



# Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

## Action Summary - Final Government Oversight and Audit Committee

*Chair Brent Ackerson (D-26)*  
*Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)*  
*Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)*  
*Committee Member Donna Purvis (D-5)*  
*Committee Member Brandon Coan (D-8)*  
*Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)*  
*Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11)*  
*Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12)*  
*Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14)*  
*Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)*  
*Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)*

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Tuesday, November 10, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Call to Order

Chair Person Ackerson called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

**NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members attended the meeting virtually, except Vice Chair Piagentini and Committee Member Coan, who attended in Chambers.**

**Present:** 11 - Chair Brent Ackerson (D-26), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Committee Member Brandon Coan (D-8), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

### Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Keisha Dorsey, (D-3), Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Markus Winkler (D-17) and Council Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)

### Support Staff

Jonathan Ricketts, Counsel for the Metro Council  
Chris Bush, Counsel for the Metro Council  
Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office

## Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk  
Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Pending Legislation

### 1. [RP111020CH](#)

#### **REAPPOINTMENT OF CARL HILTON TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2023)**

**Attachments:** [APT Air Pollution Control District Board 11.2.20.pdf](#)

[Carl Hilton 11.2.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Air Pollution Control District Board 11.2.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Air Pollution Control District Board 11.2.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Sexton Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Committee Member Blackwell
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Carl Hilton, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is the Chair of the Air Pollution Control District Board.
- The appointee is a retired Environmental Manager with DuPont.
- The appointee has extensive environmental training spanning over 34 years.
- The appointee became involved with the West Jefferson County Community Task Force, a community environmental agency with Arnita Gadson following his retirement.
- The appointee was the leader of the West Jefferson County Community Task Force for seven years.
- The appointee was appointed to the Air Pollution Control District Board in 2015 and voted Board Chair in 2019.
- Thanks were given to the appointee for his service and environmental commitment to the community.

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

2. [RP111020LW](#)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF LEE WEYLAND TO THE DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 14, 2023)**

**Attachments:** [APT Downtown Management District Board 11.2.20.pdf](#)

[Lee Weyland 11.2.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Downtown Management District 11.2.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Downtown Management District 11.2.20.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Kramer, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.**

**The following spoke to the item:**

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Committee Member Sexton Smith

**The following was discussed:**

- Committee Member Sexton Smith stated by virtue of serving on the Board, she would abstain from voting.

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

**Yes:** 10 - Ackerson, Piagentini, Purvis, Coan, Hollander, Kramer, Blackwell, Fowler, Benson, and Flood

**Abstain:** 1 - Sexton Smith

3. [AP111020MM](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW MAY TO THE PLEASURE RIDGE PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024)**

**Attachments:** [APT Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Protection District Board 11.2.20.pdf](#)  
[Applicants for Board - PRP Fire Protection District Board 11.2.20.pdf](#)  
[Current Board - PRP Fire Protection District Board 11.2.20.pdf](#)  
[Matthew May 11.2.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Sexton Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Matthew May, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is filling a Fire Fighter Elect position on the Board.
- The appointee is filling a vacancy due to a resignation of a former board member.
- The appointee is a fire fighter with the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire District with over 20 years experience.
- The appointee is a Sergeant assigned to Engine Company 33 on Terry Road.
- The appointee began his career as a volunteer in 2000, then becoming an active duty Fire Fighter in 2003.
- The appointee has led the fire fighter recruit academy in Pleasure Ridge Park.
- The appointee is a registered Republican.

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

4. [R-149-20](#)

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO REPAIR, RESTORE AND REINSTALL THE KING LOUIS STATUE TO ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION ON 6TH AND JEFFERSON STREETS**

**Sponsors:** Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11), Additional Brent Ackerson (D-26), Additional Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Additional Marilyn Parker (R-18) and Additional Scott Reed (R-16)

**Attachments:** [R-149-20 V.1 110520 Restore King Louis Statue to 6th and Jefferson.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

5. [R-132-20](#)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (“COUNCIL”) TO RELEASE DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE LMPD EXPLORER CASE.**

Sponsors: Primary David James (D-6)

Attachments: [R-132-20 V.1 102220 Release of LMPD Explorer Case Documents.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

### Special Discussion

6. [ID 20-1545](#)

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION: DISCUSSION ON ELLIOTT AVENUE WITH REGARD TO CODES AND REGULATIONS AND DEVELOP LOUISVILLE**

- Mary Ellen Weiderwohl, Chief - Louisville Forward
- Joshua Watkins, Office of Civic Innovation
- Reverend Paul Stillwell, Keeping It Real

Attachments: [11.10.20 JW - PBI Powerpoint.pdf](#)

Chair Person Ackerson opened the Special Discussion on Elliott Avenue and welcomed the scheduled guests that would be speaking.

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Committee Member Purvis
- Committee Member Hollander
- Council President James
- Committee Member Sexton Smith
- Mary Ellen Weiderwohl, Develop Louisville
- Laura Grabowski, Develop Louisville
- Joshua Watkins, Office of Civic Innovation
- Reverend Paul "Beau" Stillwell, Keeping It Real

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion that requested follow up information from the previous meeting was recently provided.
- The follow up answers include information on the work of the Placed Based Investigations, data collection for Elliott Avenue by Keeping It Real, as well as, institutional information on the Keeping It Real organization and case/statute information on Public Nuisance Abatement.
- There were several questions regarding organizational structures and reporting protocol.

- An organizational chart was provided by Joshua Watkins, who will forward this presentation to the Clerk's Office after the meeting.
- There were several questions regarding to whom key participants reported to during the project, process, and operations.
- There was a discussion regarding whom Keeping it Real participants reported to in Develop Louisville, the initial contracting of the group and project processes/operations.
- Keeping it Real grassroots group was recruited by Jeanna Dunlap for data collection and grassroots engagement in the Elliott Avenue area.
- There were several questions regarding why Elliott Avenue became a target group, which was predominantly based on vacant property and crime stats in the area.
- There was a discussion regarding the vacant and abandoned properties team providing statistics and research to present for a CHOICE grant with Elliott Avenue as an ideal target area.
- There were several questions regarding the project management procedures in respect to Place Based Investigations (PBI) and the Office of Performance Improvement during the Elliott Avenue project.
- There were several questions regarding the process and specific events that led to the issuing of No-Knock Warrants, specifically those events involving the raid on Breonna Taylor's home.
- There was a discussion on enforcement decisions and tactics being conducted solely by the Louisville Metro Police Department.
- There was a discussion regarding the process and project management on the Elliott Avenue project being conducted primarily in the Office of Performance Improvement and Develop Louisville.
- There was a discussion on shared departmental information regarding enforcement, criminal activity, and data collection to compile strategy interventions during the Elliott Avenue project.
- There were several questions on departmental coordination and how this culminated in the raid on the home of Breonna Taylor.
- There was a discussion on the historical events that led to the coordination of Place Based Investigations, Develop Louisville, the Vacant and Abandoned Property team, and the Office of Performance Improvement as it proceeded into the Elliott Avenue project.
- There was a discussion regarding key crime hot spots within Jefferson County and the ultimate selection of Elliott Avenue as opposed to other areas.
- There were several questions regarding other areas with similar demographic factors to Elliott Avenue that have experienced a coordinated effort from Louisville Metro departments.
- There was a discussion regarding the police calls of service and factors that determined Elliott Avenue as an ideal BURN grant candidate for Federal relief due to vacant property data and criminal activity.
- There was a discussion regarding the Blighted Communities Team, the Cedar Street area and the new Urban League Activity Field/facility.
- There were several questions regarding the contract amount for the selection of Keeping It Real as it conducted grassroots data collection in the research area.
- There was a discussion regarding the terms of the contract of Keeping It Real covering three separate projects rather than a single project.
- There was a discussion regarding the Elliott Avenue research area and its boundaries.
- There were several questions regarding clauses within the agreement with

Keeping It Real such as community events/clean ups, development initiatives and quarterly reports.

- There were several questions regarding the contract terms with Keeping It Real, which was originally a 24-month contract and has been extended due to COVID-19.
- There was a request for an itemized spreadsheet to date for monies paid to Keeping It Real.
- There was a discussion regarding the 12-month extension of Keeping It Real and the purpose/scope of the extension.
- There was a discussion regarding the initial interdepartmental meetings for the Place Based Investigation coordinated effort and how specific agencies became involved.
- There were questions regarding why the Metro Council Members for the specific area were not invited to initial PBI meetings/trainings.
- There were several questions regarding changes in language within the Place Based Investigations project overview document.
- There was a discussion on enforcement actions that took place outside of the network area of Elliott Avenue such as Dino's gas station and the home of Breonna Taylor.
- There were several questions regarding the individuals that participated in the Place Based Investigations squad and each individual's role.
- There were several questions regarding similar agencies/groups like Keeping It Real being utilized in similarly categorized areas such as Elliott Avenue.
- There was a request for all the reports submitted by Keeping It Real to date being sent to the Committee.
- There were several questions regarding law enforcement concepts versus development concept initiatives as it relates to Elliott Avenue.
- There was a discussion regarding neighborhood development initiatives for revitalization in the Elliott Avenue area in connection with the West Can't Wait group.
- There were several questions regarding the specific property addresses that Keeping It Real will develop within the Elliott Avenue area.
- There were questions regarding whether Keeping It Real is a Louisville Metro/Jefferson County agency.
- There was a request for all financial documentation submitted by Keeping It Real to Develop Louisville to date.
- There was a request for a schedule of all Keeping It Real's proposed monthly community development meetings, the attendees, and topics of discussion.
- There were several questions surrounding the inclusion of Metro Council Members during the Develop Louisville component of the Elliott Avenue project.
- There was a request for all invoices from the Investigator and General Counsel for the Committee.

7. [ID 20-1546](#)

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION: PURSUANT TO ORDER 003, SERIES 2020, TO INVESTIGATE THE ACTIONS AND INACTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF BREONNA TAYLOR, THE DEATH OF DAVID MCATEE, AND RELATED PROTESTS IN LOUISVILLE METRO**

**Attachments:** [OR.003.2020.pdf](#)

## Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Ackerson adjourned the meeting at 7:25 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 November 19, 2020.