



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)

Thursday, March 10, 2022

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Person Hollander called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person Hollander introduced the committee members present. A quorum was established.

- Present:** 9 - Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Chair Bill Hollander (D-9), Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), and Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)
- Excused:** 2 - Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), and Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)

Support Staff

Laura Ferguson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
LaTonya Bell, Metro Council Financial Analyst

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [O-087-22](#)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE "METRO GOVERNMENT" OR THE "ISSUER"), PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES OF THE METRO GOVERNMENT IN ONE OR MORE SERIES TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF PUBLIC PROJECTS AS DESCRIBED IN VARIOUS METRO GOVERNMENT CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGETS; SETTING FORTH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH THE BONDS AND NOTES ARE TO BE ISSUED AND PROVIDING FOR A COMPETITIVE, ADVERTISED SALE THEREOF; DEFINING AND PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS AND NOTES AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AND TAKING OTHER RELATED ACTION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS AND NOTES (AS AMENDED).

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [O-087-22 V.2 CAM 031022 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.pdf](#)
[Council Update on Bond Issuance 3-10-22 - Revised.pdf](#)
[O-087-22 PROPOSED CAM 031022 General Obligation Bonds.pdf](#)
[O-087-22 V.1 030322 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.pdf](#)
[ORD 038 2022.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:

- Chair Person Hollander
- Monica Harmon, Louisville Metro Office of Management and Budget
- Chip Sutherland, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Arthur

The following was discussed:

A motion was made by Committee Member Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Arthur, that this Ordinance be amended as shown in the attached document titled, "O-087-22 PROPOSED CAM 031022 General Obligation Bonds.pdf."

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

- There was a discussion regarding the history of the bond authorization, Louisville Metro's bond financing needs, Louisville Metro's current credit rating, and Louisville Metro's last bond issuance.
- There was a discussion regarding Louisville Metro's bond issuing methodology and its benefits.

- There was a discussion regarding Louisville Metro's previous bond issuance that totaled \$90 million and covered FY19 and a portion of FY20.
- There was a discussion regarding Louisville Metro securing current debt obligations so the future administration may decide its bond process/methodology.
- There was a discussion regarding the proposed projects for this bond covering equipment, infrastructure and deferred maintenance project that will span from 10-20 years.
- There was a discussion regarding the reimbursement of expenditures, such as a line of credit or any Louisville Metro general funds disbursed.
- There was a discussion regarding Louisville Metro's continued revenue growth.
- There were several questions regarding the date of Louisville Metro's planned bond sale.
- There were several questions regarding the expected interest rate for the planned bond sale.
- There were several questions regarding any anticipated increase in Louisville Metro's unassigned fund balance with the upcoming budget cycle.
- There were several questions regarding defining the term "unassigned fund balance," which is the Louisville Metro rainy day fund.
- There were several questions regarding debt services and cash on hand that is available via the rainy day fund.
- There were several questions regarding the change in interest in regard to a line of credit versus a general bond.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Louisville Metro Office of Management and Budget could create a debt-to-revenue schematic for Council Members as the upcoming budget cycle begins.
- There were several questions regarding Louisville Metro's credit rating in comparison to peer cities.
- To date, Louisville Metro has a AAA credit rating.
- Louisville Metro has a very diverse tax base.
- There were several questions regarding whether legal settlements impact Louisville Metro's credit rating.
- There were several questions regarding whether Louisville Metro's credit rating or bond issuance changes when supporting industrial revenue bonds or tax increment financing projects.
- Louisville Metro is not financially obligated with an industrial revenue bond project, however, as a threshold for a tax increment finance project accrues it could impact a credit rating change.

The motion to recommend for approval carried by the following vote and the amended Ordinance was sent to Old Business:

Yes: 9 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Kramer, Triplett, Piagentini, George, and Engel

Excused: 2 - Fowler, and Winkler

2. [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.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Additional Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Attachments: [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](#)

This item remained held in committee.

3. [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

Without objection, Chair Person Hollander adjourned the meeting at 5:34 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 March 17, 2022.**