

LOUISVILLE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

Friday, February 17, 2023
3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Chairs Nemes & Jones called the meeting to order at **3:07pm**.

This meeting was held pursuant to KRS 61.826

II. ROLL CALL:

Present (12): Co-Chair Representative Jason Nemes,
Co-Chair Earl Jones
Senator Julie Raque Adams
Senator Mike Nemes
Rep. Ken Fleming
CM Anthony Piagentini
CM Jecorey Arthur
CW Cindi Fowler
Marianne Butler
Shelby Williams Somervell
Scott Shoenberger
Mayor Bonnie Jung

Absent (3): Senator Gerald Neal
Rep. Pamela Stevenson
Sean Dreisbach

Others: Dr. Paul Coomes
Professor Bill Hoyt
Jerry McGraw
David Kaplan

III. MERGER STUDY UPDATE:

- Dr. Coomes spoke to the intended analysis of the “Merger Study”
 - Data easily accessible from 2003 - June 2022
 - Unsure about accessibility of data pre-merger
- Explained COVID’s impact varied on every facet of Revenue & Services
 - Example: COVID had little impact on revenue from Occupational Taxes & property taxes while Library services were severely impacted
- Councilman Arthur spoke to the need to review the needs of services in relation to poverty indicators, housing, income, household characteristics.
- Dr. Coomes questioned how often to meet, suggested meeting every 2-3 weeks.
- A robust conversation was held on how and when to make the Merger Study report’s information available to the public.
- The creation of a website by Louisville Metro vs. LRC was discussed
- Ms. Butler questioned whether we were publishing raw data or the report
- Co-Chair Jones suggested creating a space for the Commission members to utilize the data, vs. where to publish the information, once available.
- Concerns on what data is shared externally vs. internally
- Parameters were suggested to ensure information is not misconstrued.
- Co-Chair Nemes suggested a collaborative approach, wanting to get the information to the public as soon as possible; not the preliminary report but the final report
- CM Piagentini stated he was open to crowd sourcing “cleaned up” raw data
- Mr. Shoenberger stated the Public Hearings will be difficult if the public is not allowed to review the data and ask questions to formulate their concerns and input.
- The question is when to release: the raw data by itself or cleaned up with simple analysis?
- Co-Chair Nemes stated its about balancing the two: getting data out ASAP & with simple analysis
- Co-Chair Jones stated he believed committees should release data when they were ready and it did not need the approval of the full commission.
 - Asked for a date certain to determine when public has access to data.
- Co-Chair Nemes stated he strongly encourages data to be given to the public as soon as possible.

- Dr. Coomes informed the commission that the data is already publicly available, his role is to clean it up and provide detailed analysis on his interpretation of the data.
 - Dr. Coomes' report will identify what he and his team believes the data is saying
 - His team's analysis is what the public's focus of the data will be.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Co-Chairs Nemes & Jones requested the Committees create a schedule and advise the commission when they are meeting
- Committee Membership:
 - TAXES -
 - Fleming (Lead)
 - Somervell
 - Mike Nemes
 - Fowler
 - Butler
 - GAPS
 - Shoenberger (Lead)
 - Raque Adams
 - Stevenson
 - SERVICES
 - Arthur (Lead)
 - Dreisbach
 - Jung
 - Piagentini
- Taxes is the only committee to have met prior to the meeting

V. COMMUNITY MEETINGS - LOCATION DISCUSSION:

- Discussion on where and when to hold the Public Community Meetings ensued.
- Back & forth discussion on where and when based upon the proposed locations set forth by Co-Chair Jones: Atherton, Ballard, Southern, PRP, City Hall
- The locations are all schools although Libraries have also been considered, should schools be busy painting during the summer break.

- Questions about how quickly the report can be completed to allow for public input
- May & June meeting dates were considered
- FINAL LOCATIONS DETERMINED AT MEETING:
 - Atherton, Eastern (Crosby Middle if needed), Southern, Valley, Central High Schools & City Hall for a final, recorded meeting.
 - July dates are requested

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Co-Chairs Nemes & Jones adjourned the meeting at **4:16pm**.

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