

LOUISVILLE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES

Friday, May 12, 2023
3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Chair Jones called the meeting to order at **3:10pm**.

This meeting was held pursuant to KRS 61.826

II. ROLL CALL:

Present (10):

Co-Chair Earl Jones
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 (5): Co-Chair Rep. Jason Nemes
Senator Gerald Neal
Senator Julie Raque Adams
Rep. Pamela Stevenson
Chief Sean Dreisbach

Attendees: Dr. Paul Coomes
Professor Bill Hoyt
Professor Matthew Ruther

III. REPORT FROM MR. COOMES:

Correction to last month's presentations:

- Dr. Coomes provided two additional handouts revising information he provided at the last meeting to remove Louisville Water & MSD revenues, totalling about \$400-\$500 million, from what he considered "Louisville Metro's budget."
- Suburban Fire Department information was provided for intergovernmental revenues & state grants

Dr. Coomes' 5/12/23 Presentation:

- Dr. Coomes spoke to his presentation.

Suburban Expenditures:

- Slide 6 shows an overview of the expenditures for the 72 Suburban Cities & Shively.
 - Police account for over 33% of total expenditures with \$30.2 million; General Government accounting for \$18.7 million (20.7%), Streets & Roads \$11.7 million (12.9%) & Sanitation \$8.2 million (9.1%)
 - Street/Road funding comes from the state gas tax money that is distributed through a municipal revenue sharing formula based on population

Metro Government Expenditures:

- Slide 7 is an overview of all of Metro's various expenses
 - Pension & Benefits account for the largest cost \$215M (15.8%)
 - Police is second at ~\$150M (10.7%)
 - Streets & Road ~\$122M (8.9%)
 - Transit/Bus ~\$117.5M (8.6%)
 - General Government ~\$115M (8.5%)
 - Fire/EMS ~\$80-\$90M (7.1%)
- Dr. Coomes started by reviewing all police runs throughout the county
- Slide 8 is a heat map showing the concentration of all police runs
 - 49.9% of all police runs occurred in the urban service district
 - 33.9% occurred in Unincorporated Areas
 - 16.3% occurred in Suburban Cities
- Slide 9 demonstrates which police department was dispatched by runs and what share each department accounts for of the total runs
 - LMPD accounted for 68.5% of all police runs

- Sheriff's Office = 9.2%
- UofL Police = 8.4%
- St. Matthews Police = 4.3%
- Jtown Police = 3.2%
- Shively Police = 2.4%
- Dr. Coomes stated 2-3 different departments could respond to a single run.
- LMPD vs. Sheriff's Office Duties-
 - Piagentini explained: Sheriff Duties are serving warrants & court specific duties
 - LMPD is doing conventional police work
- Slide 12 features a heatmap of all Fire runs,
 - Countywide with 242,546 total runs
 - highest density being in the urban service district - 53.9%
 - Unincorporated Areas - 30.9%
 - Suburban Cities - 15.1%
 - Matthew Ruther explained that over half of all Fire calls are actually medical calls due to policy of sending fire & EMS for medical calls.
 - The data may have some duplication due to the doubling up of Fire & EMS on emergency calls, but they are both relevant to operation
- Slide 13 shows the number of fire runs per department.
 - Louisville Fire accounts for 55% of the total 242,546 runs over 3 years
 - Middletown = 10.6%
 - PRP = 8.5%
 - St. Matthews = 5.1%
- Slide 16 shows a heat map of EMS runs Countywide with 404,652 total calls
 - highest density being in the urban service district 47.6%
 - Unincorporated Area = 37.8%
 - Suburban Cities = 14.7%
- CM Piagentini asked Dr. Coomes to account for per capita or per square mile basis by cost (expenditure) where there are duplicative services
- Slide 19 shows Corrections' snapshot of recent detainees:
 - 60% USD, 8% Suburban Cities, 32% unincorporated area
 - General Fund \$59.2M apportioned by geography costs (USD \$35.6M, \$4.6M Suburban Cities, \$19M Unincorporated Area)
- Dr. Coomes that Metro General fund pays the medical cost of detainees and he has been told anecdotically that a significant amount of Correction's budget is medical

- CM Arthur asked if Dr. Coomes incorporated the number of detainees that are being held by the state. On May 12th 84 individuals were detained by Corrections. Matthew Ruther stated he left state individuals out of the data.
- Slide 21 shows Public Works' paving with 10.3 square miles total road surface, Public Works manages paving over 10.0 square miles
 - Unincorporated County has nearly double the road surface paving than the Urban Service District.
 - Dr. Coomes states Louisville is disadvantaged by the state road fund with Jefferson County receiving "probably \$.40 on \$1 of what we should get, if treated like every other county.
 - Large bond issue back in 2015 funded major increase in paving in 2016, going from nearly 500 miles to 1,900 miles of paving
- Slide 25 shows who utilizes the libraries.
 - Suburban Cities checked out more items at 5.19 per capita with the USD checking out 3.36 per capita & Unincorporated area at 2.65 per capita
 - Discussion upon how/why suburban cities are heavily skewed insued stating several of the libraries reside in the suburban cities and there are existing partnerships with suburban cities. Access raises the usage.

Dr. Coomes requested direction on what to pursue further.

- **Public Health & Wellness** - \$43M-\$48M
- **Parks & Rec** - \$32M - Dr. Coomes met with Brooke Pardue from Parks Alliance and is questioning who is using the Parks? Little to no data.
 - CM Piagentini discussed reviewing cell phone data to identify where/when people are utilizing Parks, libraries, etc.
 - However, Apple's Mobility Trends Reports was shutdown on April 14, 2022.
 - Mayor Jung stated the need for specific amenities may not be needed county-wide
 - CW Fowler stated the Parks for All report needs to be reviewed and that data needs to be incorporated
- **Capital Budgets** - CM Piagentini would like to consider capital expenditures as the majority of the conversation has been on the operational budget expenditures
 - Majority of capital is bonded but some is paid, directly

- Debt Service is paid by all tax payers. He would like to differentiate what projects benefit regional areas / county-wide
- Co-Chair Jones stated his concern for the cumulative report's collection of data and explanation of what the data means.
- Dr. Coomes explained he can create a matrix for revenues & expenditures and provide a net result for geographies
- Co-Chair Jones would like to further discuss the in

IV. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

- SERVICES:
 - CM Arthur stated he and CM Piagentini met with Dr. Coomes
 - They spoke to the changing names of the various departments and questioned how that impacted the services those departments have provided have changed
 - Dr. Coomes brought up Louisville Metro is required to provide EMS services for the entire Metro, however suburban fire have determined to raise taxes to provide EMS services at most
- GAPS:
 - Scott Schoeberger stated Gaps has not met since the last meeting
- TAXES:
 - Ken Fleming stated he had nothing else to report for Revenue

V. FUTURE MEETINGS DISCUSSION:

- Co-Chair Jones stated the next meeting would be June 16th, although the regular meetings are held on the **second Friday of the Month**.
- The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 9th at 3pm in Council Chambers.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- No New Business was discussed

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Co-Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at **4:27pm**.

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