



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Action Summary - Tentative Labor and Economic Development Committee

Chair David Yates (D-25)
Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)
Committee Member Donna Purvis (D-5)
Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7)
Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)
Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Person Yates called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person Yates introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members attended the meeting virtually, except Chair Person Yates, Vice Chair Piagentini, and Committee Member Winkler, who attended in Chambers.

Committee Member Winkler left at 3:18 p.m.

Vice Chair Piagentini left at 3:44 p.m.

Present: 7 - Chair Person David Yates (D-25), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), and Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Paul Rutherford, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [R-101-20](#)

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR LMPHW CONCERNING ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING SUPPORT AND SUPERVISION SERVICES - (HEIDI SOLARZ-KUTZ - \$31,500.00).

Sponsors: Primary David Yates (D-25)

Attachments: [R-101-20 V.1 080620 - LMPHW ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING SUPPORT AND SUPERVISION SERVICES - \(HEIDI SOLARZ-KUTZ - \\$31,500.00\).pdf](#)
[Heidi Solarz Kutz PSC](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Winkler, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Dr. Lori Caloia, Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness
- Chair Person Yates

The following was discussed:

- The contract is a carry forward of a previous contract facilitated by the Moore Center that provides Alcohol and Drug counseling.
- The position is part-time and grant funded for 20 hours per week.
- The salary is \$60 per hour up to \$31,500 - contract cap.
- The workload is contingent upon the number of patients to be served.

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

Special Discussion

2. [ID 20-1020](#)

Special Discussion: Louisville Forward 2Q2020 Quarterly Update - Mary Ellen Wiederwohl, Louisville Forward

Attachments: [2Q2020 Council Report.pdf](#)

The following spoke to the item:

- Chair Person Yates
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Mary Ellen Wiederwohl, Louisville Forward
- Rebecca Fleischaker, Economic Development
- Council Member Sexton Smith
- Committee Member Dorsey
- Committee Member McCraney
- Committee Member Purvis

The following was discussed:

- Pursuant to Ord. 170-19, Louisville Forward will give a quarterly report to the Labor and Economic Development Committee.
- This report was submitted to Members on July 31.
- Louisville Metro economy is elongated due to COVID-19.
- However, the economic pipeline is good.
- Small Business Relief Grants.
- The grant program launched with \$21 Million available in funding, there is \$11.9 Million remaining.
- 233 grants have been approved.
- 718 grants are currently going through the approval process
- Creating a Black Business Directory
- Creating a Black Business repository for black owned businesses.
- This should be a great time for small business development.
- Most projects in the pipeline are manufacturing, tech, and logistics jobs/companies
- Questions regarding monitoring and/or evaluating low income areas receiving services in the suggested Census tracks?
- Questions regarding Louisville Metro tracking MBE's and MWBE's in the grant process?
- Detail of small business application process and make up of the selection and scoring committees.
- Joe Neville, Purchasing will send a detail on the scoring committee and its procedures.
- Questions regarding how much COVID-19 has impacted the bid process in relation to the Urban Government Center process.
- Urban Government Center project will hold a Virtual Open House on August 22 in front of the Center.
- Public comment period has been extended until the end of August.
- Public can engage with both potential developers at the open house.
- The bid process, timeline and surplus resolution will be presented for a Council vote.

- COVID-19 Relief Fund program benefits small businesses the target number to be served originally was 400. 233 businesses have received grants.
- Questions regarding how many of the 233 have received the full grant amount of \$50,000 -- between 40 to 50%.
- All approved grants are listed on the Louisville Forward page on Louisvilleky.gov.
- Questions regarding how many MBE's and MWBE's have been awarded grants in the target Census track areas -- 100.
- Questions regarding distinguishing between minority categories versus black owned business.
- Questions on tracking race in small and/or minority businesses.
- Louisville Metro has granted more funds to small and minority businesses than the Small Business Association.
- District 3 will conduct a Black Business Incubator to assist and educate businesses in District 3.
- Questions regarding disqualifying for the relief grants vary, most are disqualified if not in compliance with the Revenue Commission or is a not-for-profit business.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Yates adjourned the meeting at 3:49 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 August 20, 2020.