

**JEFFERSON COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES**  
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**Monthly Member Meeting**  
**February 15, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Mayor Bill Dieruf, President, welcomed everyone and opened the Monthly Member Meeting at 7:00PM in the City of Middletown City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Rd. He opened the floor to self introductions.**

**Jan. 18, & 29, '18 Meetings: Mayor Dieruf referred attendees to the Jan. 18, '18 Monthly Member Meeting and Jan. 29, '18 Special Cities Meeting Minutes. Motion was made to approve both set of minutes and approved by consensus. Mayor Dieruf thanked the City Mayor's or their representative who attended the Jan. 29, '18 meeting to review the Cities-Google fiber agreements. These agreements were mailed to those cities who could not attend. The cities will contact the Google fiber representatives to conclude signature and implementation of these agreements.**

**Community Presentation: Ms. Farrah Ferriell, Senior Director of Development, of Volunteers for America gave a presentation on the services offered by the VOA. She covered the VOA Family House, service to homeless and veterans and the partnership with the City of Jeffersontown through the Angel Program. She encouraged all cities to visit and connect with the VOA and expose its services to their city residents.**

**2018 Ky. Legislature: Mayor Bill Dieruf gave a brief overview of the current 2018 Ky. Legislative Session. He focused on the 2018 Ky. budget and the pension reform discussion and options. He reviewed the key city legislation supported by the Ky. League of Cities.**

**KLC Community Development Series: Tad Long, KLC, presented this series which consist of a two day strategic planning pilot project for five cities in Jefferson Co. He reviewed its purpose, cost and application process. The KLC will select the five cities from the applications by late March.**

**Program: Mayor Bill Dieruf introduced Metro Council President, Councilmember David James, for a presentation.**

**Councilman James thanked Mayor Dieruf for his JCLC leadership and acknowledged the VOA services to the community and The First Tee program, D'Shawn Johnson, Exec. Dir., educational enrichment program for middle school youth.**

**Councilman James outlined his goals as Council President:**

**\*A review of how the Council members interact with the community within their districts and countywide.**

**\*He is scheduling Metro Council meeting in various sections of the community. The first such meeting was in the Shawnee Neighborhood and over 200 residents attended. Future Council meetings are scheduled for the Jeffersontown, Iroquois Amphitheater, Univ. of Louisville Shelby Campus and other sites.**

**\*The Council Committee meetings will also be moved to various neighborhoods.**

**\*Heighten engagement with the public through these neighborhood meetings.**

**Annual budget: The Council will setup listening sessions in various sections of the community. The Council will try ‘participatory budgeting’ in his district and Councilman Brandon Coan’s district.. \$200,000 will be set aside in budget planning for citizen input from these districts on how to allocate it. It will be expanded to other districts in future budgets. This is presently being implemented in New York City and other cities.**

**Crime: 77 out of 1000 victims of crime were involved in a violent crime. The cause of violent crimes, including homicides, is poverty, drugs and gangs. East Jefferson Co. has a serious problem related to overdose death through drugs.**

**The Council is committed to address the current response time by Metro Police which is presently a problem. The cause comes from the challenge of police retention in the department. It is difficult to retain good police officers after they become eligible for retirement. The uncertainty over the current Pension Reform legislation in Frankfort also adds to it. A lot of them transfer to area City police departments. This causes a shortage in our current Metro Police Dept.**

**He distributed proposed legislation in the 2018 Ky. Legislative Session to hold adults accountable when a child under three years of age is wounded or killed by an unattended gun in a resident. Eighteen children were killed in the past years because of this situation. It is presently in committee.**

**He also pointed out that five current Metro Council members are not running for reelection in 2018. This will bring new people and ideas to the 2019 Council.**

**He opened the floor for questions and answers.**

**Mayor Dieruf thanked Councilman James for his service and presentation to JCLC.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mayor David Brown, Sec.**