



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
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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)

Monday, June 14, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

Chair Hollander called the meeting to order at 4:02 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
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Committee Member Arthur

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)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Donna Purvis (D-5), Council President David James (D-6), and Council Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)

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 Legislation1. [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](#)
[TARC FY 2022 Budget Presentation.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Winkler, seconded by Chair Hollander, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

Carrie Butler, Transit Authority of River City ("TARC"), gave a presentation (attached hereto).

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Hollander
- Committee Member Ackerson
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Monica Harmon, Office of Management and Budget
- Committee Member Fowler
- Council Member Purvis
- Committee Member George

The following was discussed:

- Clarification that the Purchased Transportation, 18 percent of the Operating Budget, is the TARC3 contract
- Escalating cost of TARC3 service
- Request for breakdown of union personnel and management personnel, including how many new positions were created in the last five years for both categories
- Concerns about expenses being more than revenue and how that may affect TARC3 services
- TARC actively hiring drivers, with up to 100 needed right away, and whether the budget for TARC3 reflects the additional drivers
- Request for last year's spending for TARC3
- Randy Frantz, Assistant Executive Director, still being employed by TARC
- TARC's income statement and balance sheet, and whether there is an operating loss
- TARC funding not part of the Louisville Metro Government Budget, but is funded by taxpayers' occupational taxes through a mechanism set up in the 1970s
- Amount of state funding provided to TARC from Indiana and Kentucky
- TARC being designated recipient of \$650,000 grant and they allocate funds to

local non-profits to assist with transportation for elderly or persons with disabilities

- TARC pay for coach operators is \$17+/hour to \$25/hour, and includes paid training, health benefits, retirement plan, and paid time off - candidates must be at least 21 years old
- Concerns about tardiness for pick ups when people are waiting for rides home from appointments
- Whether all money is utilized by the end of the fiscal year, and leftover revenue going into the Mass Transit Trust Fund, which maintains a \$14M balance at the end of each year to cover a few months of expenses in case they have no income
- Whether any bonuses were negotiated for essential pay for drivers, and whether drivers laid off during COVID-19 have been brought back to work
- How often employees are vetted during employment, and whether they are vetted for anything other than just their driving records
- Paratransit and Customer Service line item in budget, specifically a line item titled Services for \$13,000, and the reduction from the previous year
- Line item for enhancement of call center and what customers can expect from the enhancement

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

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

2. O-272-21

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDING TO VARIOUS LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR THE FIRST 100 DAYS TO ADDRESS THE CONTINUED IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE ECONOMY, PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUALS, AND BUSINESSES. (AS AMENDED)

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

Attachments: O-272-21 V.2 CAM 061721 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - First 100 Days.pdf
O-272-21 V.2 CAM 061721 Amended Schedule A - American Rescue Plan of 2021 - First 100 Days.pdf
O-272-21 PROPOSED CAM 061721 Amended Schedule A - American Rescue Plan of 2021 - First 100 Days.pdf
O-272-21 V.1 061021 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - First 100 Days.pdf
O-272-21 ATTACH Schedule A - American Rescue Plan of 2021 - First 100 Days.pdf
American Rescue Plan Project Descriptions.pdf
Louisville Tourism Leisure Travel Recovery Advertising Plan.pdf
Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Eligible Costs and Reporting Information.pdf
Dear American Rescue Plan Committee.pdf
Rules Regarding Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.pdf
Press Release RE Federal COVID-19 Relief Package from March 11, 2021.pdf

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

Chair Hollander explained that the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") funds total \$388M and are split into three types of projects: Response to COVID Health Needs; Stability; and Economic Recovery.

Keith Talley, Strategic Operations, spoke about the guiding principles used when determining how the funds should be used.

Margaret Handmaker, Louisville Accelerator Team, stated that the focus was on short-term emergency needs and then the team would clearly define challenges and priority areas going forward.

Projects 1 through 4 regarding Response to COVID Health Needs totaling \$13.1M were discussed.

The following spoke to these projects:

- Committee Member Piagentini**
- Dr. Sarah Moyer, Public Health and Wellness**
- Chair Hollander**
- Monica Harmon, Office of Management and Budget**
- Committee Member Fowler**
- Ben Goldman, Public Health and Wellness**
- Committee Member Arthur**
- Committee Member Chambers Armstrong**
- Chelsea Burton, Public Health and Wellness**
- Committee Member George**
- Vice Chair Kramer**
- Mandy Simpson, Metro United Way**
- Committee Member Winkler**

The following was discussed:

- Concerns regarding process used for determining how the funds would be spent
- Contact tracing by Lacuna Health for \$3.2M and whether that amount is needed for the next 100 days
- Funding not only for the first 100 days, but more to get things started for the next five months
- Why the services listed under the \$2.9M for Community Support overlap other areas in the proposed spending and why there is an emergency for these services at this time
- Funds for COVID management needing to be used proportionately in regards to the number of cases
- Another line item for Lacuna Health regarding their call center staffing for \$1.7M, bringing the total funding to Lacuna Health to about \$5M
- Unused funding being available for deployment for other programs
- Concerns regarding the Southwest Government Center being closed and whether funding will be used for reopening
- Projects being funded may not be based in the Southwest Government Center but will serve the area, and will include programs concerning harm reduction, treatment navigation needs, access to recovery housing, and residential services
- Why pop-up site is being utilized in parking lot when there is a building available
- ARP funds have to be obligated by December 31, 2024
- Whether there are more funding streams available other than the \$388M (referenced press release attached hereto)
- Budget for Suicide Fatality Review Board and what the money will be spent on, and requested a copy of the Washington County model discussed
- How outreach for treatment services for substance disorders are to be implemented, and whether it would be the same for Medicaid navigation
- Recovery housing and whether some funds will go to incentivize landlords who provide housing
- Funding for child care financial assistance and the amount being provided to Metro United Way
- Whether Public Health and Wellness was aware that the Center for Disease Control was going to allocate an additional \$4.5M before the ARP funds were proposed for distribution, and whether there are other grants for which they have applied
- Number of people that need to be vaccinated before support services are cut, and whether cutting funding for contract tracing and adding more for vaccinating would help reach that level quicker
- Current funding is to address immediate needs until additional funding is received
- Follow up question later by Vice Chair Kramer regarding the financial assistance for community learning hubs and how much Jefferson County Public Schools should be reimbursing to Evolve502

Projects 5 through 8 regarding Stability totaling \$16.2M were discussed.

The following spoke to these projects:

- Chair Hollander
- Marilyn Harris, Office of Housing
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Monica Harmon

- Tameka Laird, Resilience and Community Services
- Committee Member Arthur
- Vice Chair Kramer

The following was discussed:

- Explanation regarding why this funding is needed for eviction prevention
- Moratorium has been lifted for evictions
- Funds currently available for eviction prevention diversion and additional funds coming
- Clause that landlords cannot evict tenants who receive assistance during the time period for which rent is paid
- Unemployment concerns and information about wrap-around services
- Concern about rehousing of 500 families through anticipation of more vacancies due to evictions, and why there is a dependence on evictions to provide housing rather than building more affordable housing (referenced Rules are attached hereto)
- Initially estimated need for eviction prevention as \$75M, and how this additional \$10M puts the total significantly over \$75M
- Getting attestation of income on those receiving assistance
- How rental assistance paid in advanced will be reimbursed if tenant moves out

Projects 9 through 11 regarding Economic Recovery totaling \$9.6M were discussed.

The following spoke to these projects:

- Rebecca Fleischaker, Louisville Forward
- Karen Williams, Louisville Tourism
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Monica Harmon
- Chair Hollander
- Council President James
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Committee Member Arthur
- Logan Gatti, Louisville Downtown Partnership
- Deborah Billitski, Waterfront Development Corporation
- Committee Member George
- Margaret Handmaker

The following was discussed:

- Overview of the three programs
- Whether these funds are an attempt to get Louisville Tourism back to normal
- Why there is a rush if these funds are needed over two years for Louisville Tourism
- Extensive discussion about safety downtown and how the perception of safety is needed
- Marketing strategies for minority groups
- Downtown Events funding and the allocations for artists and web development
- Safety issues in Waterfront Park
- Concerns about the need for \$3.5M for security downtown after recent discussions about how safe downtown is
- Whether there was an impact ratio done on the Ambassador and Security programs

- Concerns regarding economic health, crime, etc in neighborhoods and for small businesses other than just the Downtown area
- Whether there was a proposal for funding for artists affected by COVID
- Whether there was a request for substance abuse by Metro United Way and it not being an eligible expense
- Comments regarding funds not being provided in other parks for safety to address issues like those at Waterfront Park

A motion was made by Committee Member Fowler, seconded by Committee Member Piagentini, that this Ordinance be tabled. The motion to table carried by a voice vote.

3. R-057-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FUNDING IN THE FORM OF DIRECT GRANTS OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM VARIOUS ECONOMIC RELIEF PACKAGES APPROVED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ACT OF 2021, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, FOR EXPENDITURES TO ADDRESS THE CONTINUED IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE ECONOMY, PUBLIC HEALTH, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INDIVIDUALS, AND BUSINESSES. (AS AMENDED)

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

Attachments: R-057-21 V.2 CAM 061721 Mayor Authorized to Accept Funding Through American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.pdf
R-057-21 V.1 061021 Mayor Authorized to Accept Funding Through American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.pdf
R-057-21 PROPOSED CAM 061721 Mayor Authorized to Accept Funding Through American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.pdf

This item was held in committee.

4. [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.

5. [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.

General Discussion

Chair Hollander thanked everyone for attending the meeting and spoke of the upcoming schedule, which included O-272-21 being taken up again at the next regular Budget Committee meeting on June 17, 2021, having no Call Back Hearings on June 16, 2021, and having proposed amendments for the Operating and Capital Budget Ordinances prepared for discussion at a Special Budget Committee meeting on June 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Kramer thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and spoke about the intent of the \$38M of ARP funds discussed as part of O-272-21.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Hollander adjourned the meeting at 7:33 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 24, 2021.