



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Action Summary - Final Public Works Committee

Chair Nicole George (D-21)
Vice Chair Robin Engel (R-22)
Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)
Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)
Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

Call to Order

Chair George called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair George 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 Chair George, who attended in Chambers.**

Present: 6 - Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Chair Nicole George (D-21), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), Vice Chair Robin Engel (R-22), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Excused: 1 - Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Support Staff

Jeff Derouen, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Lauren Givhan, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-0641](#)

Speed Humps (Contractor Capacity and Equity in Procurement)

Jeff Brown and Greg Dow, Public Works

The following spoke to this item:

- Jeff Brown, Public Works
- Chair George
- Committee Member Chambers Armstrong
- Committee Member Engel

The following was discussed:

- The speed hump process requires a request for investigation from the residents with their signatures and a street name
- A traffic study is conducted in the area over 48 hours by counting the total number of cars going over the area and the speed to determine if the street is eligible for a speed bump
- There would have to be traffic volume at about 300 to 2500 a day, and 85% of the cars going at or above 35 miles per hour
- If the area qualifies the residents or neighborhood association would need to get 70% support from the abutting property owners on that street to agree
- Speed humps are a line item in the Public Works contracts
- The Metro Public Works primary contractor offers speed humps at \$2,050 each
- Questions about whether the cost of speed humps were due to the cost of the asphalt and labor
- Local classified roads are the only roads that qualify for speed humps
- The average time length to get a speed hump installed is 4 to 6 weeks after it is approved

Pending Legislation

2. [O-216-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT TO RENEW THE GAS FRANCHISE WITH LOUISVILLE GAS & ELECTRIC AND SIGN A GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.

Sponsors: Primary Nicole George (D-21)

Attachments: [O-216-21 V.1 052021 Renew The Gas Franchise with LG&E.pdf](#)

[First Amendment to Louisville Metro Gas Franchise.pdf](#)

[LG&E Gas Franchise First Amendment Exhibit A.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Engel, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Jeff Derouen, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

- Committee Member Hollander
- Chair George
- Allyson Sturgeon, Louisville Gas and Electric Company
- Timothy Melton, Louisville Gas and Electric Company
- Vice Chair Engel

The following was discussed:

- This is the second cycle of the twenty year agreement between Louisville Metro Government and Louisville Gas and Electric Company
- The agreement is a term of 5 years with the option to agree 3 different times
- The agreement does allow for a franchise fee, but Louisville Metro Government has not been charging a fee but can impose a fee
- Question about whether the franchise fee can be allocated to any Louisville Metro Government area the budget allows
- Question about how the cap was negotiated to be 3%
- The Metro Council would set the fee through an Ordinance
- The Metro Council would need to vote for the franchise fee and after it is approved, Metro Council would give notice in writing to Louisville Gas and Electric Company and give them sixty days to get their process involved and at the end of sixty days they would start making the payments
- The Public Service Commission's ruling is that it would be a pass through on the rate payers' bill
- Question about the average amount of gas that a home uses
- Louisville Metro has the ability to access the franchise fee without renegotiating with Louisville Gas and Electric Company
- Kentucky Utilities does not provide gas services
- Kentucky Utilities only provides electric services

The motion carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to Old Business:

Yes: 6 - Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, George, Benson, Engel, and Flood

Absent: 1 - Dorsey

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair George adjourned the meeting at 4:38 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 10, 2021.