



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, August 6, 2026

3:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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Call to Order

Chair Batshon called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Roll Call

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

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)

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Clerk(s)

Mary Willis, Assistant Clerk
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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. [R-091-26](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD OF \$75,000 FROM THE KENTUCKY ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET, DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FOR THE IROQUOIS PARK PLAYGROUND RUBBER MULCH PROJECT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

Sponsors: Primary Jennifer Chappell (D-15)

Attachments: [R-091-26 V.1 073026 Grant for Iroquois Park Playground Rubber Mulch Project.pdf](#)
[Iroquois Park Playground Rubber Mulch Project.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Jason Canuel, Metro Parks
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Chair Batshon
- Committee Member Ruhe

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

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](#)
[Updated UFMP Financial Impact Statement.pdf](#)
[UFMP Handout 8.6.26.pdf](#)
[UFMP Strategy Action Progress Tracking - Sheet2 \(2\).pdf](#)
[UFMP - Short Summary \(2\) \(1\).pdf](#)

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

The motion to return to the table carried without objection.

The following spoke to this item:

- Michelle King, Metro Parks
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Mesude Ozyurekoglu, Metro Parks
- Committee Member Bast
- Chair Batshon
- Committee Member Ruhe
- Cynthia Sullivan, Trees Louisville

A motion was made by Committee Member Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Bast, that this Resolution be postponed.

The motion to postpone carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

Note: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council meeting August 13, 2026.

Transcript

[ID 26-1059](#)

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