

Chairwoman's Recap

Your Memphis City Council met on Tuesday, January 18 to discuss actions toward improving the City of Memphis, including in the areas of public safety, budget, and transportation.

We approved a resolution to rename the Division of Parks and Neighborhoods to Memphis Parks. The renaming signifies the Division's mission of creating positive and safe places to provide community-centered experiences that connect all Memphians, celebrate life, and strengthen mind and body. Visit [Memphis Parks](#) to learn more about the over 5,600 acres of landparks, facilities, trails, and playgrounds throughout Memphis.



Redesigned Memphis Parks logo

At this meeting, the Division of Housing & Community Development (HCD), described the Division's proposed plans to expend its allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. **Proposed funding will be available to support Memphians in the areas of home repair, weatherization, roof repair, and emergency home repairs.** Stay tuned for additional information regarding these HCD programs.

District Attorney Amy Weirich shared a presentation on reckless driving and drag racing conviction rates. Your City Council is committed to working with local leaders and communities to reduce reckless driving and drag racing. **In 2021, 790 arrests were made for reckless driving.**

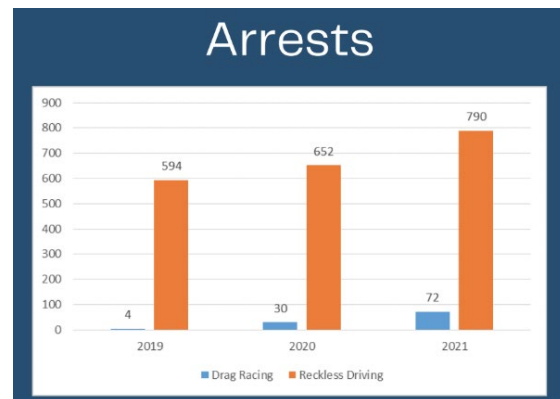


Chart provided by District Attorney Amy Weirich

We heard an **overview of Memphis City Beautiful's "Memphis Clean City Guide"**, highlighting ways in which citizens can act to resolve issues such as litter, high weeds, problem properties, waste handling and other issues. Information compiled in this guide will make it easier for residents to contribute, take action, educate others, and work alongside City Government to enhance the quality of life for all.

MATA briefed us on its Emergency Service Reduction, effective January 19 through February 7 due to COVID. To learn more, visit [MATA](#). The Division of Solid Waste updated us on service delays. The

Division has implemented several practices to reduce delays by offering overtime time pay and hiring contractors to support the demand.

We also **approved an ordinance renaming Fourth Street between Union Avenue and E.H. Crump Boulevard as Ida B. Wells-Barnett Street.** Wells, an esteemed civil rights activist and writer, helped launch the National Association of Colored Women (NACW) and was a founding member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Wells was a true pioneer and a devoted American shero.

If you were not able to participate in the meeting, you may view the recording on [YouTube](#) or at <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/watch-public-meetings-online/>.



Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamita E. Swearengen".

Jamita Swearengen
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District 4