



**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, November 12, 2020

4:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Hollander called the meeting to order at 4:31 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, except Committee Member Piagentini, who attended in Chambers.

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 Nicole George (D-21) and Council Member James Peden (R-23)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

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

Special Discussion

1. [ID 20-1552](#)**Reimagining Public Safety as it relates to the Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods – Vincent James, Community Building , and Monique Williams, Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods**

Attachments: [MetroBudgetCommitteePresentation11_12_20.pptx](#)

Monique Williams, Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods, gave a presentation.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Hollander
- Vincent James, Community Building
- Committee Member Winkler

The following was discussed:

- THRIVE Program is designed for young black men to engage in the civic leadership positions and public engagements in the community
- Youth engagement happens within the youth implementation team locally and at a national level
- The THRIVE Program grant does not continue through Fiscal Year 2022
- The THRIVE Program is funded between Louisville and Lexington
- Violence prevention is focused on families and intervention
- Primary prevention is where the Office Of Safe & Healthy Neighborhoods is focusing on getting the community
- Initially there were 10 students in the THRIVE Program, 4 have graduated and 2 employed with Metro Government and the other 2 are seeking jobs outside of Metro Government
- The Office of Safe & Healthy Neighborhood's faith based program promotes peace
- Most of the young men in the THRIVE program have experienced tremendous drama in their lives
- Question whether there is data comparing the homicide rate with other cities
- The pandemic has caused economic instability and may have alot to do with the stress and rise in the number of homicides
- Civil unrest is also one of the reasons that there is so much stress within the city
- Geographic areas are focused on, with the money being distributed and it may not cover the entire city
- Reduction has been seen in the geographic areas that were focused on
- Group Violence Intervention looks at the actual shooters and those who are at risk and focuses in that area
- Social cohesion and social connections are huge for the Office of Safe & Healthy Neighborhoods to move forward
- No funds have been allocated for on the ground work for the Office of Safe & Healthy Neighborhoods to get re-enforcement
- There has to be more sufficient investment into the prevention of violence
- Question whether there have been spikes in violence in the geographic areas
- The 3 geographic areas that have been focused on in Louisville are 2 in the Russell neighborhood and 1 in the Shawnee Neighborhood

- Question whether \$750,000 will be needed as initial funding for Group Violence Intervention Program to see success
- Group Violence Intervention has provable outcomes in multiple cities
- Question whether there is partnership with Jefferson County Public Schools who knows who the delinquent kids are in middle and high school levels

Pending Legislation

2. [R-141-20](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$1,896,115.64 FROM THE CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE PROMOTING THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONALIZING OF JEFFERSON COUNTY'S 2020 SAFE AND SECURE ELECTIONS.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9)

Attachments: [R-141-20 V.1 11-05-20 Jefferson Co 2020 Safe and Secure Elections.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Maryellen Allen, Jefferson County Election Center
- Victoria Huntsman, Jefferson County Clerk's Office
- Chair Hollander

The following was discussed:

- Grant was offered through the Center for Tech and Civic Life to the Jefferson County Clerk's Office
- Additional expenses due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Additional expenses for the cost of printing ballots, security, absentee ballots and absentee ballots processing center and people to work at the voting locations
- Budgeted \$525,000 for election and over the budget this year
- Over 400 people were hired to work the voting locations with estimated \$90,000 cost

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

3. [R-145-20](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE AND USE OF FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS APPROPRIATION AS AUTHORIZED IN ORDINANCE 073, SERIES 2020 OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OPERATING ORDINANCE AND ORDINANCE 109, SERIES 2020.**

Sponsors: Primary Nicole George (D-21), Additional Keisha Dorsey (D-3) and Additional James Peden (R-23)

Attachments: [R-145-20 V.1 11-05-20 Youth and Young Adults.pdf](#)
[System Involved Youth Recommendations \(002\).pdf](#)

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

Dr. Aishia Brown, Office of Resilience and Community Services, gave a presentation.

The following spoke to this item:

- Tameka Liard, Office of Resilience and Community Services
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Winkler
- Committee Member Sexton Smith
- Council Member Peden
- Committee Member Ackerson
- Committee Member Dorsey

The following was discussed:

- Question regarding what would be the optimum outcome for improvement with this program
- Question regarding whether there will be a collective impact as a group by including Office of Youth Development, Goodwill and Urban League working together
- Partnering with University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky to do research to come up with measures on how to make the biggest impact
- Question whether the program will identify what could have been done in the past to prevent the Youth from getting into trouble
- Question whether there is a realistic time frame for good outcomes
- Question whether anyone has identified the number of opportunity youth in our county and the system involved youth, whether that be juvenile justice system or the foster care system
- Question whether Office of Youth Development is prepared to evaluate the actual number of individuals that have benefited from this expenditure, not youth that have already benefited from programs in place
- The youth involved in this program are between the ages of 16 and to 24
- The youth involved in these services are defined as connected and they are no longer defined as opportunity youth
- Opportunity youth are not in school nor are they working

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

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Hollander adjourned the meeting at 6:21 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 November 19, 2020.