



Action Summary - Tentative
Budget Committee

Chair Bill Hollander (D-9)
Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11)
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 Markus Winkler (D-17)
Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)
Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)
Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Thursday, June 3, 2021

5:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except the following who attended in Chambers:**

- Chair Hollander
- Committee Member Arthur
- Committee Member Piagentini

Present: 11 - 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 Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22), and Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Support Staff

Beth Stenberg, Metro Council Staff
LaTonya Bell, Metro Council Staff
Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [O-237-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 237, SERIES 2018, AND ORDINANCE NO. 072, SERIES 2020, RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$30,000 FROM A PROJECT TITLED D7 BEAUTIFICATION & SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON BROWNSBORO ROAD AND ESTABLISHING A NEW PROJECT TITLED D7 SIDEWALK AND PAVING PROJECTS.

Sponsors: Primary Paula McCraney (D-7)

Attachments: [O-237-21 V.1 052021 Budget Transfer for D7 Sidewalk and Paving Projects.pdf](#)

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

Committee Member McCraney explained that the funds were originally for a project that will no longer take place on Herr Lane, so the funds are being moved for work needed in other areas of the District.

The motion carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar:

Yes: 11 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Kramer, Fowler, Winkler, Piagentini, George, Engel, and Ackerson

2. [O-134-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 073, SERIES 2020 RELATED TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$374,600 TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO FUND OPERATING EXPENSES.

Sponsors: Primary Pat Mulvihill (D-10)

Attachments: [O-134-21 V.1 032521 Budget Transfer for Sheriff's Office.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

3. [O-238-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT, AND FUNCTIONING OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS VARIOUS OFFICERS, DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES, AND OTHER METRO-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9), Primary David James (D-6) and Additional Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [O-238-21 V.1 052021 FY 21-22 Operating Budget.pdf](#)
[ATTACH EXHIBIT A - FY 21-22 Operating Budget.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

4. [O-239-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS OF FUNDS FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY AND OTHER LOUISVILLE METRO-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9), Primary David James (D-6) and Additional Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [O-239-21 V.1 052021 FY 21-22 Capital Budget.pdf](#)
[ATTACH EXHIBIT A - FY 21-22 Capital Budget.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

5. [O-240-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET FOR THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY (TARC).

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9), Primary David James (D-6) and Additional Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [O-240-21 V.1 052021 FY 21-22 Budget for TARC.pdf](#)
[TARC - Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and Annual Report Final Draft for April 27 2021.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee, but general comments were made about this item during the discussion of item 6, O-241-21.

6. [O-241-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET FOR LOUISVILLE TOURISM.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9), Primary David James (D-6) and Additional Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [O-241-21 V.1 052021 FY 21-22 Budget for Louisville Tourism.pdf](#)
[Louisville Tourism - Operating Budget 21-22.pdf](#)
[Louisville Tourism - Debt Service Fund Budget 21-22.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Arthur, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

Chair Hollander explained why this Ordinance and item 5 (O-240-21) were filed separately from Louisville Metro's Operating Budget and provided some background history. He stated that in recent years there have been five agencies [Louisville Tourism, KentuckianaWorks, Parking Authority of River City (PARC), Transit Authority of River City (TARC), and Waterfront Development Corporation] whose budgets have been attached to and approved as part of Louisville Metro's Operating Budget, no hearings have

been held regarding those agency's budgets, and the attached documentation has been an abbreviated version of their actual budgets. He spoke about Council Member Pat Mulvihill's employment with TARC and how including the TARC budget in Louisville Metro's Operating Budget would not allow him to vote on it. He explained that only two of the five agency's budgets have been filed separately because the Jefferson County Attorney's Office has determined that only two of the budgets must be approved per statute, and those are the budgets of TARC and Louisville Tourism and their complete budgets have been attached to each item in Granicus. He also explained that he thought the other three agency's budgets should not be approved as they have been in the past because KentuckianaWorks and Waterfront Development Corporation actually come to hearings and funds are appropriated to them, and PARC participates as part of the hearing for Louisville Forward.

Chair Hollander asked if anyone wanted to discuss items 5 and 6 and the following also spoke:

- Committee Member Ackerson
- Committee Member Winkler
- Karen Williams, Louisville Tourism
- Committee Member Fowler
- Committee Member McCraney

The following was discussed:

- Concerns about the statutory requirement to review the TARC and Louisville Tourism budgets and the Committee approving them after only getting the complete budgets the night before, and requesting not to discuss the Ordinances at this time
- Having TARC and Louisville Tourism come before the Committee for a full Budget Hearing
- Louisville Tourism and TARC present their budget in public meetings before each agency approves their own budget
- Both budgets need to be approved by June 30, 2021
- Neither agency has stated that they did not want to come before the Committee
- Louisville Tourism's process for approving their budget
- TARC's budget being discussed in meetings on March 16, March 23, April 20, and April 27
- Carrie Butler, TARC, being out of town and unable to attend the meeting but is willing to come before the Committee at a later date
- Clarification about the reason for separating the two agency's budgets and Council Member Mulvihill's not being able to vote on the TARC budget

The discussion became more focused on this specific item, Louisville Tourism's budget, and the following spoke:

- Committee Member Piagentini
- Karen Williams
- Cleo Battle, Louisville Tourism
- Chair Hollander
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Committee Member Chambers Armstrong
- Committee Member Arthur
- Committee Member George
- Committee Member Ackerson
- Chris Kipper, Louisville Tourism

- Committee Member McCraney

The following was discussed:

- Clarifying that their operating budget is approximately \$16.8 million and approximately \$10 million in debt service
- Question regarding status of revenue before the pandemic, during the pandemic, and expectations for this year
- Question regarding what critical drivers are necessary in order to see recovery
- The transient room tax flows through the Revenue Commission and they saw the most dramatic decreases in these taxes
- Question regarding the transient room tax in terms of getting conventions to return to Louisville
- Question about the recovery of the tourism industry in Louisville compared to other parts of the state
- Question about work with arts organizations and how they can help each other recover
- Question about the \$240,000 appropriated in Louisville Tourism budget for Derby entertaining, and other entertaining of economic development prospects
- Question regarding whether the Downtown Revitalization work is covered in their budget
- Question regarding whether funds were still being budgeted to help support the community
- Additional questions about the \$240,000 appropriation for Derby entertaining, and why it is being passed through Louisville Tourism
- Question about reserve funds being available to cover the bond for the Convention Center even though there was a significant decrease in revenue from the transient room tax, and having the resources to continue to make the bond payments
- Transparency in spending of the funds allocated for Derby entertaining
- Question about the impact an increase in short-term rentals will have on the transient room tax

The motion carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar:

Yes: 11 - Arthur, McCraney, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, Kramer, Fowler, Winkler, Piagentini, George, Engel, and Ackerson

Chair Hollander said that he would work on setting up a Budget Hearing with TARC and would try to get links to the minutes and recordings of TARC's meetings regarding their budget.

Committee Member Ackerson spoke about his expectations to hear from Louisville Tourism and TARC before approving future budgets for each.

7. [O-077-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 072, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT BY APPROPRIATING \$30,700,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR MID-YEAR CAPITAL NEEDS TO PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS, PARKS & RECREATION, LIBRARY, AND FACILITIES & FLEET DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 073, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT TO ADJUST GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS/AUTHORIZATIONS AS A RESULT OF MID-YEAR FORECAST.

Sponsors: Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11) and Primary Mark H. Fox (D-13)

Attachments: [O-077-21 V.1 022521 Budget Transfers RE PW, Parks, Library, and Facilities.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

Adjournment

Chair Hollander reminded the Committee that the Budget Hearings resumed on Monday, June 7, which includes call backs for the Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods and Corrections, and that there were Budget Hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday as well. He also asked the Committee Members to provide any questions they may have for the agencies to him in advance, especially for the call backs, so the agencies know what information the Committee is seeking.

Without objection, Chair Hollander adjourned the meeting at 6:06 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.