



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative Planning and Zoning Committee

Chair Andrew Owen (D-9)
Vice Chair Scott Reed (R-16)
Committee Member Shameka Parrish-Wright (D-3)
Committee Member Josie Raymond (D-10)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Betsy Ruhe (D-21)
Committee Member Jeff Hudson (R-23)
Committee Member Khalil Batshon (R-25)

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

1:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Chair Owen called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Roll Call

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

NOTE: All committee and non-committee members present attended in Chambers, except Vice Chair Reed, Committee Member Raymond, Committee Member Benson and Council Member Hawkins, who attended virtually.

Present: 8 - Chair Andrew Owen (D-9), Vice Chair Scott Reed (R-16), Committee Member Shameka Parrish-Wright (D-3), Committee Member Josie Raymond (D-10), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), Committee Member Betsy Ruhe (D-21), Committee Member Jeff Hudson (R-23), and Committee Member Khalil Batshon (R-25)

Non Member(s)

Council Member Tammy Hawkins (D-1), and Council Member Jennifer Chappell (D-15)

Support Staff

Laura Ferguson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [O-197-26](#)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT TO BINDING ELEMENTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 908 S. ENGLISH STATION ROAD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 12.5 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 26AMEND0002).

Sponsors: Primary Andrew Owen (D-9)

Attachments: [O-197-26 V.1 073026 Amendment to Binding Elements for 908 S. English Station Road .pdf](#)
[26-AMEND-0002.pdf](#)
[26-AMEND 0002 PCStaffReport.pdf](#)
[24-ZONE-0014 ApprovedPlan.pdf](#)
[26-AMEND-0002 PCMinutes 06.18.2026.pdf](#)
[26-AMEND-0002 ApplicantPresentation.pdf](#)

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

Julia Williams, Office of Planning, gave a presentation on the Planning Commission's recommendation (see attached).

Chair Owen spoke to this item.

The motion carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar:

Yes: 8 - Owen, Reed, Parrish-Wright, Raymond, Benson, Ruhe, Hudson, and Batshon

2. [O-198-26](#)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CLOSURE OF AN UNNAMED ALLEY NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF W. BRECKINRIDGE STREET AND S. 8TH STREET CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 5,500 SQUARE FEET AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 26STRCLOSURE0010).

Sponsors: Primary Andrew Owen (D-9)

Attachments: [O-198-26 V.1 073026 26STRCLOSURE0010 Closure of an unnamed alley intersection of W. Breckinridge St & S. 8th St. .pdf](#)
[26-STRCLOSURE-0010.pdf](#)
[26-STRCLOSURE-0010_DRCStaffReport.pdf](#)
[26-STRCLOSURE-0010_Plat_051826.pdf](#)
[26-STRCLOSURE-0010_Justification.pdf](#)
[26-STRCLOSURE-0010_PCMinutes_071626.pdf](#)
[26-STRCLOSURE-0010_PCStaffReport.pdf](#)

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

Julia Williams, Office of Planning, gave a presentation on the Planning Commission's recommendation (see attached).

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Owen
- Vice Chair Reed
- Laura Ferguson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

The motion carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar:

Yes: 8 - Owen, Reed, Parrish-Wright, Raymond, Benson, Ruhe, Hudson, and Batshon

3. [O-199-26](#)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CLOSURE OF MERMAID LANE CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.165 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 26STRCLOSURE0017).

Sponsors: Primary Andrew Owen (D-9)

Attachments: [O-199-26 V.1 073026 26STRCLOSURE0017 Closure of Mermaid Lane .pdf](#)
[26-STRCLOSURE-0017 DRC Staff Report 070126.pdf](#)
[26-STRCLOSURE-0017 Exhibit.pdf](#)
[26-STRCLOSURE-0017 Description.pdf](#)
[26-STRCLOSURE-0017 Justification.pdf](#)
[26-STRCLOSURE-0017 PCMinutes 07162026.pdf](#)

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

Julia Williams, Office of Planning, gave a presentation on the Planning Commission's recommendation (see attached).

Chair Owen stated he has spoken to Council Member Markus Winkler and that he is in support of this street closure.

The motion carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar:

Yes: 8 - Owen, Reed, Parrish-Wright, Raymond, Benson, Ruhe, Hudson, and Batshon

4. [O-135-26](#)

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON REZONING, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS AND PLAN CERTAIN, CATEGORY 2B AND 3 DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPLICATIONS RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATION HOTELS AND DATA CENTERS PENDING A REVIEW AND RECOMMENDED CHANGES BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION (AS AMENDED).

Sponsors: Primary Jennifer Chappell (D-15), Additional Shameka Parrish-Wright (D-3) and Additional Tammy Hawkins (D-1)

Attachments: [O-135-26 V.2 CAM 080426 Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers.pdf](#)
[O-135-26 V.1 051426 Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Ruhe, seconded by Committee Member Hudson, that this Ordinance be returned to the table.

Committee Member Hudson read a proposed amendment into the record.

Laura Ferguson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, also spoke to this item.

A motion was made by Committee Member Hudson, seconded by Committee Member Ruhe, that this Ordinance be amended by striking through "nor has a public hearing been held for the public to comment on and suggest potential changes" in the 4th Whereas clause.

The following spoke to the proposed amendment:

- Council Member Chappell
- Laura Ferguson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

A motion was made by Committee Member Parrish-Wright, seconded by Committee Member Ruhe, that Whereas clause #4 of this Ordinance be amended as shown in the attached document titled "O-135-26 V.2 CAM 080426 Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers.pdf."

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

[Clerk's Note: The motion by Committee Member Hudson was deemed null.]

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

Yes: 7 - Owen, Reed, Parrish-Wright, Raymond, Ruhe, Hudson, and Batshon

No: 1 - Benson

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Owen adjourned the meeting at 1:28 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 August 13, 2026.

Transcript

[ID 26-1008](#)

See the "Unedited Captioning Transcript of the Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting- August 4, 2026.pdf" attached hereto for additional information regarding discussion of each item.]

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