



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Final-revised Public Safety Committee

Chair Mark H. Fox (D-13)
Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)
Vacant (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, February 9, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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Call to Order

Vice Chair Peden called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Vice Chair Peden 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 Council Member Kramer, Vice Chair Peden, and Council Member Holton Stewart, who attended in Chambers.**

Present: 5 - Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Vice Chair James Peden (R-23), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Excused: 1 - Chair Mark H. Fox (D-13)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Council Member Donna Purvis (D-5), Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Council Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), and Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Laura Ferguson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

2. [R-018-22](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES NO CONFIDENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF LOUISVILLE METRO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR DWAYNE CLARK AND HIS EXECUTIVE STAFF.

Sponsors: Primary Mark H. Fox (D-13), Primary Amy Holton Stewart (D-25), Primary David James (D-6) and Additional Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Attachments: [R-018-22 V.1 020322 NO CONFIDENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF METRO CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR DWAYNE CLARK AND EXECUTIVE STAFF.pdf](#)
[Letter to Council re R-018-22, Clark 2-8-22.pdf](#)
[Half of KY's prison jobs are open, costing millions in overtime Lexington Herald Leader.pdf](#)
[AHS Corrections Survey 2.9.22.pdf](#)
[Letter to Council 2-17-22.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Council President James
- Council Member Holton Stewart
- Committee Member McCraney
- Committee Member Green
- Vice Chair Peden
- Committee Member Flood
- Daniel Johnson, Louisville Corrections Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #77
- Council Member Purvis

The following was discussed:

- This Resolution is in line with the "No Confidence" vote in Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' Director Dwayne Clark and leadership staff rendered by the members of the Louisville Corrections Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #77.
- The scope of the legislation surrounds the continued challenges and deficiencies shown by leadership.
- There was a discussion regarding inaction for recruitment tactics on social media and adding K-9 units to the jail.
- The challenges are regarding a lack of recruitment strategies and continued retention concerns.
- There was a discussion regarding issues with contraband.
- There was a discussion regarding lack of training of Louisville Metro Department of Corrections recruits.
- The challenges are regarding inaction by leadership staff to address

concerns for equipment, overtime, staff shortages, inmate overcrowding, and recently several inmate deaths.

- There was a discussion regarding over detention in the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections and current legal action against Louisville Metro Department of Corrections.
- There was a discussion regarding the personnel resigning from Louisville Metro Department of Corrections due to poor leadership.
- There was a discussion regarding alleged intimidation tactics displayed by Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' leadership staff against Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' officers.
- There was a discussion regarding a lack of professionalism shown by the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' leadership and executive staff.
- There was a discussion regarding the assistance and leadership of Matt Golden, Louisville Metro Chief of Public Safety.
- There was a discussion regarding inaccuracies noted in correspondence from Matt Golden. (See attached)
- There was a discussion regarding continued resistance by Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' leadership for suggested changes and/or strategies to improve conditions in the jail.
- There was a discussion regarding a Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' officer survey. (See attached)
- There was a discussion regarding the leadership of Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' inability and resistance to provide/maintain a healthy and sanitary workplace.
- There was a discussion regarding the leadership of Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' inability to update/repair faulty/malfunctioning equipment such as the elevator, etc.
- There was a discussion regarding the leadership of Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' inability to provide needed equipment to officers.
- There was a discussion regarding the lack of support that Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' leadership has received from Louisville Metro Government Administration.
- There was a discussion regarding the national average of inmate deaths and a ratio comparison of inmate deaths in Louisville Metro Department of Corrections.
- There were several questions regarding whether this legislation will have an impact.
- There were several questions regarding what training agency Louisville Metro Department of Corrections will use to train their K-9 unit.
- There were several questions regarding the members and/or leader of the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' training unit.
- There was a discussion regarding the leadership of Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' resistance/inaction to have a mental health professional within the facility.
- There were several questions regarding the impact of recent changes to the Kentucky Retirement System on Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' officers.
- There were several questions regarding possible conversations between Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' leadership and the Louisville Corrections Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #77.
- There were several questions regarding next steps in leadership.
- There were several questions regarding lack of support and/or empowerment of Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' leadership and Louisville Metro Government Administration.

- There were several questions regarding whether Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' leadership staff were appointed or the positions were inherited.
- There were several questions regarding whether Louisville Metro Department of Corrections' leadership staff have worked in a sworn officer capacity.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to Old Business.

3. [O-008-22](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION TO LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES ("LMCO") CHAPTER 42 TO REGULATE THE USE OF METRO-OWNED PROPERTIES AS A TOW LOT.

Sponsors: Primary Keisha Dorsey (D-3) and Primary David James (D-6)

Attachments: [O-008-22 V. 1 020322 CREATING A NEW SECTION OF LMCO CHP. 42 - REGULATE THE USE OF METRO-OWNED PROPERTIES AS A TOW LOT.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Dorsey
- Council President James
- Committee Member McCraney
- Major Emily McKinley, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Vice Chair Peden
- Committee Member Flood

The following was discussed:

- The scope and intent of the legislation is to give a strict documented timeline for the temporary tow lot proposed by Louisville Metro Government Administration.
- The legislation gives a designation to the definition of "temporary" as a six-month time-frame with a concession period of 90 days.
- The proposed temporary tow lot has a total time line of nine months to operate in its present location.
- The overall intent of this legislation is for accountability of the Louisville Metro Government Administration.
- There were several questions regarding next steps in addressing the towing overflow after closing the proposed temporary lot.
- There was a discussion regarding the proposed temporary tow lot becoming an auction lot after the end of the designated time-frame.
- There were several questions regarding the current status of the "temporary" tow lot.
- There was a discussion regarding a possible amendment to further define the time period and its expiration.

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

Yes: 6 - Green, Shanklin, McCraney, Parker, Peden, and Flood

Excused: 1 - Fox

4. [R-011-22](#)**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE BILL 19
AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS.**

Sponsors: Primary Rick Blackwell (D-12), Additional David James (D-6) and Additional Keisha Dorsey (D-3)

Attachments: [R-011-22 V.1 020322 RES IN SUPPORT - KENTUCKY SB 19
AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

5. [O-004-22](#)**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF
ORDINANCES ("LMCO") RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN
LOUISVILLE METRO.**

Sponsors: Primary Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Primary Bill Hollander (D-9), Primary Nicole George (D-21), Primary Kevin Triplett (D-15), Primary David James (D-6) and Additional Rick Blackwell (D-12)

Attachments: [O-004-22 PROPOSED CAM 022322 AMEND CH 135 - LOUISVILLE
METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES \("LMCO"\) RELATING TO THE
DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.pdf](#)
[O-004-22 V. 1 020322 AMEND CH 135 - LOUISVILLE METRO CODE
OF ORDINANCES \("LMCO"\) RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF
FIREARMS.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

6. [O-469-21](#)**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO
GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTERS 91 AND 156 TO ENHANCE THE
ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL LICENSING AND REQUIRE THE MICROCHIPPING OF
CATS AND DOGS.**

Attachments: [O-469-21 SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWN 020922 AMEND LMCO 91
AND 156 - ENHANCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL LICENSING
AND REQUIRE THE MICROCHIPPING OF CATS AND DOGS.pdf](#)
[O-469-21 PROPOSED CABS 012622 AMEND LMCO 91 AND 156 -
ENHANCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL LICENSING AND
REQUIRE THE MICROCHIPPING OF CATS AND DOGS.pdf](#)
[O-469-21 V. 1 092321 ENHANCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL
LICENSING AND REQUIRE THE MICROCHIPPING OF CATS AND
DOGS.pdf](#)

Sponsorship has been withdrawn.

Adjournment

Without objection, Vice Chair Peden adjourned the meeting at 4:29 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 February 17, 2022.