

RULES AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

DATE: July 21, 2020

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:17 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS - PHYSICALLY PRESENT

Vop Osili, Chair

ABSENT MEMBERS

Brian Mowery

ATTENDING MEMBERS – PARTICIPATED ELECTRONICALLY

Daniel Boots
Monroe Gray, Jr.
Michael-Paul Hart
Jason Holliday
Maggie Lewis
Leroy Robinson

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 199, 2020 – establishes the Indianapolis Commission on African American Males

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

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The Rules and Public Policy Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, via electronic communications due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Public Health Emergency in accordance with Indiana Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-09 and Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-3.6. Chair Vop Osili called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Daniel Boots, Monroe Gray, Jr., Michael-Paul Hart, Jason Holliday, Maggie Lewis, and Leroy Robinson. Councillor Brian Mowery was absent. Keith Graves and La Keisha Jackson were guest Councillors. General Counsel Toae Kim represented Council Staff.

Chair Osili asked committee members to introduce themselves and indicate which district they represent.

PROPOSAL NO. 199, 2020 – establishes the Indianapolis Commission on African American Males

Councillors Graves and Jackson gave brief overviews of why this Commission is needed and what issues they would like the Commission to address. Kenneth Allen, Chair, Indiana Commission on the Social Status Black Males, gave a history on the Indiana Commission and the work they have done on the state level since their 1993 establishment. Mr. Allen stated that the Indianapolis Commission on African American Males was established in 1992 by Stephen Goldsmith and that it is important that the local commission is reactivated.

Marshawn Wolley, President & CEO, Black Onyx Management, presented a PowerPoint presentation (attached as Exhibit A) providing supporting data on the plight of black males in the City of Indianapolis.

Councillor Lewis moved, seconded by Councillor Gray, to amend Proposal No. 199, 2020 (attached as Exhibit B). The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Councillor Lewis moved, seconded by Councillor Robinson, to send Proposal No. 199, 2020, to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

With there being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the Rules and Public Policy Committee was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vop Osili, Chair
Rules & Public Policy Committee

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