



# Louisville Metro Government

## Action Summary - Tentative

### Public Safety Committee

*Chair Brent Ackerson (D-26)*

*Vice Chair Scott Reed (R-16)*

*Committee Member Tammy Hawkins (D-1)*

*Committee Member Kumar Rashad (D-3)*

*Committee Member Andrew Owen (D-9)*

*Committee Member Dan Seum, Jr. (R-13)*

*Committee Member Jeff Hudson (R-23)*

*Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)*

May 23, 2023

5:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

**THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

#### Call to Order

Chair Ackerson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

#### Roll Call

Chair Ackerson introduced the committee members present. A quorum was established.

\*NOTE: All committee members attended in Chambers, except for Vice Chair Reed, who attended virtually.

**Present:** 7 – Committee Member Tammy Hawkins (D-1), Committee Member Andrew Owen (D-9), Committee Member Dan Seum, Jr. (R-13), Vice Chair Scott Reed (R-16), Committee Member Jeff Hudson (R-23), Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24) and Chair Brent Ackerson (D-26).

**Excused:** 1 - Committee Member Kumar Rashad (D-3).

#### Support Staff

Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

#### Clerk(s)

Marissa Brown, Assistant Clerk

Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Pending Legislation

[See the "Unedited Captioning Transcript of the Public Safety Committee Meeting - May 23, 2023" attached hereto for additional information regarding discussion of each item.]

1. **R-056-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$397,090.11 OF FUNDING FROM THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO STRENGTHEN CAPABILITIES NECESSARY TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO ACTS OF TERRORISM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY EMERGENCY SERVICES.  
*Action Required By: November 2023*

**Sponsors:** Brent Ackerson

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

Jason Brandt, Public Works and Assets, gave a presentation (see attached).

Lieutenant Ted Eidem, Louisville Metro Police Department, also spoke to this item.

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

2. **R-057-23** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$122,950.00 IN FUNDING FROM THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR ENAHNCING PROTECTION OF SOFT TARGETS/OVERCROWDED AREAS THROUGH THE USE OF LICENSE PLATE READERS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
*Action Required By: November 2023*

**Sponsors:** Brent Ackerson

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Major Emily McKinley, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Chair Ackerson
- Committee Member Hudson
- Chief Josh Grimes, Public Safety and Louisville Regional Airport Authority
- Committee Member Hawkins

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

**Adjournment**

Without objection, Chair Ackerson adjourned the meeting at 5:15 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 June 1, 2023.

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## Unedited Captioning Transcript of Public Safety Committee Meeting - May 23, 2023

Okay, this is the regularly scheduled meeting of the public safety committee present.

Let's see here, we've got councilman, read my Co chair, who is virtual.

Do we need to read the virtual disclaimer? This meeting is being held pursuant to Kara 61.806 and.

Catherine Hudson, uh.

Cancel Hawkins cancel and flood and counseling on present. 1st, side of my agenda is going to be resolution number 1 R dash 056 dash 23 a resolution authorizing the mayor to accept.

397,090 dollars 11 cents funding from the Kentucky office of Homeland security to strengthen capabilities and as necessary to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism to be administered by emergency services of their motion. by emergency services of their motion

to speak to this. Hi, my name is we tend to Ted item with the metro police department.

We've had a TED item with the local metric police department. I'm commander of our homeland security unit.

And I'm here with public works, who's actually going to be managing this this.

This grant, I don't know if you have the slides up or anything, but I won't mostly want to talk to you about what the need that requires grant is for. Our unit is part. We investigate all threats of mass violence.

Part of what we do is is security for special events. We do all the, the threats against major events.

We also do vulnerability assessments leading up to and during the day of events, and 1 of the biggest vulnerabilities that we see with a lot of soft targets, where you don't have a lot of screening or security.

Is issues with vehicles, I mean, we can have everything from large trucks that are loaded up with explosives to.

What's more likely is vehicle ramming attacks this is something that's been.

Huge, especially overseas since 2010.

Places like Israel has had 2 in the past few months alone of significance.

Going back several years to these France they had a a random to talk that killed.

86 people over 400 injured.

Um, and then here in our country, you know, we can talk about events, like, at New York where there was a vehicle renting a top in Times Square.

In Wisconsin, there was a Christmas parade and somebody.

Ran through police barricades and ran through the parade killing multiple people and then even just last night in D. C. there was another.

There was somebody who rented a truck and tried to break through their barricades. Luckily the barricades held off.

So vehicle ramming attacks or something. That's very serious. It's easy to do. And then even more likely than that are the accidental. You have intoxicated drivers, medical emergencies.

Somebody means to slam on their brakes, but they hit the other gas pedal and something tragic happens.

So, while we're doing our assessments, that's 1 of the things that we tell special events coordinators.

Is that there needs to be something set in place to keep vehicles away from pedestrians especially when you're talking about thousands of people at our parades like the Pegasus parade pride parade, Saint Patrick's Day parade.

Thunder overhaul the major street races, like the Mini marathon all these are a big vulnerability where you can't you gotta be able to block.

Have hard barriers of blocking vehicles from reaching reaching pedestrians.

You want to use the presentation we have the.

2nd, we were talking about for that if you want to know more than welcome to sit here and.

You guys have carte blanche.

Good evening my name is Jason brand the emergency management operations coordinator with local Metro. Public works.

And I work in conjunction with when these.

Events occur, and this is the schematic that we got from for thunder in 2022.

You can see the request for to block streets in the area where there was icons of dump trucks to do that we provide dump trucks from our roads department to, to provide that type of protection with that comes to vulnerability to public works.

When we did a review of overtime for this and fiscal year 2000. thousand and

2, we had about 6,165,000 dollars and over time.

There's also vulnerability of equipment, if a vehicle were actually to strike the truck and the struck work the work to defend the area as intended.

The vehicle would could potentially be out of service as, you know, from our fleet.

We have our fleet is critical infrastructure and it's not something that we could potentially want to lose. There's a 2 year replacement, and it's about a 200,000 dollar bill to replace 1 of our dump trucks.

They also hold about 60 gallons of diesel fluid, 30 gallons of hydraulic fluid 5 gallons of what we call diesel exhaust fluid. All those things could create a potential hazardous materials incident or fire if a vehicle struck it.

So, another, another problem is that we have limited capability with those trucks.

And I'll get into that in a minute another thing that we don't provide protection for our public works will provide class 2 barriers for food truck events. And if any of you are going to be in the area on June, 1st, we have the food truck event behind.

The 404 building on Armory street.

And on that day, from 11 to 10 P. M. um, I am going to have a demonstration of the barriers that we're writing a request to be funded.

So that you can see them, but further barrier from this last event, you can see the class 2 barricades are not going to stop the vehicle. They're almost a passive resistance of suggestion that.

Requesting the police or the public, not drive to the area. The hazard is high enough that ABC has parked some vehicles there to try to restrict traffic.

And then you can see in a populated area, the vulnerability that we have.

What are we trying to do by accomplishing attaining funds from this grant? The it would fund from Meridian, rapid defense group, the arch 1200 vehicle barrier. You can see in the lower right corner in yellow.

That is the barrier. And you can see images of it at the top. It's 700. top it's seven hundred

Pounds it's forged steel. It has lifetime. Warranty doesn't require any maintenance.

And a set of barriers can be deployed in 10 minutes.

To block, or to block a roadway with a non CDL driver, a pickup truck and a.

A trailer Meridian, rapid defense also provides what they call vehicle, safety, mitigation plans. So we gave them the new Lou event and that's what the grant was based on. We couldn't.

Receive enough funding to supply barriers for the entire Pegasus parade, or all of thunder, but we would put it in targeted areas.

To give you an example, we were we would close intersections and provide dump trucks at these locations for the new festival.

When you go to 1 of the intersections, like market and Winslow, you can see.

That meridian suggested that we place a configuration of the bears in this way to protect the street the limitation the dump trucks is because of the weight of the dump truck. We can't park it on the sidewalk.

So, we can only protect the roadway and you can see in this area, you could theoretically drive a vehicle around the pole down the sidewalk.

And that was actually the event that we showed in the 1st slide in New York.

A gentlemen in Times Square drove right down the sidewalk.

And was able to strike pedestrians the meridian barrier would provide protection from wall to wall across the entire intersection.

Without the risk of a vulnerability to the community meridian also has the safety act designation. And this is provided from the Department of Homeland security, which basically says that an agency or entity that.

Uses 1 of their devices and inactive terrorism, they have limited liability.

And then you can see here, Meridian, advertises the probably protecting these are agencies and entities that are currently using them.

And there is over 175 agencies.

That are using them from the Rose Bowl in Pasadena to the Bengals to the New York Yankees.

The Rangers municipalities across the United States.

I thank you for your time. Any questions or concerns.

We appreciate you coming out and talk to us. We recognize we live in a whole new era.

And 1, which we've got to be proactive in defense versus reactive so we appreciate what you do for us with that. Being said this is a resolution that requires a voice vote all in favor say, aye aye.

You're in opposition to passage unanimously, and she'll be sent to the consent calendar. The next item on our agenda will be out of number 2. r0 5, 7, 2, 3.

A resolution authorizing invade, accept 122,950 dollars in funding from the Kentucky office of Homeland security for the enhancing protection of soft target.

Over crowded areas through the use of license plate readers to be administered by the local metro police department is our motion.

I'm just probably before the major you get the floor.

Um, major, Emily, McKinley, I'm with local metro police departments, administrative services division. 1 of the units that falls under. My purview is our real time Chrome center.

A real time Chrome centers responsible for handling all the metro watch cameras throughout the city as well as many of our license plate readers that we have throughout the city.

This particular grant award about the Kentucky office of Homeland security. Um.



A PD acted as a sponsor on behalf of the local airport authority police department. The local airport police department is not not considered a local government police department. So, in order to apply for this grant.

For additional the airport had to be sponsored by local government. So, global metro government and little metro police acted as a sponsor on behalf of them applying for this grant.

Once the grant is awarded, there will be an signed, allowing a little federal government to provide the funds to the airport for the purchase of at the airport.

So these will be these, these funds will be used to purchase.

On airports, property, they will be managed by the airport authority. Any future reoccurring costs will be handled at the airport and I brought chief Josh is here with the airport police department.

If you have any questions regarding the need or use of at the airport, he would be happy to answer that.

Just to be clear, we're acting as a straw man or a pass through for this for this particular expenditure to facilitate the protections that will flow through the local airport, which ultimately we get the benefit of anyway.

Correct yes. Perfect.

Anything to add, do you have any questions.

Anybody have any questions or concerns counsel Hudson you have the 4, sir.

So the cameras will be on the airport.

Will they be integrated into the real time crime center?

They will have access to them correct? Full access. Okay.

Okay, that's all mine thanks any other questions or concerns.

Because, you know, I'm not looking at the screen, so you got to get a holler at me.

Old school paper.

You just describe this real quick.

Sure, this system is the flock system. It's the same license plate radar system that little metro government is using police is using now around the city.

They're spread around the United States, we intend to deploy these 13 cameras across the airport property, which also would provide protection to the.

The UPS property, which is the gave the cargo gateway to the world. It would also provide protection to the entrance to the 123rd or National Guard airlift, which is located on the East side of the airfield. And in.

Besides the terminal would also provide, uh, some cameras at the local airport, South renaissance business park where there's a heavy cargo low that comes in and out of that facility as well cargo fest is been on the for, for some time. So.

We hope these cameras will kind of help give some intelligence gathering for that particular crown problem.

Any other.

Where's a good thing?

Where I have no issues.

Thank you any other questions or concerns.

Chief, we asked this, the clerks have asked me for the record purposes if you just identify yourself for the record. Sure. My name's Josh am the director public safety and chief of the airport police department.

Thank you and also for the record.

Councilman Rashad, it has an excuse to absence day.

No, other questions or concerns. This is a resolution that requires a voice models and flavor favor. Say, aye aye, any position.

Here in oppositions, pastors unanimously, and shouldn't be sent to the consent calendar chief Thank you. Major. Appreciate it.

Thank you.

Without further ado we stand adjourned.

He has by social media and things like yes.

Okay.

That would be.

I'm not exactly familiar with it, but.

But I know it was what I understand.

Yeah, okay. There's a teacher.