

Action Summary - Final Labor and Economic Development Committee

Call to Order Chair Person Yates called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.		
Tuesday, December 3, 2019	3:00 PM	Council Chambers
	Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)	
	Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)	
	Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)	
	Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19) Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3) Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)	
	Chair Person David Yates (D-25)	

Roll Call

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

Chair Person Yates departed the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Present: 7 - Chair Person David Yates (D-25), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), 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 Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4) and Council Member Brandon Coan (D-8)

Support Staff

Sean Dennis, Jefferson County Attorney's Office Dee Baltimore, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Sharon Jones, Assistant Clerk Connie Dearing, Assistant Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. <u>0-369-19</u>

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT REQUIRING THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY, INC. ("PARC") TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A CONSULTANT TO STUDY THE EXPANSION OF ON STREET PARKING METERS, SPECIFICALLY EVALUATING IMPLEMENTATION BY PRIVATIZATION, PUBLIC OPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP THEREOF; AND TO STUDY COMPLETE PRIVATIZATION OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ON STREET PARKING METERS.

Sponsors: Primary David Yates (D-25) and Additional Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Attachments: 0-369-19 V.1 112119 Require RFP Parking Meters.pdf

O-369-19 ATTACH Request for Proposal 112119.pdf

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

Chair Person Yates spoke to the item's history in coming to the committee, and the driving force of generating additional revenue.

Committee Member George expressed support for any efforts to expand revenue, but expressed concern about the scope and timeline of the effort, and the potential for duplication of other efforts.

Ms. Tiffany Smith, Parking Authority of River City (PARC), spoke to the timeline.

Ms. Mary Ellen Wiederwohl, Develop Louisville, spoke to the potential for duplication of other efforts.

Vice Chair Piagentini complimented Ms. Smith, Ms. Wiederwohl, and Chair Person Yates on the work achieved so far on the legislation. Vice Chair Piagentini requested to be added as a sponsor to the Ordinance.

Committee Member Winkler asked about the process of fixing parking rates. Ms. Smith responded that rates are reviewed annually, with input from consultants and other cities in order to set rates that are competitive, and appropriate for both short term and long term users.

Committee Member Winkler asked about the timing of activities proposed by the Ordinance. Chair Person Yates explained his reasoning for requesting the financial impact statement prior to the RFP.

Committee Member Winkler expressed concern about potential costs and expenditures.

Council Member Coan spoke about the value of PARC and its role in the City's transportation systems. He asked about ongoing studies to improve efficiencies and Ms. Smith responded, describing the current operational study of

efficiencies, and this requested RFP.

Council Member Coan spoke to other studies regarding on-street parking and requested that specific elements of those studies be evaluated in the requested RFP. Chair Person Yates responded that getting the RFP currently under discussion should not delay the other studies.

Council Member Sexton Smith asked about the costs of an ongoing study and the benefits of the proposed study. She also asked about potential costs for the proposed study. Ms. Smith responded, comparing and contrasting the ongoing study and the requested RFP.

Chair Person Yates spoke about the history of the legislation and different considerations applied to the cost issue.

Committee Member Winkler requested clarification on the RFP described by the Ordinance. Chair Person Yates, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Wiederwohl responded.

Committee Member George asked about the potential for privatization of on-street metering. Ms. Smith responded that this potential is included in the current efficiency study.

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

2. <u>0-384-19</u>

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY INC. ("PARC") REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A CONSULTANT TO STUDY THE EXPANSION OF ON STREET PARKING METERS, SPECIFICALLY EVALUATING IMPLEMENTATION BY PRIVATIZATION, PUBLIC OPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP THEREOF AND TO STUDY COMPLETE PRIVATIZATION OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ON STREET PARKING METERS.

<u>Sponsors:</u>Primary David Yates (D-25)

Attachments: O-384-19 V.1 112119 PARC Financial Impact Statement.pdf

OIA Engagement Request Exhibit A- PARC RFP Financial Impact.pdf

A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Dorsey, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar:

Yes: 7 - Yates, Piagentini, Dorsey, Winkler, George, Engel, and Ackerson

3. <u>O-396-19</u>

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 113 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH AN ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION CENTER WITHIN THE WHISKEY ALLEY AREA.

<u>Sponsors</u>: Primary David James (D-6) and Primary Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)

Attachments: 0-396-19 V.1 112119 LMCO Chapter 113.pdf

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Chair Person Yates relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Piagentini.

Council Member Sexton Smith spoke about the proposed ordinance, the focus of the location, and its potential as a pleasant entertainment destination.

Vice Chair Piagentini and Committee Member Ackerson requested clarification on affected streets and sidewalks. The committee members discussed the affected streets at length and discussed the legal description in the Ordinance.

Mr. Tim Mulloy and Mr. Greg Erhardt, Whiskey Row Lofts, responded to questions regarding ownership of the city fixtures (which will remain with the City) and their intended enhancements to the area by Whiskey Row Lofts and other area businesses, including lighting and streetscaping.

Committee Member Ackerson expressed doubts that the Ordinance is drafted with sufficient specificity regarding rights and responsibilities. Mr. Mulloy and Mr. Erhardt offered input on those concerns.

Council Member Coan requested to see the development agreement before voting on the Ordinance.

Council Member Winkler expressed his qualified support, but with reservations regarding the benefit to the City.

A motion was made by Committee Member Winkler, seconded by Committee Member Ackerson, that the Ordinance be tabled. The motion to table carried by a voice vote.

4. <u>R-158-19</u>

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON MAYOR FISCHER TO EXPEDITE NECESSARY ACTIONS BY METRO AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT TO END THE MANDATED USE OF REFORMULATED GAS IN LOUISVILLE.

<u>Sponsors:</u>Primary Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Attachments: R-158-19 V1 110719 End Mandated Use of Reformulated Gas.pdf

This item was held in Committee.

Adjournment

Without objection, Vice Chair Piagentini adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on December 12, 2019.