

Unedited Captioning Transcript of Budget and Appropriations Committee Meeting - March 9, 2023

Colleagues, we're waiting on a quorum.

Good to put a face.

Good afternoon this councilman Kevin Kramer it's 434 on March 8th. Um, this is the budget and appropriations committee. Um, go ahead and get going.

Council member BLACKWELL has excused absence counseling. The cranium has an excused absence. Again. I'm counseling. Kevin Kramer. We are joined in chambers.

By council member, Owen council member Fowler council member, Parker council member our member Hudson and Parker member Philip.

Baker great, and I believe we have a quorum and it doesn't look like anyone who's joining us online? Um, oh, in councilman Chicago. Arthur as well. I'm sorry did I miss anyone?

Okay, great. Thank you. Um, this meeting had been requested virtually I don't see anyone joining us virtually at the moment, but there may be 1 or 2 who decide to do. So, given that I'm going to ask if the clerk would read the statement.

This meeting is being held 61.806 encounter rule 5, a written form. Thank you, Madam clerk. Um, we will not be taking up item number 10. it's being held at at, um, committee level.

So, with that said, go ahead and jump into the agenda. Uh, the 1st item on the agenda is an. item on the agenda is an

It's 309 23. L. M. P. D. this is inappropriate. This is appropriating 2641 dollars and 21 cents from district 1 neighbor development funds.

The local metro police department 2nd, division for the purchase of auto theft task force, steering wheel, lock devices to assist with the, with the theft of Kia and Hyundai vehicles in district 1 motion. with the theft of kia and hyundai vehicles in district one motion

2nd, okay. Um, is there anyone here to speak to this? It's, it's an item less than 5,000 dollars, so it doesn't really require it, but anyone from district 1 wanted to speak to it. They could.

Seeing none, it's in India regarding a voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying, aye.

unanimously. The next item is.

Oh, 3. Oh, 9. Oh, 923 it is inappropriate. It is appropriate in 1700 dollars from district 1, neighbor development fund symmetrical parks for the Mr.

more memorial, March Madness, basketball league to supply food for the participants and a plaque for the overall winning team. 2nd. the overall winning team second

Motion 2nd good again. This is an amount that's 1500 dollars. It's below the threshold. If anyone from district 1 would like to speak to this.

Seeing no one's calls for a voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying, aye, any opposed passes unanimously.

The 3rd item on the agenda is ordinance. 4323. this is an ordinance appropriating 6,330 dollars from district 6 redevelopment funds through metro parks to love it. Landscaping for beautification and landscaping projects in district. 6 of the motion.

landscaping projects in district six of the motion

Okay, it's properly before us. Is there anyone from district? 6? We'd like to speak to this yes, sir. Let yourself the record. Thank you. Joanna Taylor councilman Philip baker's office district 6.

I'm requesting these funds to pay our annual, be able to love it landscape and they do verification projects around district 6. so.

That's what these funds are requested for questions.

Seeing cost for a roll call vote ma'am clerk if you please open the voting.

It was your motion.

So, Jerry, you have 6? Um, yes folks.

Okay, and that is with the number here today. That's unanimous. And it goes to the consent calendar. Thank you item number 4 is the it's 309 23. L it is.

I'm sorry it is appropriate in 24,350 dollars from capital infrastructure funds and the following manner. 4,058 dollars. And 34 cents each from districts, 16 and 17 and 62,033 cents each from district. 71,819.

four cents each from districts sixteen and seventeen and four thousand and fifty eight thousand and thirty three cents each from district seven eighteen nineteen

And 22 local metro police department, for the purchase of 2 radar machines and trailers for use in the 8th division, their motion motion proper for us a note that we have in L. A. standing at the at the microphone.

So, if you'll introduce yourself capability with counseling vehicles office, and these funds would fund 2 of the radar trailers, the mobile radar trailers, 8 divisions, almost 90 square miles.

So, a lot of ground to cover a lot of requests, come in for. for

Specifically, and these things can help other traffic related issues as well. They can be used around schools that don't have their own officers. So they would just hope for your support.

Questions from colleagues seeing now and again, this is a actually, this is a C. F. I believe it requires a voice vote.

Yes, all those in favor signify by saying, aye aye aye any opposed.

You always have it. It's unanimous. Thank you. Kim. Um, next item is item number 5 also. 309 23. P. W.

this is appropriating 16,000 dollars from district for capital infrastructure funds to public works for sidewalk repairs at 650 and 652 story Avenue. I need a motion. and six hundred and fifty two story avenue i need a motion

2nd, it's properly before us. Is there anyone here to speak to this? Awesome. Awesome. Oh, then calcium and Arthur it is to you.

So, this was originally just for 1652 story Avenue, but when public works got in there, they realized nearby infrastructure needed some similar work.

A tree and the roots kind of coming up and making it look real as my grandmother used to say raggedy. So it was actually cheaper to go ahead and do both of these at the same time. So. the same time so

That's why we're putting this forward to take care of this and the historic budget town neighborhood. So please support it. Thank you.

Great Thank you. So, this isn't just simply a sidewalk fix. It's a lot of money. Yeah, it's a little bit more than that.

Great. Okay. Questions any questions seeing none calls for a voice vote all those in favor. Signify by saying aye aye. Aye. Any opposed? Okay again the unanimous um.

Well, today it is, I have number 6309203forathisis appropriating 544 dollars and 80 cents from district for neighbor development funds to public works to lease a street light and the alley between 16th and 17th street, North of hail Avenue,

including a 5 year lease agreement with local gas. And electric company, motion motion 2nd. avenue including a five year lease agreement with local gas and electric company motion motion second

It's probably before us again, this is in district for if there were anyone in district we'd like to speak to this. The floor is theirs.

Is dark in that alley.

There's enough said all those in favor signify by saying, aye aye.

Any opposed passes unanimously item number 7 in D. F. o30903 P. P. W4 again.

This is appropriate in 1049 dollars and 40 cents from district for neighbor development funds to public works for the installation

installation of a new street light and pull on dresser bridge, including a 5 year lease agreement with global gas and electric company. Can I get a motion?

agreement with global gas and electric company can i get a motion

Properly before us, counseling, Arthur may I guess that it's dark on this corner is dark on that bridge. You were close the bridge.

Catherine and Mr. share a quick question for customer. Arthur is, uh, is the city going to pick this up moving forward?

I don't know. Okay, we do these often.

So, maybe you all would know. No and the reason I'm asking is because it's actually a bigger issue in, um.

Outside of the USD and unincorporated areas where I am going to pick on herritown. I did some lights in there when it was still part of my district and council Winkler has it. Now.

The way that works is you can put it up and they'll you can fund it for 5 years. And then after that, you have to miracle the dollars again, uh, the city.

Uh, and well, in that case, actually, very time started to organize and they've created an, and they might take over the expense. So, that that might have worked itself out. But if you don't do that, there's no mechanism to continue paying.

If it's in the USD, the city should continue to pay for it. I just really want to make no.

No, I'm seeing a bit. Okay. Can can we defer to the.

Can we defer to our budget experts here and find out why I'm telling me I'm a crazy person well, there's lots of reasons for that. Um.

I, if I, if I may take a stab, though, at the light.

And leave the rest of it out. Um, and I'm not sure I'm, I'm fine voting yes. On this tonight, but moving forward. Um.

I'm not sure that neighborhood development funds to install street lights in the urban service district is.

I'm not sure what that looks like in comparison to outside the urban services street, the urban service district, taxing district. They have a responsibility in the urban service districts to pay for street lights.

That's part of the responsibility of their own service district. They pay additional taxes in urban service district. Their, their tax rate is higher than outside of the urban service district and included in that tax rate is street lights.

So, I would have thought that the answer to question would have been since it's in the urban service district, and the urban service district who's respect is responsible for lighting.

I would have thought that would be the right, right I would have thought that would have been the answer, but then at the same time, if that's true then I don't understand why.

The council member is paying for a street light if the urban service district is responsible for it, they're responsible for it. And if they're not after 5 years, the question becomes who pays for it.

Sure council team. Yeah, I just want to clarify what I'm bringing it up. I'm fully supportive. This. My point is I'm going to once again say, and I've kind of said this before.

We need to have this budget cycle. We need to have a conversation about the ongoing funding street lights in this community. Whether that's urban services district or the unincorporated areas outside of the USD.

Because a lot of council members have ad hoc, tried to address dark alleys.

And areas in buried, in the case, very talented residential neighborhood, that was very dark, had a community center in that, you know, in the winter time at 50 PM and places open till 80 PM your kids are walking home in the dark right? It's just unsafe. just unsafe

And so, you know, we would we just need to have a broader conversation. There's a street that was constructed in my district, the street lights on that street that was then the developer built the street.

Including the lights operational now for a couple of years. And the developer is still paying for the lights, but they don't own the street. They don't own the land around the street anymore. When they start paying the bill street lights are going to turn off. Right? So, so that's the, we're starting to develop this ongoing issue. And I just think as as as a community, we.

I realized what was negotiated 20 years ago.

I don't want to revisit that, but just let's talk moving forward about how counselor and Arthur can get evaluated lit properly and I'm full support of that and, you know, there's other areas of the community, but we're all doing this ad hoc as different council districts.

You know, we need to have the city look at this more. Holistically is really just my point. Thank you Catherine. Arthur.

I was curious that we could have some of our financial team speak to this, but also clarify why not versus.

that too. I've just been told, that's the way it is.

I'm going to leave I'm going to leave that I specifically to our, to our financial staff. So.

Hold on that's timber. There is, this is a big issue it's been talked about many, many times. The easy answer is India versus CIA to be a we have Metro has to own the property.

We won't own that live live poll. We're leasing it from. It's an operational cost to pay for the lights during the 5 year cycle. So that when it's an easy question, counseling, the more difficult question is.

The years urban service district is responsible for lighting that they have determined is needed when we've asked this question in the past of public works, they have a lot of network.

And they don't have additional funds to be able to increase that network without taking some money from other things. So these are things that you have determined that you want to put lighting inside the urban service district.

And we'll talk about that specifically. And so, after the end of the 5 year lease, there is no commitment from public works or the urban service district taxing district to continue making those payments.

And to point, or anybody else.

Right so, like, in district, 11, outside, urban service district, a good chunk of land is unincorporated Jefferson County in those unincorporated areas. Typically, before I'll put in a street light.

I want to know who's going to pay for it 5 years from now, right? And each salesperson has their own policy right?

But I have 1 neighborhood association that was established largely around this very issue they wanted, they had street lights, they got turned off.

They wanted them turned back on and the only mechanism they had to turn them back on, was for them to organize themselves as an association and they now cover the cost. So when you put a street light in at this bridge, it will be lighted for.

Years and then, hopefully, the council district, the person district forward will either agree to use their neighborhood development funds again, which I don't look and I don't know that that happens very frequently.

If we had I, I've been around a while most people who have put street lights and have done it outside the urban service district and overwhelmingly that's been with an understanding that some other entity will be responsible for them. So, I don't know of.

I can't say with certainty, but I don't know of any council members who have funded a light that 5 years from now may be turned right back off again.

Go ahead. Yeah, so just to clarify that I'm looking at and I remembered I pulled it up.

Former counsel for Darcy, um, spent.

From her neighborhood development funds over 75,000 dollars, a similar project as this 1 for a 5 year contract with L. G. E.

So then, the new counsel person would have to continue that commitment at the end of the 5, this ad, or yeah. That or else she would have organized some neighborhood or some association to take it on or maybe the city of Shapley. I don't know. I can't speak to.

I can't speak to what she did there again. That's where I'm unaware of anybody who's done that, but it sounds like, I don't know, I would want to see what she did.

Yes, certainly, those lights will go off in 5 years and if she did not make arrangements for somebody to pick it up, then the 3rd Council.

District representative will be faced with.

Constituents who are furious that their lights went off, right?

And then they will be bound to that. We're not bound, but okay. Thank you. So much. We've only done a few of these. So that's good to clarify. Thank you. Catherine Hudson.

Just, as a point of clarification, I I don't think that the bill at the end of the 5 years is the same amount.

That we're talking about here, because this amount I believe also includes the installation. It does so it'd be it would be less and less, but to be less unless.

The rates go up. Exactly. That's the thing. I mean, obviously 5 years now, you don't know what the rates are going to be, but someone will have to pay to keep those lights on 5 year, 5 years from now, but whatever at whatever rate that is.

Yes, any other questions or concerns again this is a, this is a, and then you have calling for a voice vote so.

Oh, okay.

Please let the record reflect that we're joined by councilman Mulvihill. I'm going to throw the floor to you so that you can explain your extension.

Yes, my wife works for therefore I will be abstaining from this, but.

Thank you. Um, so it is a roll call vote Madam clerk please open the voting.

Committee member McKinney committee member.

Mulvihill extension for the reason given.

Share black well, and.

Can I share primary? Have 8? Yes those and 1 extension. I'm sorry 7 yes. Both. I recorded that incorrectly.

And 1 I'm staging. Great. Um, because it's in India for less than 544 dollars. It's still it passes at this level and it's taken care of, uh, the next item is, I'm reading this correctly is item number 8. it is a. eight it is a

30,903 L. MPD. M.

It looks like, is it? Yep appropriating 12,086 dollars and 74 cents from the capital infrastructure funds and the following man are 7,000 from district, 14 and 5,086 dollars and 74 cents from district 12 to local metro police departments. 3rd division for the remodeling of their gym.

metro police departments third division for the remodeling of their gym

A motion probably before us is there anyone here from either districts 12 or 14 to speak to this council and.

Thank you. Mr. chair. So, uh, this is something that we got a new, um.

Uh, major in the 3rd division, and he came to us with this proposal within 2 weeks. So, um, and we are in support.

There are 6 districts that, uh, could possibly put in on this and whatever.

The difference may be lacking councilman BLACKWELL myself will and I think council woman Hawkins will make up the difference.

So, I appreciate your support, so, yeah. Will you be coming back with the.

Separate appropriation later is that what I'm hearing? You say you said, you'd make up the difference I don't know what that means the council level if okay. Say, because some of the districts is just a sliver, so they may not want to commit the full 5,000.

some odd dollars that was split up 6 ways. Um, might be I think I'm missing 1, but anyway, whatever the difference is so you'd make up the difference. Are you asking that this be taken up to the council level? So people can join. join

There yes.

Okay, and it's a can can we do that? Yes. Okay. Then we are going to take a vote and then we'll go from there. So all those in favor signify by saying, aye, aye, any opposed.

Okay, if the clerk would please make sure that this shows up on old business, so that we can inform our colleagues that we're looking for some assistance. Thank you. So, the total amount that you need is 12,086 what. and eighty six what

I'm sorry the total amount is 35,607 dollars. Okay. Since you've identified 12,000? No, you've identified councilman BLACKWELL put in the 5,062 dollars, I think, don't quote me on that and I put in 7,000.

like I said, depending on those couple of districts that have just slivers. They may not want to do the full amount, but we will make up the difference to make it the full amount. So when we send this. difference to make it the full amount so when we send this

So, on Thursday night, 98,074 cents is committed right now. That's right. You're hoping to get it up to 35,000. we will deal with the balance when we get to the floor on Thursday. Yes. Thank you. Is that clear to everyone now that have completely messed it up?

I really think that this is going to be great for those officers in the 3rd division, because they need that extra. Um. officers in the third division because they need that extra um

Nope, thank you. And with 8 votes and all right this goes to the council with a recommendation for some assistance.

Last item that we will be discussing today as item number 9 it's 309 2323itis, appropriating 8,000 dollars from district 23 capital infrastructure funds to public works for sidewalk repairs at 9,013 and 920, black powder lane.

for sidewalk repairs at ninety thirteen and nine hundred and twenty black powder lane

Have a motion properly before us this is in district 23. is there anyone here to speak to this?

I can speak to that Hudson. The floor is yours. This is just a, um, a sidewalk that has gone into disrepair. I did a give a walk and put eyes on it saw that.

It was indeed it needed repair. It's on the list.

To be done, and this is just to get it accelerated.

Questions for the, for the customer see, none this is and see if it requires a voice vote, all those in favor, signify by saying, aye.

Me opposed passes unanimously that concludes our business. So without objection.

We are adjourned.