



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative Public Works Committee

Chair Nicole George (D-21)
Vice Chair Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)
Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)
Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)
Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Chair George called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair George introduce the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended in Chambers, except Committee Member Dorsey, who attended virtually.**

Present: 7 - Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Vice Chair Stuart Benson (R-20), Chair Nicole George (D-21), Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24), and Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Support Staff

Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Anne Scholtz, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Lisa Franklin-Gray, Assistant Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [O-178-22](#)

AN ORDINANCE IN SUPPORT OF LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT ADOPTING A TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVE KNOWN AS VISION ZERO.

Sponsors: Primary Nicole George (D-21)

Attachments: [O-178-22 V.1 051922 Adopting Vision Zero Traffic Safety Initiative.pdf](#)
[VZL Metro Council Vision Zero Presentation.pdf](#)
[Complete Streets Ordinance No. 128, Series 2019.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Hollander, seconded by Committee Member Piagentini, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

Amanda Deatherage, Public Works, gave a presentation (see attached).

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair George
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Amanda Deatherage
- Dirk Gowin, Public Works
- Committee Member Ackerson
- Committee Member Hollander
- Committee Member Flood
- Jeff Brown, Public Works

The following was discussed:

- Vision Zero has a set goal of zero traffic fatalities by 2050
- The Director of Public Works shall prepare a report on the needs of progress every 12 months
- Vision Zero aligns with Metro Government's Complete Streets Policy
- Question about who funds Vision Zero
- Question about what doors would be open if Vision Zero is funded
- Question about whether the groups that are funding this organization have any conflicts or ulterior motives
- Question about whether the four-lane roadways should be converted to three lanes
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Kentucky Office of Highway Safety have invested \$6 million into safety programs
- Public Works will collaborate with Emergency Services, Public Health and Wellness, Louisville Forward, and Louisville Metro Police Department with implementing a plan and evaluation of performance measures
- Question about whether more stop signs are needed
- Stop signs are traffic control devices
- Stop signs assign a right-of-way
- Question about whether speed cameras are needed
- Questions and concerns about whether to modify streets to make them safer and reduce the number of fatalities
- Public Works' Visual Safety Report for Vision Zero is based on four Es;

Engineering, Enforcement, Education and Emergency services

A motion was made by Chair George, seconded by Vice Chair Benson, that this Ordinance be tabled.

The motion to table carried by a voice vote.

2. [R-072-22](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, PARCEL NO. THIRTY (30), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COOPER CHAPEL ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary Robin Engel (R-22)

Attachments: [R-072-22 V.1 051922 Parcel No. 30 \(Emberton, Joseph and Joyce, et al.\) Condemnation.pdf](#)
[R-072-22 ATTACH Exhibit B - Plat Map.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Committee Member Piagentini
- Mike Penick, Public Works
- Vice Chair Benson
- Chair George

The following was discussed:

- The property is approximately 38,000 square feet on .89 acres
- Metro Government needs an additional 11,000 square feet for drainage
- An appraisal was done and counter-offers were made, but none of them were supported by a third-party appraisal
- The land is needed to complete the project
- Metro Government has been negotiating with the property owner since the summer of 2020
- Question about whether any condemnation cases have gone to a jury trial
- There have been a two jury trials involving right-a-way cases

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair George adjourned the meeting at 4:59 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.