



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative Parks and Sustainability Committee

Chair Khalil Batshon (R-25)
Vice Chair Paula McCraney (I-7)
Committee Member Crystal Bast (R-14)
Committee Member Jennifer Chappell (D-15)
Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Betsy Ruhe (D-21)

Thursday, June 18, 2026

3:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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Call to Order

Chair Batshon called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m

Roll Call

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

Note: All committee and non-committee members present attended in Chambers, except Committee Member McCraney, who attended virtually.

Present: 6 - Chair Khalil Batshon (R-25), Vice Chair Paula McCraney (I-7), Vice Chair Crystal Bast (R-14), Vice Chair Jennifer Chappell (D-15), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), and Vice Chair Betsy Ruhe (D-21)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Tammy Hawkins (D-1)

Support Staff

Nicole Pang, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Amanda Baker, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Mary Willis, Assistant Clerk
Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [O-108-26](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) SECTION 42.31 TO PERMIT THE FORAGING OF CERTAIN PLANT MATERIAL IN LOUISVILLE METRO PARKS.

Sponsors: Primary JP Lyninger (D-6)

Attachments: [O-108-26 V.1 051426 Amend LMCO 42.31 RE Foraging in Metro Parks.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

2. [O-177-26](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42.31 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATED TO ISSUANCE OF PERMITS.

Sponsors: Primary Tammy Hawkins (D-1)

Attachments: [O-177-26 V.2 CABS 061826 Park Permitting for Events and Compliance.pdf](#)
[O-177-26 V.1 061126 Amend LMCO 42.31 RE Issuance of Permits.pdf](#)

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

Amanda Baker, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, read a proposed amendment by substitution into the record.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Hawkins
- Amanda Baker
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Michelle King, Metro Parks
- Chair Batshon
- Committee Member Chappell

A motion was made by Committee Member Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Bast, that this Ordinance be amended by substitution as shown in the attached document titled "O-177-26 V.2 CABS 061826 Park Permitting for Events and Compliance.pdf."

The motion to amend 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 - Batshon, McCraney, Bast, Chappell, Piagentini, and Ruhe

3. [R-142-25](#)

A RESOLUTION URGING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES/ACTIONS TO ENSURE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT’S TREE CANOPY IS RESILIENT, PROTECTED, AND SUSTAINABLE.

Sponsors: Primary Jennifer Chappell (D-15), Additional Betsy Ruhe (D-21), Additional Ben Reno-Weber (D-8), Additional Andrew Owen (D-9) and Additional JP Lyninger (D-6)

Attachments: [R-142-25 V.1 111325 Encouraging Louisville Tree Plan.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Batshon adjourned the meeting at 3:25 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 25, 2026.

Transcript

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