



**Action Summary - Tentative
Budget Committee**

Chair Bill Hollander (D-9)
Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11)
Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)
Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)
Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7)
Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10)
Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14)
Committee Member Scott Reed (R-16)
Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)
Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

4:30 PM

Council Chambers

THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

Chair Hollander called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call

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

***NOTE: All committee member and non-committee members present attended virtually, except Committee Member Anthony Piagentini, Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith, and Council Member Brandon Coan.**

Present: 11 - Chair Bill Hollander (D-9), Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Scott Reed (R-16), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), and Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Brandon Coan (D-8), Council Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), Council Member Mark Fox (D-13), Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), Council Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), and Council Member Nicole George (D-21)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 20-1672](#)

Discussion of O-589-20: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 072, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 CAPITAL BUDGET, FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT BY INCREASING THE VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT FOR GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROJECT FROM \$2,000,000 TO \$3,664,900 FOR GENERAL FLEET PURCHASES.

Attachments: [O-589-20 V.1 121020 Emergency Ord RE Mid-Year Adjustment to Capital Budget RE Fleet Equipment.pdf](#)

Daniel Frockt, Office of Management and Budget, gave a presentation.

The following spoke to this item:

- Committee Member Ackerson
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Daniel Frockt
- Council Member Fox
- Committee Member Winkler
- Robert Kirchdorfer, Department of Codes & Regulations
- Tamika Laird, Office of Resilience and Community Services
- Vincent James, Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods
- Monique Williams, Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods
- Council Member Triplett
- Council Member Coan
- Committee Member Reed
- Chair Hollander
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Keith Hackett, Public Works
- Vanessa Burns, Public Works
- Committee Member Mulvihill
- Committee Member Fowler
- Michael Norman, Kentucky Science Center

The following was discussed:

- \$26 million to be moved forward from Fiscal Year 2020 to Fiscal Year 2021 for general government needs and COVID-19 response
- \$10 million for utility assistance, which would leave \$16 million to go into Fiscal Year 2021 for appropriations
- \$3.5 million for appropriations for departmental needs
- \$1,664,900 for Public Works, Codes and Regulations and Fleet and Assets to purchase new equipment, and hire new employees
- CARES Act expenditures close out on December 30, 2020
- CARES Act is for COVID-19 pandemic relief
- Science Center requesting a one-time expense amount of \$750,000 to get through the pandemic
- Science Center was closed until July and is now running at 20% of attendance due to COVID-19
- Science Center board is actively looking for other sources of funding
- Question whether taxes will be raised

- Question and concerns about increasing payroll for Public Works by hiring for new positions
- \$600,000 to the Office of Resilience and Community Services to establish a Mobile Response Team to address homelessness
- The objective of the Mobile Response Team is to move the unsheltered to shelter
- Homelessness in Jefferson County has reach over 8,500
- Question whether Metro Government should be focusing more on violence in the city
- Question whether there is additional funds available under expenditures
- Budget was increased with Fraternal Order of Police contract
- \$350,000 for Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods
- Question whether Metro Government could use the capital money instead of borrowing
- Metro Government is maintaining by paying off \$45 million and borrowing \$45 million
- Question whether these programs appear to be reoccurring expenses
- Question with the weather turning, if Metro Government has enough in the budget for outreach for human services for people to be sheltered and feed during the winter months
- Question whether Metro Government should pause and keep unassigned funds until the end of January 2021
- Question whether each item on the Ordinance can be voted on individually
- \$580,000 to Codes and Regulations will allow them to keep the inmate crews for cutting grass and the removal of graffiti
- Clean up vacant property to keep up property values
- Public Works will need to hire contractors to do the ramps
- There is an Ordinance for companies that are hauling loads on the back of trucks to secure them
- Sweep street cleaning was cut from 4 times a year
- Brightside cancelled all cleaning in Jefferson County for the year
- There ia s cleanliness index that was created by Brightside
- Interest rates on 5 year note is currently low, the longer the loan the lower the rates
- Question whether the \$2 million that was taken from pension fund can be repaid from the CARES Act
- Pension contribution is frozen for Fiscal Year 2021
- Question why wasn't the \$26 million put into unassigned funds
- Question asked if the stimulus checks were to stabilize the economy
- Question whether the CARES Act is to address health care
- Violent crimes are at a record number, and neighborhoods are not safe
- Question about how The Group Violence Intervention will work with their partners and the youth
- Outreach workers will be used to reach and work with the youth
- Detail plans needed on how money will be spent on homelessness
- Question if there is a draft ideal of what the administration would like to do with left over money from the CARES Act funds
- West-end Library has infrastructure needs that would be a one time expense
- The Office of Resilience and Community Services submits quarterly reports to Metro Council
- Downtown Partnership does the clean-up for downtown and has there own tax base and budget
- Questions from meeting are to be forwarded to Chair Hollander

Chair Hollander stated next Special Budget Meeting will be held on one of the following dates December 27, or 28th or 29th.

2. [ID 20-1673](#)

Discussion of O-588-20: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 073, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT BY APPROPRIATING \$3,533,700 OF GENERAL FUND COMMITTED FUND BALANCE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

Attachments: [O-588-20 V.1 121020 Emergency Ord RE Mid-Year Operating Budget Adjustments.pdf](#)

This item was discussed during the discussion of item #1.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Hollander adjourned the meeting at 6:48 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 December 10, 2020.