 ARP Fund Spending Round 3.pdf](#)  
[O-570-21 V.1 111121 ARP Fund Spending Round 3.pdf](#)  
[O-570-21 PROPOSED CAM 111821 Amended Schedule A - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Round 2 Continuation.pdf](#)  
[O-570-21 ATTACH Schedule A.pdf](#)  
[ARP Project Descriptions Round Two - LAT50-LAT61\\_Redacted.pdf](#)  
[ARP Project Descriptions Round Two - LAT62-LAT63\\_Redacted.pdf](#)  
[ARP Project Descriptions Round Two - LAT63-LAT68\\_Redacted.pdf](#)

**Sponsorship has been withdrawn.**

5. [O-639-21](#)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 168, SERIES 2021 RELATING TO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (“ARP”) LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDING TO VARIOUS LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO ADDRESS THE CONTINUED IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE ECONOMY, PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUALS, AND BUSINESS (AS AMENDED).**

**Sponsors:** Primary Brent Ackerson (D-26)

**Attachments:** [O-639-21 V.2 CAM 120921 Amending Second Round ARP Ordinance.pdf](#)  
[O-639-21 CAM 120921 ATTACH Schedule A.pdf](#)  
[O-639-21 CAM 120921 ATTACH ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT50.pdf](#)  
[O-639-21 CAM 120921 ATTACH ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT53.pdf](#)  
[O-639-21 PROPOSED CAM 120921 ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT50.pdf](#)  
[O-639-21 PROPOSED CAM 120921 ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT53.pdf](#)  
[O-639-21 PROPOSED CAM 120921 Schedule A.pdf](#)  
[O-639-21 V.1 120221 Amending Second Round ARP Ordinance.pdf](#)  
[O-639-21 ATTACH Schedule A.pdf](#)  
[O-639-21 ATTACH ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT50.pdf](#)  
[O-639-21 ATTACH ARP Project Description Round Two – LAT53.pdf](#)  
[Stinson Property Map.pdf](#)  
[Aerial photo of College Street and Breckinridge Street Properties.pdf](#)  
[Appraisals.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

## Adjournment

- Chair Person Hollander discussed the upcoming budget address by Mayor Greg Fischer on April 28, as well as the upcoming budget hearings that are outlined on the Metro Council web site.

Without objection, Chair Person Hollander adjourned the meeting at 6:00 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 April 28, 2022.