

Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202



Action Summary - Tentative

Thursday, October 8, 2020

4:35 PM

THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING

Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole

*Jessica Green (D-1), Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Keisha Dorsey (D-3),
Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Donna L. Purvis (D-5), David James (D-6)*,
Paula McCraney (R-7), Brandon Coan (D-8), Bill Hollander (D-9), Pat Mulvihill (D-10),
Kevin Kramer (R-11), Rick Blackwell (D-12), Mark H. Fox (D-13),
Cindi Fowler (D-14), Kevin Triplett (D-15), Scott Reed (R-16), Markus B. Winkler (R-17),
Marilyn Parker (R-18), Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Stuart Benson (R-20),
Nicole George (D-21), Robin Engel (R-22), James Peden (R-23),
Madonna Flood (D-24), David Yates (D-25), Brent Ackerson (D-26)*

** Denotes the Committee Chair(s)*

Call to Order

Council President James called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Council President James stated that the meeting was being conducted by video teleconference, pursuant to KRS 61.826 and in accordance with Senate Bill 150. He also spoke about provisions regarding any disruptions in remote access for Council Members, which would require a temporary suspension of the meeting, and the time allotted to regain remote access before the meeting resumes.

Council Members attended the meeting remotely, except for Council President James who was present in Chambers.

Roll Call

A quorum was established.

- Present:** 24 - Jessica Green (D-1), Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4), Donna L. Purvis (D-5), David James (D-6), Paula McCraney (D-7), Brandon Coan (D-8), Bill Hollander (D-9), Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Kevin Kramer (R-11), Rick Blackwell (D-12), Mark H. Fox (D-13), Cindi Fowler (D-14), Kevin Triplett (D-15), Scott Reed (R-16), Markus Winkler (D-17), Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Stuart Benson (R-20), Nicole George (D-21), Robin Engel (R-22), James Peden (R-23), David Yates (D-25), and Brent Ackerson (D-26)
- Excused:** 2 - Marilyn Parker (R-18), and Madonna Flood (D-24)

Support Staff

Genevieve First, Executive Assistant
Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Brendan Daugherty, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Roy Denny, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk
Lisa Franklin-Gray, Assistant Clerk

Review of Metro Council Agenda

Council President James briefly reviewed the Metro Council agenda.

Council Member Blackwell and Council Member Piagentini briefly spoke about item 25 (O-409-20).

Council Member Reed and Council Member Engel briefly spoke about item 26 (O-427-20) and item 27 (O-428-20).

[ID 20-1326](#)

Metro Council Agenda - October 8, 2020

Attachments: [Metro Council Agenda for 10-8-20.pdf](#)

[ID 20-1322](#)**Addresses to Council - October 8, 2020**

Attachments: [Addresses to Council 10-8-20.pdf](#)

Announcements

Council President James let everyone know that the boards had been removed from the windows at City Hall and that the 3rd floor conference room was almost complete.

Council President James also spoke about the Public Integrity Unit Investigation report that was recently released.

Council Member Green gave an update on the search for the new LMPD police chief, and asked Council Members to send any questions they would like the candidates to answer to her or Council President James and they will ask them during the interviews that begin next week.

Council Member Peden asked if there was interest amongst the other Council Members in providing funds to help pay for transportation at the Fair and Expo Center to help senior citizens get from their cars to the front door to vote. There was discussion about providing funding for this service from the COVID Relief Fund since the service was needed because of the change in voting due to the pandemic.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Council Member Engel, seconded by Council Member Sexton Smith, that the Committee enter into closed session, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried by a voice vote and the Committee entered into closed session at 4:48 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Kramer, seconded by Council Member Sexton Smith, that the Committee reconvene in open session. The motion carried by a voice vote and the Committee reconvened in open session at 5:39 p.m.

Council President James stated that, pursuant to KRS 61.815, action was taken to settle pending litigation in a lawsuit with the Courier Journal. In the agreement, the Metro Council admits no fault in regards to the lawsuit, and further details can be found in the attached draft agreement.

[ID 20-1383](#)**Courier Journal Settlement**

Attachments: [Courier Journal Settlement Agreement Draft.pdf](#)

Adjournment

Without objection, Council President James adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.