



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, October 27, 2020

4:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Coan called the meeting to order at 4:06 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) and Council Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 20-1463](#)

New JCPS Schools Being Built and Other JCPS Buildings and Facilities Marty Polio, Jefferson County Public School

Marty Pollio, Jefferson County Public Schools did a presentation on facilities.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Coan
- Marty Pollio
- Council Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Engel
- Committee Member McCraney
- Committee Member George

The following was discussed:

- Only one new school in West End Louisville since year 2000
- Jefferson County Public Schools has broken ground on new school (Wilkerson)
- Jefferson County Public Schools is largest school district in Kentucky
- Jefferson County Public Schools is 29th largest school district in United States
- 81% of children in Louisville attend Jefferson County Public Schools
- Jefferson County Public Schools has 147 schools and 167 buildings
- No schools have been built in the past 3 decades
- 75% of Jefferson County Public Schools were built between 1945-1975
- The L shape schools were built to last for only 50 years
- Air quality in most Jefferson County Public Schools is not healthy for kids
- There is a school with a leaking roof, and one school that the whole 3rd floor is closed and not able to be used
- 30 schools have end of life systems
- It take \$74million to build a new school versus \$25-\$40 million to do renovations
- More cost effective to build than to renovate
- Jefferson County Public Schools is renovating 30 schools per summer
- Most schools are building on the same ground as the previous school
- Jefferson County Public Schools is breaking ground on 4 new schools, one Middle School in Eastern Jefferson County, one Elementary School in Newburg, one Elementary School on West Broadway, and an Elementary School on Dixie Hwy Corridor
- If 7% tax increase is approved, Jefferson County Public School will have an additional \$15million per year for facilities, and an increase bonding capacity to \$500million, the current bonding capacity is \$285million
- Bonding capacity is how Jefferson County Public School gets loans and the loans are paid off in 20 years
- Jefferson County is a higher property tax district, but has one of the highest poverty levels
- West Broadway School will be a community school accessible to the public
- Question about putting Neighborhood places in schools so they all would be accessible to public

- There is a need for Metro Government and Non-profits to partner with Jefferson County Public School to help with infrastructure
- The comparison of Houston, Texas School System to Jefferson County Public Schools is that Houston rebuilt all there high schools based on capital project and Jefferson County Public School depends on property tax
- Some of Jefferson County Public Schools structures need a complete new rebuild
- Student safety is a major concern
- Question how does the community partner with Jefferson County Public School in a productive way

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Coan adjourned the meeting at 5:00 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 5, 2020.