



**Action Summary - Tentative
Public Safety Committee**

*Chair Person Jessica Green (D-1)
Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)
Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)
Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)*

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Person Green called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Roll Call

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

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, all except Chair Person Green who attended in Council Chamber.**

Present: 7 - Chair Person Jessica Green (D-1), Vice Chair James Peden (R-23), Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Non-Committee Members

Council Member Keisha Dorsey(D-3), Council Member Donna Purvis (D-5), President David James (D-6), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Brandon Coan (D-8), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Council Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), Council Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Council Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Council Member Stuart Benson (R-20), Council Member Nicole George (D-(21), and Council Member Brent Ackerson, (D-26).

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk (s)

Mary Whitlock, Assistant Clerk
Connie M. Dearing, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 20-0693](#)

Special Discussion on No-Knock Warrants

Dr. Peter Kraska, Eastern Kentucky University, School of Justice Studies

Dr. Frank Smith, Simmons University

Keturah Herron, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) - Kentucky

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Green
- Major Paul Humphrey, Louisville Police Department
- Dr. Peter Kraska, Eastern Kentucky University
- Dr. Frank Smith, Simmons College of Kentucky
- Keturah Herron, American Civil Liberties union
- Committee Member Flood
- Committee Member Shanklin
- Committee Member Sexton Smith
- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member Parker
- Council Member Yates
- Council Member Mulvihill
- Council Member Coan
- Council Member Piagentini
- Council Member George
- Council Member Winkler

The following was discussed:

- Definition of the no-knock warrants
- Officers will not seek no-knock warrants - not for drugs
- No research regarding no-knock warrants
- No-knock vs. Quick-knock
- Problems with no-knock warrants going wrong
- 80% of raids in African American homes
- Need to require conduct by SWAT team
- Houston Texas have eliminated no-knock warrants
- High risk - low tactics
- Inventory of what officers are allowed and not allowed to do
- Audio visual use at all times
- Consistency to wear body cameras
- Citizens review board
- Include a section in the ordinance to require a comprehensive report
- Banning all no-knock warrants
- Need help from State Legislators
- All warrants issued from a judge, knocking on door, waiting at least 15 seconds after knocking and announcing in order for home occupants to answer door
- The urgency of the moment should dictate our actions and encourage us to be bold

Pending Legislation

2. [O-213-20](#)**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NO-KNOCK SEARCH WARRANTS, THE EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANTS, AND THE USE OF BODY CAMERA EQUIPMENT DURING IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL SEARCH WARRANTS, TO BE KNOWN AS BREONNA'S LAW. (AS AMENDED)**

Sponsors: Primary Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Primary Jessica Green (D-1), Primary Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Primary Donna L. Purvis (D-5) and Primary Paula McCraney (D-7)

Attachments: [O-213-20 V.2 060320 No-Knock Search Warrants.pdf](#)
[O-213-20 PROPOSED CAM 060320 No-Knock Search Warrants.pdf](#)
[O-213-20 V.1 052820 No-Knock Search Warrants.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Person Peden, seconded by Committee Member Sexton Smith, that this Ordinance be recommended for Approval.

The following spoke to the item:

- Committee Member Sexton Smith
- Chair Person Green
- Vice Chair Peden
- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member Shanklin
- Committee Member Parker
- Committee Member Flood
- Committee Parker
- Council Member Hollander
- Council Member Dorsey
- Council Member Yates
- Council Member Ackerson
- Council Member Benson
- Council Member George
- Council Member McCraney
- Council Member Piagentini
- Council Member Winkler
- Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

The following was discussed:

- Requirement of no-knock warrants
- There are some cases that will justify no-knocks
- Replace definitions of no-knocks warrants
- Need definition of no-knock warrants
- No-knocks going wrong
- African Americans experience more mistreatment
- Pass Breonna's Law - Citizens are demanding
- Stop no-knock warrants
- Black Lives Matter
- Location of the no-knock warrants
- All no-knock search warrants to be legal
- It is time to ban no-knock search warrants
- Drug warrants
- Need a clear understanding of banging on the door regarding warrants

- What is exigent circumstances
- Do we have the authority to ban no-knock warrants in Jefferson County
- Houston Texas has eliminated no-knock warrants
- All no-knock search warrants shall be legal
- Concerns regarding the 15 seconds before entering
- Reasonable amount of time based on the size of the structure
- Need to listen to constituents and people who put Metro Council Members in office

The following requested to be Sponsors:

- Council Member Dorsey
- Council Member Mulvihill
- Council Member Coan
- Council Member Yates
- Council Member McCraney
- Council Member Flood
- Council Member Triplett
- Council Member Hollander
- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member George
- Committee Member Winkler
- Committee Member Piagentini

A motion was made by Chair Person Green, seconded by Committee Member Sexton Smith, that this Ordinance be amended as shown in the attached document titled 'O-213-20 V.2 PROPOSED CAM 060320 No-Knock Search Warrants'. The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

Yes: 6- Green, Peden, Shanklin, Sexton-Smith, Fox, and Flood

Absent: 1- Parker

The vote count Yes changed due to the County Attorney stating Council Member Parker had to be present to vote.

Chair Person Green stated there would be a Special Public Safety Meeting to further discuss the ordinance June 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Without objection, this meeting adjourned at 6:30 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 June 11, 2020.