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, July 23, 2026 | **3:00 PM** | **Council Chambers/Virtual**

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Vice Chair McCraney called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Vice Chair McCraney introduced the committee members present. A quorum was established.

Note: All committee members present attended in Chambers, except Committee Member Chappell and Chair Batshon, 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)

Support Staff

Nicole Pang, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Laura Ferguson, 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. R-080-26

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING 2.966 ACRES OF OTTER CREEK PARK LOCATED IN MEADE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED HERETO AND OWNED BY LOUISVILLE/ JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT ("METRO GOVERNMENT"), THE GOVERNMENTAL SUCCSSOR TO THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, AS NO LONGER NEEDED AND NO LONGER PRACTICAL FOR A GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZING ITS TRANSFER TO MEADE COUNTY.

Sponsors: Primary Crystal Bast (R-14)

Attachments: R-080-26 V.1 062526 Tranfer of Portion of Otter Creek Park Property to Meade Co.pdf

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

Committee Member Bast spoke to this item.

The motion carried by 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

This item remained held in committee.

Adjournment

Without objection, Vice Chair McCraney adjourned the meeting at 3:04 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 July 30, 2026

Transcript

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