



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 22, 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 4:01 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, and Committee Member Piagentini, who attended in Chambers.

Present: 6 - 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), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Excused: 1 - Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Support Staff

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

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [R-024-22](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, PARCEL NO. THIRTY-TWO (32), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COOPER CHAPEL ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary Robin Engel (R-22)

Attachments: [R-024-22 V.1 021722 Parcel No. 34 \(Thomas, Kenneth Dale, et al.\) Condemnation.pdf](#)
[R-024-22 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:

- Mike Penick, Public Works
- Anne Scholtz, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Chair George
- Committee Member Hollander
- Vice Chair Benson

Committee Member Piagentini requested that items 1-7 be considered and discussed at the same time, and the request was granted without objection.

Committee Member Piagentini stated that this is in Council Member Engel's District and he is in support of the condemnation.

The following was discussed:

- Currently this road does not exist so it would be called New Cooper Chapel Road
- On the southside of New Cooper Chapel Road there will be a bike lane and a shaded pathway
- On the northside of New Cooper Chapel Road there will be a bike lane and a sidewalk
- This project consists of 72 parcels that run from Beulah Church Road to Bardstown Road
- Seven of the property owners do not favor the project, which are those represented in items 1-7
- Jefferson County Attorney's Office sent letters to each homeowner informing them that the case has been referred to them for condemnation
- Question about the cost and time for the condemnation
- 48 out of 72 homes were acquired without filing suit, and some are in negotiations
- Concerns about whether Metro Government offers a fair price for the property
- There was one counter-offer by a property owner of \$300,000 over the offer Public Works made, and it was rejected

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

2. [R-025-22](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, PARCEL NO. THIRTY-FOUR (34), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COOPER CHAPEL ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary Robin Engel (R-22)

Attachments: [R-025-22 V.1 021722 Parcel No. 34 \(Thomas, Lorin Duane, et al\) Condemnation.pdf](#)
[R-025-22 ATTACH Exhibit B - Plat Map.pdf](#)

Items 2-7 were considered and discussed together with item 1. This resolution was recommended for approval and sent to the Consent Calendar.

3. [R-026-22](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, PARCEL NO. THIRTY-NINE (39), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COOPER CHAPEL ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary Robin Engel (R-22)

Attachments: [R-026-22 V.1 021722 Parcel No. 39 \(Glasscock, Kevin & Kristina, et al\) Condemnation.pdf](#)

Items 2-7 were considered and discussed together with item 1. This resolution was recommended for approval and sent to the Consent Calendar.

4. [R-027-22](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, PARCEL NO. FORTY (40), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COOPER CHAPEL ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary Robin Engel (R-22)

Attachments: [R-027-22 V.1 021722 Parcel No. 40 \(Haverly, Thelma, et al\) Condemnation.pdf](#)
[R-027-22 ATTACH Exhibit B-Plat Map.pdf](#)

Items 2-7 were considered and discussed together with item 1. This resolution was recommended for approval and sent to the Consent Calendar.

5. [R-028-22](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, PARCEL NO. THIRTY-SIX (36), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COOPER CHAPEL ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary Robin Engel (R-22)

Attachments: [R-028-22 V.1 021722 Parcel No. 36 \(Hofelich, Louise, et al\) Condemnation.pdf](#)
[R-028-22 ATTACH Exhibit B-Plat Map.pdf](#)

Items 2-7 were considered and discussed together with item 1. This resolution was recommended for approval and sent to the Consent Calendar.

6. [R-029-22](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, PARCEL NO. FORTY-SEVEN (47), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COOPER CHAPEL ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary Robin Engel (R-22)

Attachments: [R-029-22 V.1 021722 Parcel No. 47 \(KRC Constructions & Remodeling, Inc., et al\) Condemnation.pdf](#)

Items 2-7 were considered and discussed together with item 1. This resolution was recommended for approval and sent to the Consent Calendar.

7. [R-030-22](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING A CONDEMNATION ACTION AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY, PARCEL NO. THIRTY-EIGHT (38), IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COOPER CHAPEL ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary Robin Engel (R-22)

Attachments: [R-030-22 V.1 021722 Parcel No. 38 \(McGrew, Lisa and Gregg, et al.\) Condemnation.pdf](#)
[R-030-22 ATTACH Exhibit B-Plat Map.pdf](#)

Items 2-7 were considered and discussed together with item 1. This resolution was recommended for approval and sent to the Consent Calendar.

8. [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 Committee Member Hollander, that this Ordinance be untabled.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Arthur
- Allison Smith, Develop Louisville
- Robert Kirchdorfer, Code and Regulations
- Chair George
- Committee Member Flood

The following was discussed:

- The Ordinance does not allow for anything to grow over ten inches
- The amendment is to allow the installation of managed natural landscapes
- The natural landscape includes native plants
- Natural managed landscape has to be maintained and kept free of noxious weeds as defined by Kentucky Statute
- The managed landscape must be set back five feet from the property lines and must be cut back at least once per year
- There shall be signage identifying the area
- A pathway from the house to the street must be kept clear
- Property Maintenance Inspectors will be trained on what constitutes native plants
- Reminder that Kentucky Glade Cress, an endangered species listed on the National Register of Species, begins to bloom in March

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

Yes: 6 - Dorsey, Hollander, Piagentini, Benson, George, and Flood

Excused: 1 - Ackerson

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair George adjourned the meeting at 4:35 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 March 3, 2022.