



Action Summary - Tentative
Public Safety Committee

Chair Jessica Green (D-1)
Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)
Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)
Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Roll Call

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

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually.**

Present: 6 - Chair Jessica Green (D-1), Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), Vice Chair James Peden (R-23), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Excused: 1 - Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), and Council Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Support Staff

Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-0176](#)

Group Violence Intervention - National Network for Safe Communities: David Kennedy, Erin Bloom, Paul Smith, Danneile Davis, and Audrey Hatch

The following spoke to this item:

- David Kennedy, National Network for Safe Communities
- Erin Bloom, National Network for Safe Communities
- Chair Green
- Council Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member George
- Vincent James, Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods
- Vice Chair Peden

The following was discussed:

- The Group Violence Intervention Program focuses relentlessly on violence
- Group Violence Intervention Program began in Boston 25 years ago and the portfolio has been evaluated each year
- Group Violence Intervention Program does not refer to the groups as gangs, they are high risk and high violent individuals in groups and networks
- Nobody involved in the group today was involved when the group was created
- The group collectively will represent around one-half of 1% of the cities population
- Within a city the group will be connected to 56% of all the homicides
- Group Violence Intervention has 3 core elements they are criminal justice, service and support, and community voices
- Support and outreach is the moral voice of the community
- The criminal justice version of prevention is deterrence
- Group Violence Intervention is not a perfect program, they do not know how to fix the problem, it's a continued effort to do the best they can to adapt to what is going on and changing to do a better job
- The main trust in the Group Violence Intervention program over the last years has been to elevate as much as possible the non-law enforcement elements of the program
- Question about what has the budget been in other cities
- Most cities redirected existing resources to fund the program
- Question about which department will run the program in Metro Louisville
- Group Violence Intervention suggests the program not be located in the Louisville Police Department or any other criminal justice agency, but to locate it in a place that does have a respectful relationship with the police
- Question about whether the Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods was designed for this program to be housed
- Violence is also a public health issue with people who are a danger to themselves and/or to others
- Oakland California gun violence has reduced about 60% with the Group Violence Intervention Program
- One mistake that cities make is not staying committed to the fundamentals of the basic structure and using both criminal justice and social services

- Elective and appointed officials will have to work together

Pending Legislation

2. [O-060-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A CHAPTER OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) TO PREVENT THE UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OF INDIVIDUAL’S PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN A PRACTICE COMMONLY KNOWN AS “DOXING.”

Sponsors: Primary Anthony Piagentini (R-19) and Primary Markus Winkler (D-17)

Attachments: [O-060-21 V.1 021121 Malicious Publication of Personally Identifying Information-Doxing.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Note: Item sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on February 25, 2021.