



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Final Community Affairs, Housing, Health and Education Committee

Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15)
Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1)
Committee Member Donna Purvis (D-5)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

1:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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Call to Order

Vice Chair Triplett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Note: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except for Council Member Arthur, Council President James, and Council Member George who attended in Chambers.

Present: 7 - Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1), Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), and Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Mark Fox (D-13) and Council Member George (D-21)

Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Olivia Bennett, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [R-086-21](#)

A RESOLUTION HONORING REVEREND ALLEN EVANS, JR. BY DEDICATING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 22ND AND WEST MADISON STREET AS “REV. ALLEN EVANS, JR. DRIVE” IN RECOGNITION OF HIS 40TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY.

Sponsors: Primary Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Attachments: [R-086-21 V.1 082621 Dedicating the SW corner of 22nd and W Madison ST as REV. Allen Evans, Jr Drive.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Green, seconded by Committee Member Benson, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Arthur
- Chair Shanklin

The following was discussed:

- Celebration of 40 years of ministry with St. James Missionary Baptist Church
- Shawnee High School, University of Louisville and Simmons College of Kentucky Alumni
- Former Pleasure Ridge Park High School security guard
- Whether the sign would state the "40th Year Anniversary"
- The sign will read "Rev. Allen Evans, Jr. Drive"

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

2. [R-088-21](#)

A RESOLUTION HONORING WATERSTEP BY DEDICATING THE CORNER OF 6TH AND MYRTLE STREETS AS “WATERSTEP WAY” IN THEIR HONOR.

Sponsors: Primary David James (D-6)

Attachments: [R-088-21 V.1 082621 Dedicating the corner of 6th and Myrtle streets as Waterstep Way.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Benson, seconded by Committee Member Purvis, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Council President James read the Resolution.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

3. [R-093-21](#)

A RESOLUTION HONORING CHIEF RUSSELL S. MCDANIEL BY DEDICATING THE CORNER OF WEST MANSLICK ROAD AND MITCHELL HILL ROAD TO BE NAMED "RUSSELL S. MCDANIEL WAY" IN HIS HONOR (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION).

Sponsors: Primary Mark H. Fox (D-13)

Attachments: [R-093-21 V.2 CABS 090121 Honorary Street Sign for Chief Russell McDaniel.pdf](#)
[R-093-21 PROPOSED CABS 090121 Honorary Street Sign for Chief Russell McDaniel.pdf](#)
[R-093-21 V.1 082621 Honorary Street Sign for Chief Russell McDaniel.pdf](#)
[CIF091521PW13.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Benson, seconded by Committee Member Green, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Fox
- Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

The following was discussed:

- Russell S. McDaniel was Chief of the Jefferson County Police Department from 1971-1979 and again in 1985
- Gave brief overview of Chief McDaniels history and efforts

A motion was made by Vice Chair Triplett, seconded by Committee Member Benson, that this Resolution be amended as shown in the attached documents titled "R-093-21 PROPOSED CAM 090121 Honorary Street Sign for Chief Russell McDaniel.pdf."

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

The motion to recommend for approval carried by a voice vote and the amended Resolution was sent to Old Business.

4. [O-428-21](#)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTERS 92 AND 130 RELATED TO BIAS-RELATED CRIMES AND OFFENSES TO
MAKE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOUSELESSNESS A PROTECTED CLASS.**

Sponsors: Primary Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Additional Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Additional Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Additional Bill Hollander (D-9), Additional Nicole George (D-21) and Additional Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Attachments: [O-428-21 V.1 082621 Amend LMCO 92 and 130 RE Making People Experiencing Houselessness a Protected Class.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Purvis, seconded by Committee Member Green, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Arthur
- Jeff Gill, Hip Hop Cares
- Vice Chair Triplett
- Committee Member Ackerson
- Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Committee Member Green
- Council President James
- Council Member George

The following was discussed:

- Add's housing status as a protected class in Louisville's current local hate crime code
- Provided the Federal Bureau of Investigation's ("FBI") definition of a hate crime
- This has already been introduced and or passed in the following cities:
 - Seattle, WA
 - Cleveland, OH
 - Los Angeles, CA
 - Washington, DC
- There is a current effort in Congress to pass this on the Federal level
- The un-housed population has an even higher victimization rate than any other class in the Western industrialized world
- The victimization rate of homeless individuals in between 66 and 82 percent
- Gave examples of hate crimes directed upon un-housed people
- Concerns shared about how this Ordinance will be enforced
- This Ordinance will be enforced as a complaint driven process under LMCO Section 92.40
- Questions as to how this Ordinance differs from the current civil and criminal system in place
- This Ordinance protects actions that are motivated by a hostile intent towards a protected class
- Question as to whether the city can move a homeless camp and, if so, would that be considered a hate crime under this Ordinance
- Question as to how often the city has vindicated itself as it related to a civil rights violation when a crime has been involved
- This type of case has not been seen within the last two years but not certain

- of how often this type of case comes forward
- If a protected class is created based upon housing status, what does this Ordinance entitle the person hereby protected to
- Definition of homelessness and examples were given
- Local code of Ordinances addresses property and gave Kentucky's definition on property
- Question as to why we have protected classes
- Gave definition of protected classes and listed the current protected status'
- A protected status is created because of targeting due to certain characteristics
- Protected classes are set in place because of discrimination
- If the criminal justice system fails the victim or does not produce the intended outcome, does the Ordinance allow for a civil process to have redress
- To pursue with civil action after criminal prosecution did not take place, there is a lesser standard of burden for the civil action under the Civil Rights Ordinance than for the criminal prosecution
- Majority of crimes experienced are not reported by the houseless population
- Whether there have been situations where a homeless person has been assaulted by another homeless person, and it was confirmed regarding people whom are housed as well as the un-housed population
- If the Council can hear from the Louisville Commission of Human Rights for further discussion

A motion was made by Committee Member Purvis, seconded by Committee Member Green, that this Resolution be tabled.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was tabled.

Adjournment

Without objection, Vice Chair Triplett adjourned the meeting at 2:27 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 September 9, 2021.