



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Action Summary - Final Public Works Committee

Chair Brandon Coan (D-8)
Vice Chair Robin Engel (R-22)
Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7)
Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)
Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Coan called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Coan 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 Chair Coan, who attended in Chambers.**

Present: 7 - Chair Brandon Coan (D-8), Vice Chair Robin Engel (R-22), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Council Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), and Council Member James Peden (R-23)

Support Staff

Laura M. Ferguson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 20-1547](#)**Abandoned Vehicles - Cathy Duncan, Facilities Management, Tiffany Smith, Parking Authority River City, and Major Dave Allen, Louisville Metro Police Department**

The following spoke to this item:

- Major David Allen, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Committee Member George
- Tiffany Smith, Parking Authority of River City
- Committee Member Hollander
- Cathy Duncan, Facilities Management
- Chair Coan
- Council Member Sexton Smith

The following was discussed:

- 45 day rule is once vehicle is towed in, the tow lot would have to wait 45 days to contact rightful owners to get the vehicle back to them
- If vehicle is abandoned after 45 day rule was exhausted the vehicle can be sold at auction or scrapped
- Estimated that there are 4,000 abandoned vehicles on the roadways today
- Auctions are on-line since COVID-19
- Live auctions started in September
- Tow-lot has 4 months of backlog
- Police have been called to help wrecker drivers with enforcement to get vehicle off roadways
- Priority vehicles to be removed off roadways would be those called in by Police for safety reasons, those that Council Members call in and those that are in a position that would be a safety hazard
- Louisville Metro Police Department always contacts an owner by certified mail if stolen vehicle is recovered that was abandoned
- Louisville Metro Police Department also works directly with insurance companies
- Question regarding whether the tow lot was too small before COVID-19
- Question regarding whether there is a temporary overflow spot to store abandoned vehicles
- Question regarding whether Metro Government ever does an amnesty day to waive fines, so owners who can't afford to pay fines can come get there vehicles
- The money accrued from auctions goes into the Metro general funds
- Metro is getting great deal on scrap from vehicles
- Parking garages would only be temporary storage and also would be extremely expensive
- Cannot build the present tow lot into high rise because of large trucks and the land the tow lot is located on would not allow it to be done
- Question about whether Bullitt County was contacted to put tow-lot there
- There is not enough staff to have multiple tow lots

Major Allen stated that in during COVID-19 pandemic, he was instructed by command to stop towing normal abandoned vehicles unless they would cause a safety risk. He also stated that since the middle of July, he was instructed to start towing vehicles again.

Cathy Duncan stated there are 18 acres on Millers Lane in Council Member

Dorsey District. She also stated that there is still 100 vacant spots at fleet available.

Pending Legislation

2. [R-134-20](#)

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF GRAVES LOCATED AT 6707 GREENWOOD ROAD AS PART OF A WIDENING PROJECT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, ALONG KY 1931.

Sponsors: Primary Rick Blackwell (D-12)

Attachments: [R-134-20 V.1 110520 Removal and Relocation of Graves as Part of a Widening Project.pdf](#)
[R-134-20 Cemetery Colored Plan Sheet.pdf](#)

A motion made by Committee Member Flood, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Amy Ishmael and Shelley Morrison, Kentucky Transportation Department, gave a presentation.

The following spoke to this item:

- Committee Member Blackwell
- Committee Member Flood
- Shelley Morrison
- Amy Ishmael
- Committee Member McCraney

The following was discussed:

- Question about whether permits were received to move graves
- There is no contract and plots have not been purchased
- Graves will be moved to undisclosed cemetery and when contract is done the cemetery will be identified
- New cemetery will be close to the current cemetery
- Court order is required to move the graves
- Kentucky Transportation Department will notify families and let them know where their descendants are located.

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

3. [R-143-20](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A SOUTHEAST RECYCLING DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL GRANT AWARD TOTALING \$350,000 SUPPORTING RECYCLING CART PURCHASES.

Sponsors: Primary Brandon Coan (D-8)

Attachments: [R-143-20 V.1 11-05-20 Southeast Recycling Development.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

4. [R-144-20](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP GRANT AWARD TOTALING \$721,000 SUPPORTING RECYCLING CART PURCHASES AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH INITIATIVES.

Sponsors: Primary Brandon Coan (D-8)

Attachments: [R-144-20 V.1 11-05-20 Recycling Parnership Grant.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

Adjournment

Without objection Chair Coan adjourned the meeting at 5:04 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.