



**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)

Thursday, December 3, 2020

4:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Hollander called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 10 - 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), and Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Excused: 1 - Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Non-Committee Member(s)

President David James (D-6)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Lisa Franklin-Gray, Assistant Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 20-1629](#)

Update on General Fund Revenue Estimates for Fiscal Year 2021
Daniel Frockt, Aaron Jackson, Office of Management and Budget

Attachments: [20-10 FY21 General Fund Revenue Estimate.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Hollander
- Daniel Frockt
- Committee Member Piagentini

The following was discussed:

- Completion for October 31, 2020 moved upward \$2.6 million
- Insurance premiums moved up approximately \$700,000 from \$65.7 million to \$66.4 million
- Insurance is due quarterly on July 31st and October 31st
- Employee withholdings are Metro Government's largest source of revenue
- Alcohol Beverage Control has not been updated on the forecast, and it will be revised downward about \$1 million for Fiscal year 2021
- Louisville Water Company utility assistance will be revised with a slight decrease
- Question asked about when the Office of management and Budget does the shifting of funds in net profits because of the delay and the tax deadline, where the Louisville Metro Government will end up with the current estimates of reduction over the 2 -year period

2. [ID 20-1630](#)

Update on Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
Expenditures and Budget per Ordinance No. 73, Series 2020, Part II, Section B.1.
Daniel Frockt, Monica Harmon, Office of Management and Budget

Attachments: [2020-11 Monthly CARES Report to Budget Committee.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Hollander
- Daniel Frockt

The following was discussed:

- New treasury deadline
- \$40.2 million of CARES Act Funding was spent
- Question asked regarding does the Office of Management and Budget anticipate happening by the end of the year with the fund the CARES Act funding supplied to Metro Government

Pending Legislation

3. [R-154-20](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S 2021 BUDGET.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [R-154-20 V.1 111920 Jefferson County Sherrif 2021 Budget.pdf](#)
[R-154-20 ATTACH - Attachment A - JCSO 2021 BUDGET.pdf](#)
[JCSO 2021 BUDGET AUTHORIZATION REQUEST.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Sexton Smith, seconded by Committee Member Kramer, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

John Aubrey, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, gave a review of the budget document that is attached and he also spoke to the following items:

- Personal protective equipment sanitizing supplies for offices and vehicles, especially prisoner vehicles
- Security details at multiple locations for testing sites
- Extra security detail during the height of the civil unrest
- Increase from \$39.58 to \$51.58 for hazard pay unless Frankfort lowers the projective increase in the upcoming sessions
- Tax increase due to higher property assessment values and increased home sales in various jurisdictions raising their rates
- Labor contract includes 3% increase for all employees in Jefferson County Sheriff Department in January 2021
- Currently the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department has 12 vacancies
- Training for Deputies and Commanding Officer's on de-escalation, weapon retention and use of force
- All sworn employees must complete 40 hours annually to maintain their certification as a Kentucky Peace Officer
- \$500,000 from last year's revenue was carried over to complete training facility
- Working to create a new civilian position as a community outreach/faith-based liaison

The motion to recommend for approval carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

4. [R-157-20](#)**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK'S 2021 BUDGET.**

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [R-157-20 V.1 111920 Jefferson County Clerks Budget 2021.pdf](#)
[R-157-20 ATTACH County Clerk 2021 Budget Request.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Sexton Smith, seconded by Committee Member Piagentini, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Bobbie Holsclaw, Jefferson County Clerk's Office, gave a review of the budget document attached and spoke to the following items:

- Jefferson County Clerk's Office requesting approval of 2021 fee budget
 - Projecting continuing revenue to decrease approximately 3% compared to the 2020 budget due to economic decline from COVID-19
 - 81% is for overall expenses is personnel cost for 322 positions
 - 13% is for operating expense
 - 6% is for capital for new initiatives
- Duties at Jefferson County Clerks Offices are the following:
- Issue registrations, plates and replacement decals
 - License and transfer vehicles
 - Issue dealer tags
 - Collect annual taxes
 - Collect usage taxes
 - Issue disabled parking permits
 - Record legal documents
 - Issue marriage licenses
 - Collect delinquent taxes
 - Generate property tax bills
 - Oversee voter registration for Jefferson County

Chair Hollander asked if the capital item for the relocation of the west branch clerks office been determined.

Bobbie Holsclaw stated that the delinquent tax department needs to be enlarged.

The motion to recommend for approval carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

5. [O-531-20](#)**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING YEAR-END OPERATING BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND TO PROVIDE VARIOUS TRANSFERS AS DETAILED HEREIN.**

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

Attachments: [O-531-20 V.1 11-19-20 Year End Operating Budget Transfers FY19-2020.pdf](#)
[FY20 Year-end Reconciliation - 12-1-20.pdf](#)

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

Daniel Frockt, Office of Management and Budget, gave a review of the document that is attached and also spoke to the following items:

- The Ordinance goes before the full Council on December 10, 2020
- The estimated \$7 million of unassigned fund balance for Fiscal Year 2020 gap was closed
- If Ordinance is adopted \$26 million will be carried forward from Fiscal Year 2020 to Fiscal Year 2021 for the pandemic and general needs
- This Ordinance does not recommend appropriating any of the \$26million as it is addressing Fiscal Year 2020 at the end
- Cares funding will end on December 30, 2020
- If there is a pension increase it would be a large hit on Fiscal Year 2020

Chair Hollander asked when the capper be completed and published.

Monica Harmon, Office of Management and Budget, stated it would completed by December 23, 2020 with the option to file for an extension.

Committee Member Piagentini stated that Metro Government Administration needs to examine what can be done to control cost going into the next budget cycle.

Vice Chair Kramer requested to be added as a sponsor.

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

- Yes:** 9 - Hollander, Kramer, Dorsey, Sexton Smith, McCraney, Fowler, Reed, Winkler, and Piagentini
- Excused:** 1 - Ackerson
- Absent:** 1 - Mulvihill

6. [O-532-20](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 072, SERIES 2020 AND ORDINANCE NO. 073, SERIES 2020 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS, RESPECTIVELY, BY TRANSFERRING \$700,000 FROM THE LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OPERATING BUDGET TO THE MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY RELOCATION PROJECT FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS (AS AMENDED).

Sponsors: Primary Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Attachments: [O-532-20 V.2 CAM 120320 Middletown Library Relocation.pdf](#)

[O-532-20 V.1 11920 Middletown Library Relocation .pdf](#)

[O-532-20 PROPOSED CAM 120320 Middletown Library Relocation .pdf](#)

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

Committee Member Piagentini stated that \$1.2 million will be used to do the capital upgrade to the building.

Daniel Frockt, Office of Management and Budget stated that the \$700,000 was money carried forward from Fiscal Year 2020 into Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

Douglas Foster, Louisville Free Public Library, stated this project will upgrade the existing building, and add a service entrance, mechanical system and a fire alarm system.

Benjamin Tipton, Louisville Free Public Library, just wanted to thank everyone.

A motion was made by Committee Member Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Kramer, that this Ordinance be amended as follows:

In Section 1, deleted the current language and add the following:

"The Metro Council requests a report from the Louisville Free Public Library at a meeting of the Metro Council Budget Committee, no later than March 31, 2021, to update the community on the progress of the project and its expected completion date."

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

The motion to recommend for approval carried by the following vote and the amended Ordinance was sent to Old Business:

Yes: 10 - Hollander, Kramer, Dorsey, Sexton Smith, McCraney, Mulvihill, Fowler, Reed, Winkler, and Piagentini

Excused: 1 - Ackerson

7. [O-538-20](#)

AN 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 \$10,000,000 OF GENERAL FUND COMMITTED FUND BALANCE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 TO THE OFFICE OF RESILIENCE & COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR UTILITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9), Primary Markus Winkler (D-17), Primary Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Primary Barbara Shanklin (D-2) and Primary Cindi Fowler (D-14)

Attachments: [O-538-20 V.1 111920 Amend Budget for Utility Assistance Grants.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Sexton Smith, seconded by Committee Member Reed, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

Tameka Laird, Office of Resilience and Community Services, gave a presentation.

Dave Vogel, Louisville Water Company, spoke about the self service portal, which would allow the customer to answer a few questions related to COVID-19 to see if they qualify for a \$500 grant payment assistance to be added to their account.

The following spoke to this item:

- Dave Vogel
- Chair Hollander
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Tameka Laird
- Carrie Gerard, Eastern Area Community Ministries
- Kelly Smith, Louisville Water Company
- Committee Member Winkler
- Tony Parrott, Metropolitan Sewer District
- Committee Member Reed
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Daniel Frockt, Office of Management and Budget
- Committee Member Fowler

The following was discussed:

- January 11, 2021 is the expected date to get information out to public
- Funds will be available to help customers with financial hardship with utility bills
- The Community Ministries help with utilities, housing and food
- The Community Ministries in the east end of Jefferson County utilizes more of the funds from the Louisville Water Company because of more single family homes
- Question regarding when utilities will be cut off
- Louisville Gas & Electric Company will resume residential disconnection in mid-January, but they are offering payment plans
- Louisville Water Company/Metropolitan Sewer District will resume disconnection for commercial customers at beginning of the new year
- Louisville Water Company also offers payment plans to customers

- Based on the level of funding that is in this Ordinance, disconnection for residential customers will probably be stretched to the end of the 2nd quarter
- Self service portal helps customers who do not go to Community Ministries for help
- Louisville Water Company and Louisville Gas & Electric Company disconnections are effecting all areas
- Louisville Water Company and Louisville Gas & Electric Company work directly with the Community Ministries
- Question regarding whether the Office of Resilience and Community Services and Office of Management and Budget can meet with the Community Ministries to identify the best way to distribute the money
- The funding is broken up into 3 categories: (1) Neighborhood Place with \$500,000; (2) Louisville Water Company Foundation will be administering \$4 million and they will also be partnering with the Community Ministries; and (3) the Community Ministries for Louisville Gas & Electric Company which is \$5.5 million
- 60% of the people who are coming in for help have never ask for help before from the Community Ministries
- Senior adults seem to be effected the least
- The leasing contractors at apartment buildings are being effected hard
- The hospitality industries are being affected hard
- Revenue from Metropolitan Sewer District is money that stays within Jefferson County
- Louisville Water Company is owned by Louisville Metro Government
- Question regarding whether there is language in the Ordinance stating that if federal funds come they will be used to reimburse the \$10 million
- Office of Resilience and Community Services allocated 10% which is \$500,000 allocation to the Community Ministries for administrative cost
- The Louisville Water Company provides the Community Ministries with an administrative fee
- The Louisville Water Company meets on a regular basis with the Community Ministries

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

- Yes:** 9 - Hollander, Kramer, Dorsey, Sexton Smith, McCraney, Fowler, Reed, Winkler, and Piagentini
- Absent:** 1 - Ackerson
- Abstain:** 1 - Mulvihill

Adjournment

Chair Hollander stated the Budget Committee, will be having a special meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Without objection, Chair Hollander adjourned the meeting at 6:40 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.