



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, February 8, 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 introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE:** All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except Chair George, Vice Chair Benson, Committee Member Hollander, Committee Member Piagentini, and Committee Member Ackerson, who attended in Chambers.

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)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), and Council Member Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Anne Scholtz, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Robbie Howard, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [R-015-22](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$60,000 OF FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF LYNDON, KENTUCKY FOR THE ORMSBY LANE SIDEWALK PROJECT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS.

Sponsors: Primary Paula McCraney (D-7)

Attachments: [R-015-22 V.1 020322 City of Lyndon 60k Ormsby Ln Sidewalk.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Steve Kurowsky, Public Works
- Council Member McCraney

The following was discussed:

- The project involved the construction of a sidewalk on Ormsby Lane
- The final segment of the sidewalk runs from Archers Walk Lane to LaGrange Road

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

2. [R-017-22](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, PARCEL NO. SIX (6), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOUISVILLE LOOP PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Attachments: [R-017-22 V.1 020322 Parcel No. 6 \(Midland Trail Golf Club, Inc.\) Condemnation.pdf](#)
[ATTACH Exhibit B - Plat Map.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Kramer
- Milana Boz, Public Works
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Ackerson
- Anne Schultz, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

The following was discussed:

- Midland Trail Golf Course whose property this will traverse does not plan to challenge the condemnation
- This project is a part of the Louisville Loop along Shelbyville Road
- Public Works will need 324 square feet of the right-of-way from the property owner
- A temporary easement of 14,000 square feet will be needed for Public Works, which will be returned to the property owner after the construction is complete

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

3. [O-035-22](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE CREATION OF MANAGED NATURAL LANDSCAPES.

Sponsors: Primary Jecorey Arthur (D-4) and Primary David James (D-6)

Attachments: [O-035-22 V.1 020322 Amending LMCO Chapter 156.pdf](#)

[Presentation - Proposed Weeds Ordinance Revisions 2-8-22.pdf](#)

[Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District Letter of Support.pdf](#)

[Louisville Audubon Society Letter of Support.pdf](#)

[Louisville Climate Action Network Letter of Support.pdf](#)

[Wild Ones Letter of Support.pdf](#)

[Letter from Ofc. of Adv. Planning & Sust.pdf](#)

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

Allison Smith, Develop Louisville, and Rebecca Trueman, Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District, gave a presentation (see attached).

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Arthur
- Allison Smith
- Chair George
- Robert Kirchdorfer, Codes and Regulations
- Committee Member Hollander
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Flood
- Committee Member Dorsey

The following was discussed:

- This amendment is to promote the installation and maintenance of managed natural landscapes
- The managed natural landscapes include native plants that benefit the city's environment
- Managed natural landscapes shall not include turf-grass lawns left unattended
- Questions and concerns about adding a certain width for the setback for deliveries

- The definition of "noxious weed" is an annual, biennial, or perennial plant to be injurious to public health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock, or other property
- Managed natural landscape is planned, intentional, and maintained planting of native or non-native grasses
- Maintenance is defined as keeping the planting within the defined area, free of noxious weeds which are not allowed
- The managed landscape must be set back from property lines by at least five feet
- The managed landscape must be mowed or cut back at least once per year in addition to ongoing maintenance
- The area of plant growth must not extend into the public right-of-way
- Question about whether there is a list of native plants
- Training is being provided for Codes and Regulations Officers on what constitutes native plants
- Question about the process of a dispute on a citation
- Questions and concerns on how to handle complaints in dense areas

A motion was made by Committee Member Piagentini, seconded by Council Member Hollander, that this Ordinance be tabled.

The motion to table carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair George adjourned the meeting at 5:00 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 February 17, 2022.