



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative Parks and Sustainability Committee

Chair Cindi Fowler (D-14)
Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)
Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5)
Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10)
Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

1:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

**THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING
THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

Call to Order

Chair Fowler called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Fowler introduced the committee and non-committee members present.
A quorum was established.

***NOTE:** All committee and non-committee members present attended virtually, except Chair Fowler, Council President James, Council Member Chambers Armstrong, Council Member Kramer, and Council Member Fox, who attended in Chambers.

Present: 7 - Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), Chair Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25), and Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Angela Bowens (D-1), Council Member Barbara Shanklin (D-3), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Council Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Council Member Mark Fox (D-13), and Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Paul Rutherford, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [O-166-22](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE LOUISVILLE/ JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) TO PERMIT A MANAGER TO MANAGE 9 HOLE COURSES, [TO SET A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GOLF COURSES PERMITTED WHICH MAY BE MANAGED BY NONPROFIT ENTITIES,]AND TO REQUIRE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ANY GOLF COURSE MANAGED BY THE METRO GOVERNMENT FOR LONGER THAN ONE YEAR (AS AMENDED).

Sponsors: Primary Cindi Fowler (D-14)

Attachments: [O-166-22 V.2 CAM 060722 Golf Course Nonprofit Limit and Manage Change.pdf](#)
[O-166-22 V.1 051922 Golf Course Nonprofit Limit and Manage Change.pdf](#)

A motion was made Committee Member Purvis, seconded by Vice Chair Peden, that this Ordinance be untabled.

A motion was made by Chair Fowler, seconded by Committee Member Holton Stewart, that this Ordinance be amended as shown in the attached document titled "O-166-22 V.2 CAM 060722 Golf Course Nonprofit Limit and Manage Change.pdf".

The following spoke to this item the proposed amended item:

- Committee Member Purvis
- Chair Fowler
- Committee Member Holton Stewart
- Council Member Chambers Armstrong
- Council Member Fox
- Council President James
- Vice Chair Peden
- Council Member Kramer
- Committee Member Parker
- Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Council Member Shanklin

The following was discussed:

- Question and concerns about the entity that operates golf courses, whether it is non-profit or for profit
- Question about the difference between a 9-hole golf course and an 18-hole golf course for Professional Golfers' Association Professionals ("PGA Pro") to operate
- The three 9-hole golf courses: Crescent Hill Golf Course, Bobby Nichols Golf Course, and Cherokee Golf Course
- No bids were received for any of the three 9-hole golf courses in 2019
- Question about whether there is a shortage of PGA Pros
- A PGA Pro can oversee up to 27 holes of golf
- Before the merger, Jefferson County golf courses were managed by managers

- There are concerns about whether to make an amendment regarding pending third-party request for proposals ("RFP")
- There are currently no proposals to run a golf course
- Question about whether a PGA Pro is needed when there is no driving range
- Question about whether Metro Government put in a RFP for Cherokee Golf Course in 2019 and received a response from the Olmsted Parks Conservancy ("Olmsted Parks")
- Olmsted Parks is not proposing to run a golf course
- The golf course RFP was issued for several golf courses
- There is no active RFP for Cherokee Golf Course
- Question about whether Metro Parks would be interested in running golf courses in the future
- Question about who pays the salary of the golf managers
- Golf managers enter into contracts with Metro Government to run the course as part of their salaries
- Question about when the RFP expires
- Statement regarding the need to examine the RFP from 2019 in conjunction with what Olmsted Parks filed
- Golf courses are not accessible in some Districts
- Question about whether it is possible to use other amenities in Cherokee Park
- Question about the historical value of Cherokee Golf Course
- Question about the substance of re-purposing Cherokee Golf Course
- The proposal is being made to find someone to manage Cherokee Golf Course

The following requested to be added as co-sponsors:

- Council Member Fox
- Committee Member Parker
- Council Member Kramer
- Committee Member Holton Stewart

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Committee Member Holton Stewart, seconded by Vice Chair Peden, to call the question on the motion to amend.

The motion to call the question carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Committee Member Blackwell, seconded by Committee Member Holton Stewart, to call the question on the main motion.

The motion to call the question carried by a voice vote.

The motion to recommend for approval carried by the following vote and the amended Ordinance was sent to Old Business:

Yes: 6 - Mulvihill, Blackwell, Fowler, Parker, Holton Stewart, and Peden

No: 1 - Purvis

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 2:21 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 9, 2022.