

SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE NO. BL2018-1314

An ordinance ~~establishing a~~ amending requirements for the Blue Ribbon Commission, as established by Substitute Ordinance BL2018-1184, consistent with the Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2019.

WHEREAS, the Annual Operating Budget for FY 2019, approved by Substitute Ordinance No. BL2018-1184, as amended, authorized the establishment of a Blue Ribbon Commission, to be established by September 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Substitute Ordinance No. BL2018-1184, as amended, the Mayor has appointed five (5) members to the Blue Ribbon Commission by resolution, subject to confirmation by the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to adoption of Substitute Ordinance No. BL2018-1184, as amended, it has been determined that the Blue Ribbon Commission would benefit from additional members as well as the provision of procedures, objectives, and additional resources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Substitute Ordinance No. BL2018-1184, as amended, the goals of the Blue Ribbon Commission are to identify government inefficiencies, practices, transfer payments, third party payments and subsidies with the targeted goal of achieving budgetary cost savings of \$20 million in annual savings. The goals of the Commission should further include identification of potential savings — from both the operating and capital budgets — including one-time and on-going savings; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the people to have a cost-efficient government; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan County Council desires to modify and establish in further detail the membership, procedures, objectives, and resources available to the Blue Ribbon Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Blue Ribbon Commission established pursuant to Substitute Ordinance No. BL2018-1184, as amended, is hereby modified as follows:

~~There is hereby established a Blue Ribbon Commission, referred to as the "Commission".~~ The Blue Ribbon Commission (hereinafter "the Commission") shall consist of fifteen (15) twelve (12) members. This shall include twelve (12) ten (10) voting members and three (3) two (2) ex-officio, non-voting members. The purpose of the Commission shall be to identify cost savings, increased revenues and cost avoidance, including one-time and on-going savings, with the targeted goal of achieving budgetary cost savings, increased revenues, and cost avoidance collectively totaling \$20 million; and

Section 2. Of the ~~twelve (12) ten (10) voting members~~, five (5) members shall be appointed by the Mayor as designated by Resolution No. RS2018-1411 and shall have business experience relevant to efficient city administration, including such fields as general business experience, contracting, human resources, finance, and asset and property management. ~~and pension administration.~~ ~~Four (4) members shall be appointed by the Mayor and assented to by the Vice Mayor, of which three (3) shall have backgrounds in labor management and practice, and one (1) shall have a professional accounting background.~~ Three (3) members shall be appointed from membership of the Council, including (a) the Vice Mayor or his designee, (b) the chair of the Budget and Finance Committee; and (c) one (1) councilmember selected by the Vice Mayor from the membership of the Council. The councilmembers shall be appointed by the Vice Mayor and serve at the Vice Mayor's discretion. In addition, in consultation with the chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Vice Mayor shall appoint two

(2) additional Commission members from the membership of the Council or by selecting individuals from the business or labor communities with relevant expertise.

Administrative support shall be provided by employee(s) of the Department of Finance, Mayor's Office, and any other department designated by the Mayor. Legal support shall be provided by the Department of Law. The Mayor's Office and Department of Finance representatives will coordinate responses and facilitate the flow of information on inquiries made by the Commission, assist with the scoring of each idea presented by the Commission, as well as present ideas collected by the Finance Department staff for potential savings. The representative from the Department of Law shall confirm the legal feasibility of Commission proposals, and provide counsel to the Commission. The members appointed by the Vice Mayor from among current councilmembers shall assist with coordination of the work of the Commission and collect and submit proposals generated by the Metropolitan Council.

Subject to the re-authorization of the Commission, the members of the Commission who are not members of the Metropolitan Council shall serve for terms of three (3) years. The term of each councilmember appointee shall be one (1) year. ~~The term of the non-council members of the Commission shall be for three (3) years.~~ Any vacancy on the Commission due to any cause shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

~~Section 3. The Commission shall determine the resources needed to comply with its mission and make such recommendations and hiring as appropriate and necessary to complete its work. The Commission shall have the authority to enter into a six-month contract for professional consulting services with outside parties for the completion of the Commission's work with the value of this contract to be not more than \$250,000. This contract shall be awarded pursuant to Metro Code of Laws Section 4.08.080.~~

The Commission may subsequently request additional funding and/or employment of a consultant, outside expert, or other party if deemed necessary and useful for the completion of the Commission's objectives. Such request may be submitted to the Metropolitan Council's Budget and Finance Committee for consideration, and an appropriation may be funded by a vote of the full Council by resolution receiving twenty-one (21) affirmative votes. Any appropriation under this provision shall have the expectation of recognized budget savings or revenue generation materially greater than the appropriation. In the event of such request by the Commission, the Department of Metropolitan Finance may be requested to determine the availability of resources under then-existing consulting contracts to which the Metropolitan Government is a party that may be used to further the objectives of the Commission.

The Commission shall elect a Chairperson for the term of the Commission who shall supervise the conduct of the meetings, determine the Commission's meeting and work schedule, formulate with other Commission members the adoption of rules governing the Commission, and oversee coordination of the work of the Commission.

The Commission shall provide the Mayor's Office and the Council with a report detailing (1) ~~expense saving ideas~~ and a listing of budget savings proposals, providing therein a ranking based upon value and feasibility, and further including an evaluation of "recommended", "not recommended", or "neutral" for each such proposal; and (2) revenue generation proposals as may be practicable for the efficient administration of the Metropolitan Government. Both expense budget savings proposals and revenue generation ideas proposals may be for either recurring or one-time cost and revenue amounts.

The Commission shall not consider cost savings or cost avoidance measures pertaining to employee benefits that fall within the purview of the Study and Formulating Committee under Section 13.06 of the Metropolitan Charter. Further, the Commission shall not consider cost savings or cost avoidance measures pertaining to Nashville General Hospital since the Council has already established a strategic planning committee for Nashville General Hospital pursuant to Substitute Resolution No. RS2018-1032.

The Commission shall encourage and solicit cost savings and cost avoidance ideas from current employees of the Metropolitan Government, and shall recommend appropriate incentives and/or rewards in order to encourage and recognize effective cost saving ideas submitted by such employees (excluding Commission and councilmembers). The Commission shall encourage such ideas from the general public, as well.

The Commission shall focus its efforts during the remainder of Fiscal Year 2019 on identifying cost savings, cost avoidance, and revenue enhancements that can be realized in the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget.

All meetings of the Commission shall be publicly noticed and shall be open to the public consistent with the requirements of the Tennessee Open Meetings Act.

~~The Commission shall consider and vote on proposed ideas for expense savings and revenue generation proposals. Only those ideas receiving a majority vote of the Commission shall be submitted to the Mayor's Office and the Council for possible inclusion in the budget. The deadline for the submission of these ideas shall be no later than March 31, 2019, or March 31 of a subsequent calendar year. The Commission shall present a report detailing potential budget savings proposals, cost avoidance proposals and revenue generation proposals to the Mayor and to the Metropolitan Council by April 1 of each year. The Commission may present an interim report to the Mayor and to the Council from time-to-time whenever it has reason to believe three million dollars (\$3,000,000) or more in savings might be obtained by a change in budget practice. The Commission shall be available to the Metropolitan Council's Budget and Finance Committee to discuss the Commission's progress.~~

~~Section 4. This Commission shall sunset upon adoption of the annual operating budget, but may be reauthorization in each subsequent budget. The Blue Ribbon Commission shall be subject to annual reauthorization in the annual operating budget ordinance for the Metropolitan Government. Failure to reauthorize the Commission shall result in the immediate termination of the Commission.~~

~~Section 5. This ordinance shall supersede the provisions of Amendment B to Substitute Ordinance No. BL2018-1184, adopted June 19, 2018, regarding establishment of the Blue Ribbon Commission.~~

~~Section 5-6. Be it further enacted that this ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.~~

INTRODUCED BY:

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Member of Council, At-Large