

Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2020

4:30 PM

Council Chambers

Budget Committee

Chair Person 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)

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 members and non-committee members present attended virtually.**

Present: 11 - Chair Person 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 Members

Council Member Donna Purvis (D-5) and Council Member Nicole George (D-21)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Connie Dearing, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 20-0853](#)

Andrew Moore, National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families, gave an overview about the programs he runs, which included the following:

- Issue of disconnected youth
- 16 to 24 year olds who have dropped out of high school and out of work
- Action remains at local levels, which need local solutions
- Re-engagement centers or re-engagement programs
- 5 functions for drop out recovery: (1) affirmative outreach; (2) on going outreach assessment of education and psychological-social needs and early development of case management; (3) referring the young person for training, work or education option; (4) helping them to re-enroll in complex process; (5) provide at least a year of support after training re-enrollment

The following spoke to the item:

Committee Member Piagentini
Chair Hollander
Council Member George
Committee Member Mulvihill

The following topics were discussed:

- Question regarding underlying causes that connect the youth
- Question regarding underlying reasons why young adults can and cannot get on the right path
- Issue of disconnected youth
- Re-engagement eco-system which is on-going caring adult relationships to help after programs
- Question regarding reason or cause of disconnected youth
- Process to get external support for up to a year of support
- Training youth workers to work with youth that are no longer on anyone's list
- Peer mentoring and trained adult youth workers 25 years old and up
- At least one physical drop-in center centrally located
- Question regarding family engagement; the services mostly do not concentrate on family engagement unless it is requested or noticed, it mostly focused on getting where they can support themselves
- Other cities comparable in size and budget as Louisville would be Nashville, Washington State and Tucson Arizona
- Invest in new staff position or realign budgets for re-engagement coaches

- Most places with funding from the state operator as an entitlement so to the degree of helping bring people back to school would have a benefit to the school district
- Foundation grants to supplement the public funding

Natalie Harris, Coalition for the Homeless, spoke about the Coalition's support for young adults:

- Certain zip codes are struggling in a quarter of our city, the youth and young adults suffer the most
- The Coalition Supporting Young Adults noticed a number of homeless young adult were starting to rise from 125 to 600 young adults at its peak per year after the economic crisis in 2010
- Opportunity Youth is for youth between the ages of 16 and 24 that are not engaged in work
- Bank of America is one of the leading research entities that look at Opportunity Youth
- If a person does not engage by age 24, reports say they will be on government subsidy or engage in negative activities
- In 2010, 1 in 5 youths were disconnected, in 2018 it was 1 in 9, great stride towards improvement
- Four basic principles needed for homeless youth: (1) mental health support; (2) restored justice and zero detention; (3) educational opportunity; (4) life coaches
- Coalition Supporting Young Adults has surveyed young adults since 2012, and in doing so they have surveyed 197 youth
- Young adults find housing, transportation, education, financial resources and planning difficult to access
- The number dealing with mental health issues is really higher than what was expected

The following spoke to the item:

Council Member George

Chair Hollander

Committee Member Mulvihill

The following topics were discussed:

- Larger number of black youth are not in school or at work
- Commitment on the best use of funds for our future which is young adults
- Volunteers for the program would probably not be effective
- HUD Grant is a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grant, Louisville is one of 30 cities nationwide to receive the grant
- Case loads for re-engagement coaches would be approximately 40 to 80 young people per year
- Homeless system case loads are 25 to 30 young people at a time

2. [ID 20-0866](#)

The following spoke to the item:

Committee Member Kramer
Council Member George
Chair Hollander
Committee Member Winkler
Committee Member McCraney
Committee Member Sexton-Smith

The following topics were discussed:

- \$2.7 million that was allocated for COVID-19 crisis and was reimbursed through the Federal Government Cares Act
- Question regarding whether the \$2.7 million from Cares Act was to be used for evictions and food
- Whether to let the Department of Resilience and Community Services do the work
- Question regarding whom should administer the money allocated
- The current eviction rate is 20-30 percent in delinquency in payment
- Council to monitor and make sure funds were narrowly spent
- Need for a broad reach in helping those in need
- Resilience and Community Services does not help with home mortgages
- None of the allocated funds will go to community ministries for reimbursement
- Whether other programs be created to help with the gaps in the program

Pending Legislation

3. [O-036-20](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XX OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CREATING A NEW SECTION REGARDING A SURCHARGE ON TICKETS AND A TAX ON RESTAURANT GROSS RECEIPTS.**

This item was held in committee.

4. [O-190-20](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 082, SERIES 2019 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT BY REALLOCATING \$99,053.26 OF PARKS & RECREATION POOL REPAIRS FUNDING TO A NEW PROJECT TITLED D14 BLEVINS GAP REPAVING UNDER PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS.**

This item was held in committee.

5. [R-053-20](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELEASE OF METRO GOVERNMENT'S RIGHT OF REVERTER PERTAINING TO PROPERTY DEEDED TO LOUISVILLE URBAN LEAGUE SPORTS AND LEARNING COMPLEX, INC. AS SURPLUS.**

This item was held in committee.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Hollander adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.