

Captioning Transcript of Appropriations Committee Meeting – August 17, 2022

Blackwell, Rick

MetroTV, we'll get started in 1 minute. Please.
Ready to go.

Harward, Sonya

Yes, sir.

Blackwell, Rick

All right. Great. Thanks. It's a call to order the Appropriations Committee for today. Um, August 17th it's 431 I'm Rick Blackwell, the chair with me today in the Chambers is Councilman Triplett. And on I have, uh, Councilwoman Bowens. Councilman Fox and at this point, sure we joined soon by Councilman Mulvihill and, um, and Vice Chair Reed asked for an excuse absence. Can you read our statement for us? Please?

Harward, Sonya

Yes this meeting is being held pursuant to 61.826 in council rule of 5 a, and please remember to keep on your camera. If you're a council member. Thank you.

Blackwell, Rick

Right. Um, we'll start the item 1 is appropriate in 2071 dollars and 54 cents from district, 11 neighborhood development funds, the office of management budget, 2, black acre Conservancy Inc to assist with the cost to construct and install an entrance.

Triplett, Kevin

Motion to move Triplett

Blackwell, Rick

Thank you.

Fox, Mark

Second,

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us.
Let's see Mr. Harrington is at the podium so.

Harrington, Scott

Thank you chairman. I'm Scott. Harrington. Councilman Kramer's assistant black acre Conservancy is a 271 acre nature preserved and historic homestead located off Tucker station road just north of taylorville road. north of taylorville road
They offer numerous educational opportunities, and they have just wonderful community gardens.
This allocation is a 50, 50 split to replace a damaged entrance on.
The new weights and measures, 8 foot in wealth in 4 foot in height, and will be installed on an existing.
Creek stone foundation, the funding will also install lights for the new sang. Councilman Kramer support.

Blackwell, Rick

Very good questions or concerns.

Seeing that in a queue.

Um, all those in favor, say, aye.

The item passes.

Item 2 is appropriating 2500 dollars in April development funds, and the following banner 1500 from district 3500dollarsin district, 12, 250 dollars each from district, 14, and 25 to the office of management budget for the sponsorship of Charlotte area ministries, annual banquet and fundraiser to support programming and services in the 40206 zip code.

Triplett, Kevin

Motion to move Triplett

Blackwell, Rick

Thank you.

Fox, Mark

Second,

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us.

Um, Ms. Morrow is here, she's online here.

Morrow, Keturah

Yes, ministries has been a good, uh, source for us for house fires and feeding the elderly and so forth. So we want to support them any way. We can.

Blackwell, Rick

Great they do wonderful work. Great.

Um, any questions or concerns or check.

See anyone okay how those in favor say aye aye aye.

Aye, any opposed

item. 3 is being held

item 4 is appropriate in 2000 dollars from district 6 neighborhood development funds to the office of management and budget to Co, search charities committee Inc for the magic and the wonder fundraiser. fundraiser

The benefits families in need of medical assistance

Triplett, Kevin

Motion to move Triplett

Fox, Mark

Second

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us.

Doesn't need a speaker as someone who had already speaking to it.

Taylor, Shalanna

I'm basically to repeat what you said, these funds are being requested for the charity and the magic and the wonder their annual charity that they.

Do every year, um, and the funds go to help help the families with their medical assistance.

Blackwell, Rick

Gotcha alright questions or concerns.

See, no, one in queue all those in favor. Say, aye aye.

Aye, any opposed let's have it item pass.

Item 5 is being held as well item. 6.

Is appropriating 25,000 from district 8 capital infrastructure funds to public works for the purchase and installation of 6 driver feedback signs to be placed on how an avenue, willow Avenue and Cherokee ever Avenue.

Triplett, Kevin

Motion to move Triplett

Fox, Mark

Second

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us.

And as this Metcalf speaking to this one

Harward, Sonya

I don't see her in the meeting, sir. I don't see her at all either.

I can try to get a hold of her if you want a table it and I can see where this table and come back.

Blackwell, Rick

Yeah. All right. Thank you.

Fox, Mark

Motion to table by Fox

Triplett, Kevin

second

Blackwell, Rick

Thank you

Without objection, we'll table

item 7 is appropriating 625 dollars from district. Now, I never development funds global free, public library to pay employees overtime to work at aggressive elaborate during event on August, 28, 2022

Triplett, Kevin

Motion to move Triplett

Fox, Mark

Second

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us.

Either speaker to that no one's speaking to it.

All those in favor, say, aye aye aye any opposed I know. Passes item. 8 is appropriating.

2000 dollars, and they were development funds, the following manner 2000 dollars from district 21 to the office of management.

Budget to South, local community ministries for programming expenses associated with the taste of South.

Triplett, Kevin

Motion to move Triplett

Peden, James

Second Peden

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us.

Uh, I think this works to speak into this 1.

I do not see account

Triplett, Kevin

chairman if I may counsel.

Blackwell, Rick

Yes

Triplett, Kevin

Yes Um, I do not see anybody from district 21 here.

However, uh, this is a big event that that brings quite a bit of support to the ministries and includes a lot of residents and a lot of us as council members into our district as well.

I would like to therefore make an amendment. amendment

And, um.

And support this with 2000 dollars from district 15 if I may and that is a form of the motion.

Blackwell, Rick

Okay, and before we move on that, I need to add a 1000 from district 12 as well.

Fox, Mark

Mr. chair.

Blackwell, Rick

Yes, sir.

Fox, Mark

1000 from district 13. please.

Blackwell, Rick

Good right now you can move that in a moment.

Peden, James

I move all 4,000 dollars areas,

Blackwell, Rick

Oh, wow. He's here. All right and a 2nd, so I can by Fox, uh, questions or concerns about the amendment, seeing them all those in favor of a minute. Say, aye. aye

Aye, aye, any opposed does have it. Now we have the amended ordinance before us.

Um, any other questions or concerns.

See oh, I'm sorry. Cancel my. I just saw you in the queue here, but was it for your amendment? Mr. is going to move the amendment but.

Okay, great. Graciously did that for me. Gotcha. Okay. Thank you. Okay, so now we have the amended ordinance before it was Costa Rica, but please open the voting or announcement excuse me sorry? Yes, canceling overhead. I'm sorry, I made a guess going on here a little late so maybe a little late come into this.

Mulvihill, Pat

What was the ask?

Blackwell, Rick

Councilman Triplet.

9,500 dollars and where are you.

Mulvihill, Pat

Then you can add district 10 for 500 dollars.

Blackwell, Rick

2nd that all right so we have the amendment before us all those in favor say, aye.

Aye, aye, any opposed and we have the.

Twice amended ordinance before us, which would cost for robot please open a voting.

Harward, Sonya

Chair Blackwell

Blackwell, Rick

Yes

Harward, Sonya

Council Member Bowens

Bowens, Angela

yes

Harward, Sonya

Committee member Mulvihill.

Mulvihill, Patrick

Yes

Harward, Sonya

Committee Member Fox?

Fox, Mark

Yes.

Harward, Sonya

Chair Blackwell you have 5, 6 yes. Votes.

Blackwell, Rick

Uh, item pass this and we'll go to, uh, old business because of the amendments.

Item 9 is appropriating 4,313 dollars from district 25 infrastructure funds to public works for installation of race pavement markers on stone street role between silverwood lane to curve immediately following 265

reps.
to curve immediately following two hundred and sixty five reps

Peden, James

Move approval Peden

Triplett, Kevin

Second

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us.

doesn't require, um, the speaker,

but I do have a note here from Councilwoman Holton Stewart that says that this is a dark curve between silverwood lane and on 265 and a problem for especially for cars traveling South during into the center lane approach. And so that's we touch on there. we touch on there

To address here some questions or concerns, seeing none all those in favor say, aye.

Item passes

10.

It's appropriating 12,115 dollars from district. 25 minutes of structure funds to public works for the installation of speed humps and speed help sons on street between mid drive and interior draft.

Peden, James

Move approval Peden

Triplett, Kevin

Second

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us.

Um, this too, um.

Councilwoman asked me to speak to this between Valley station road and Dixie highway.

It's a, through a cut through, um, which is most of us where we put end up spending speed bumps 25 miles an hour road, but it gets, uh, vendors with the radar machine that they just did the study got some up to 65 miles an hour. It's crazy.

Let's see how speed helps work with that. Um, so, anyway, let's wait do this pretty often any questions or concerns.

All those in favor, say, aye aye aye oppose passes

Item 11 it's appropriating 4,950 dollars in district. 1 capital infrastructure funds to public works for the installation speed bumps and speed up signs on Lima drive between Terry road and Hubert draft approval.

Peden, James

Move approval Peden

Triplett, Kevin

Second

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us. again. This doesn't require.

A speaker, um, any questions or concerns.

seeing none of those in favor say, aye aye aye any opposed item passes.

Item 12 was appropriating 12,635 dollars from district 1 capital infrastructure funds to public works from the installation speed bumps and speed up signs on Hubert drive between joy drive and.

hubert drive between joy drive and

Peden, James

Move approval Peden

Triplett, Kevin

Second

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us.

Councilwoman Bowens. I'm sorry Councilwoman Bowens. I should've asked if you wanted to speak to the 1st 1 as well. Looks like it's kind of as a. To, um, to preparations for the same project, though essentially, isn't it?

Bowens, Angela

Ah, yes, and the same thing, you know, to reduce the.

Blackwell, Rick

For that same area so I'm sorry I apologize. You can speak to it. Tell us whenever you like about that no, but that's for that same order to reduce speed up in that area. So it's the same thing.

So, it's and it's a cut through I'm sure as well.

Yes, yeah. Questions or concerns seeing that all those in favor say, aye aye aye any opposed item pass.

Item 13 is appropriate in 1461 dollars and 45 cents from district 12 capital infrastructure funds to public works for fabrication at school.

High School championship tends to be placed in right away along green with avenue to replace those that were stolen.

avenue to replace those that were stolen

Peden, James

Move approval Peden

Triplett, Kevin

Second

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us.

These were there before and frankly, I'm not.

All that terribly disappointed that they, um, that we're replacing them because they had, you know, after a while those get sun sun unbleached as well. So they didn't look right to begin with.

So this is much better for them and make sure that we got them all up to date is always constantly adding to those championships out there.

Questions or concerns, you know, all those in favor say, aye.

Aye, aye, any opposed item passes

Item 14 as an ordinance appropriate 5,000 dollars from neighbor development funds, and the following manner 5,000 dollars from district 15 to the office of management and budget.

2 moments matter ink for programming expenses associated with each day. each day

Peden, James

Move approval Peden

Triplet, Kevin

Second

Blackwell, Rick

thank you. Items to be for us.

Councilman Triplet

Triplet, Kevin

Thank you Dr Blackwell appreciate it. This is an appropriation for a wonderful event that took place a couple of weeks ago.

The event actually took place on July 31st for schools back to school as a rally for the kids that incorporated a lot of kids that drew a lot of parents and children from from several districts and zip codes.

The reason why we are just now getting it before this body. body

Is we got tangled up in some paperwork and we wanted to get it right? And LaShawn Marshall who was with us today to speak a little bit more about it. A little bit better than I can is with us.

I'd like to open the floor to her. If we might and let her give us a little more detail how the event went, it was like I said, it's wonderful. I made a lot of participants.

Global fire was there, our local libraries were play the part.

So many giveaways, but I'm going to let LaShawn do that, but again, I just wanted to offer the explanation of why this is a little bit late coming before us and in the end, uh, Mr. Chair, we may.

If we move this out of our committee today, I would like to see this go to old business in hopes that we might attract additional sponsors in other districts as well.

So, if I could, I would like to to invite our guest Ms. Marshall of moments matter. LaShawn

Blackwell, Rick

Absolutely just need to, um, identify yourself and let me make 1 comment before you do. And that's the paperwork does show that the organization

requested reimbursement from the application date. So that so that is in mind Councilman. Thank you.
Now, the floor is yours?

Harward, Sonya

MetroTV, Can we show the presentation? Please.

Marshall, LaShawn

All right, thank you so much. Everyone I like to show a quick presentation to give you more insight. We have some photos and videos here about the organization as well as from the day of the event. That might shed some light on what all occurred. Thank you so much.

[video shown]

Blackwell, Rick

All right any questions.

Triplet, Kevin

Well, that was a very nice sampling of Mr. chairman. If I may.

Blackwell, Rick

Yes, absolutely Thank you.

Triplet, Kevin

LaShawn there was a nice sampling of the event there towards the end. And I can definitely go for a snow cone raspberry, but but the last video you saw, colleagues was a snippet of what the event itself. And the other presentation is a little bit more educational for you to tell you about moments matter. And I think. 1 of the most striking aspects of it is that really drives home is in the opening when they say, well, you know, kids do remember the wonderful times at home or maybe a birthday party or a trip to Grandma's house. Those wonderful, wonderful moments like that. But you have to think about these kids and those of you in the teaching and education profession, you guys know this as well as parents. being parents kids also live with the trauma of those not so pleasant moments that they may have experienced at church or at school or on the playground or in the neighborhood a moment of being bullied or picked on or something and moments matter does does help these kids realize through the programs the camps and things like that that that each moment that they're in does matter and they can make the most best of those moments and i think it's Wonderful cause LaShawn you can, you can elaborate a little bit on this if you like, so, and talk about the kids talking about the event on the 31st and where some of the kids came from and maybe some of the responses and some of the events of that day

Marshall, LaShawn

Thank you so much yes, a lot of the youth that came to the actual event range from the ages of 6 to 14 that day they came from. from

As far as where they reside 40203 for until April 294 to 11 416 and 400 to 18 and we gathered all that prior to the event with registration. The youth had to with their families. Of course, go to different stations are all educationally based.

We worked with a lot of partners in the community, but every booth was educationally based with the Derby museum with the science center with the Pre public library.

derby museum with the science center with the pre public library as well as so many others but they were able to do that we have families that stayed the event was from eleven to three o'clock we have families that came at eleven and didn't leave to two because they're youth were having such a great great time there was food of course for the families and we had over two hundred and twenty eight participants as far as the kids were concerned once they finished the activities they were able to come and get their backpacks and t shirts and things of that nature after they finish out those activities

With their families, and we do programs as councilman triplets stated all year long, because once these moments do occur, whether they're good or bad in their life, we need to make sure we're consistently connected to these.

Youth and their families, so we can at least guide them in the right direction, or send them to another organization that can help them. All of our team happens to be teachers or facilitators that are working with us outside of the school school time. So, hopefully that she has a little bit more light on what we do.

Blackwell, Rick

Questions or concerns well, yes, yep. Sorry. Councilman Fox was in the queue. Um, my, my apologies.

Fox, Mark

Thank you Mr. chair councilor triplet is the full cost to discovered or is that wiggle room? I'll be glad to embed it and. Jump in and help out with it.

Triplet, Kevin

Well, the, uh, and LaShawn and support me that, but I. The the event cost a little over 18,000 around 18,000 dollars. And and the, the monies that that I have proposed, and the monies that will be gathered is to help offset those costs as you saw the treats and the food, the snacks, there's DJ, there's banners there was promotional costs and so forth.

Blackwell, Rick

The the requested amount was 14,000 so there's still plenty of there's plenty of room.

Fox, Mark

Then I'd like to embed it to include 500 dollars in district 13.

Blackwell, Rick

Good.

Peden, James

This is 500 from district 23 as well. Please.
Good and double 2nd, that amendment and.

Mulvihill, Patrick

500 from district town as well .

Blackwell, Rick

I'll re, send that amendment regarding put 5,500 from, um, district 12 as well so that it gives us.
Could have an amendment of 2000, right?

Peden, James

Anyone else before we move it again.

Blackwell, Rick

Let's move it again.

Fox, Mark

So, I see Councilwoman Bowens looking like, she's trying to punch the screen, so hang on. All right.

Bowens, Angela

Oh, I'm in 500 for district 1. please.

Blackwell, Rick

I guess I think that's all of us.

Peden, James

Yes, all right. I'll make that motion. I believe my math is right? 2500.

Blackwell, Rick

Yes, very, very good questions or concerns seeing that favorite limit.
Say, aye.
Aye, aye, any opposed us have it. Now we have the amended.
Ordinance before us Costa Rica, but please open a voting.

Harward, Sonya

Chair Blackwell

Blackwell, Rick

Yes

Harward, Sonya

Council Member Bowens

Bowens, Angela

yes

Harward, Sonya

Committee member Mulvihill.

Mulvihill, Patrick

Yes

Harward, Sonya
Committee Member Fox?

Fox, Mark
Yes.

Harward, Sonya
Chair Blackwell you have 6 yes. Votes.

Blackwell, Rick
Item passes, we'll go to old business.
With the amendments Thank you for coming today.

Peden, James
Um, Mr chair real quick. Cause we're to me anyway before, uh, this is just a suggestion to Councilman Triplett.
That was pretty intriguing. Video seems like an awesome program. You may want to get her hooked up for next year's external agency funding so that it's a general fund project instead of the.

Triplett, Kevin
Good point. Very good Councilman. Thank you.

Fox, Mark
Mr. chair

Blackwell, Rick
yes. Councilman Fox.

Fox, Mark
Uh, if the young white Thank you. Mr. chair of the young ladies still in chambers.
I'd like to get her to reach out to me next year. I'd like to include some children from my district and that.

Blackwell, Rick
Very good, thank you. Item 15 is an ordinance appropriating 7,455 dollars and 35 cents from district 23.
They were development funds, the office management budget to have your business owners Association, ink for the website maintenance and programming expenses expenses for the have you fall festival and have you

Peden, James
Move approval Peden

Triplett, Kevin
Second

Blackwell, Rick
thank you. Items to be for us. Councilman Peden

Peden, James

Um, I would like to I guess I'll call this an annual. Appropriation to the business association we typically pay for the same 3 things all year long. Um. Which again is the Web site, and then the fall festival we're responsible for some hardware and then. The holiday festival, we're responsible for some horses. So those 3 things together, um. Usually, that's way, that's why it's not a pretty flat amount. It's actually that's an exact estimate on what our portion costs.

Blackwell, Rick

Very good questions or concerns. See, now that's an ordinance code for rococo please open a voting.

Harward, Sonya

Chair Blackwell

Blackwell, Rick

Yes

Harward, Sonya

Council Member Bowens

Bowens, Angela

yes

Harward, Sonya

Committee member Mulvihill.

Mulvihill, Patrick

Yes

Harward, Sonya

Committee Member Fox?

Fox, Mark

Yes.

Harward, Sonya

Chair Blackwell you have 6 yes. Votes.

Blackwell, Rick

Item passes and will go to consent.

And item 16 Councilman Peden, and are we addressing that?

Peden, James

Okay, well, I would like to make about 4 sentences, but that may require a table.

I think it will. All right, I make a motion to the table and I'm not, we're not going to vote by any means. Trust me unless you, we're not. So okay.

Triplett, Kevin
Second Triplett

Blackwell, Rick
Um, all those in favor of 1 table and say, I.

Peden, James
Thank you so real quick. I went through the recommendations left by MS Harmon last week.
If I don't know if anyone else read those documents that were emailed to you, or I laid some out here at this meeting, but I'm really kind of frustrated with the response in that if you got to the 4 bullet points at the very bottom of the front page.
Their solution wise, um.
Report to us quarterly on project progress, which is basically.
We get to come in a couple of times a year and tell you why it's taking so long.
Bullet point number 2 was readjust your time expectations.
Which is basically another way of saying, don't think it's going to be quick.
Because it ain't so essentially, none of the solutions that were there really solved anything. Um, I will say, just again to kind of.
Clue everybody in on where I think I may throw out an amendment at some point and that would be that all of our NDS projects.
Whether they be parks public works or whatever, and this is let me back up. This is a spin off of what their last recommendation was, which is that we using Council.
Our council budget hire our own engineer or 2.
To design all projects, whether they're public works or parks or whatever city agency, we're trying to give money to. We have our own engineers over here on staff. Just like, we have PR, just like, we have finance, et cetera.
That would come out of that same pool of money.
Which was an interesting concept, but it gave me the idea. And this is the direction I'm now headed after making some phone calls to subcontractor friends, which is.
Um, all the all that are.
That are basically paid for with cash. If it's a, that goes to bond, there may be some.
Issue and I'm sure they'll somebody will figure out a reason to tell me why I can't. But, um.
I just think that the moment we approve the money, it automatically gets put out for bid and goes direct to a contractor who designs it design builds the project and it's done.
Pretty much everyone I call today, who's in the construction business who I know and is, you know, some of them don't aren't even going to bid on government projects. So they don't even have a dog in the fight.
They more than convinced me that things could get done within the calendar year or fiscal within 12 months of appropriating the money.
Most of these projects would be done.
So, I'm sure we have a list of approved contractors and instead of us him horn around and waiting for things to get done in order or whatever, just every 1 of our projects automatically get handed off to an outside contractor.

Who designs it builds it and then invite you to the ribbon cutting when they're done.

And that's kind of the direction I'm headed and I just, I'll leave it open for comment. And if there really isn't any, we can re, table.

Blackwell, Rick

Let me check.

My queue here, I'll send you 1 of the queue.

Alright, well, then I'll make a motion to re table and if you want to talk to, with me later, as I start to recap this thing, you may.

Peden, James

Motion to table Peden

Triplett, Kevin

Second Triplett

Blackwell, Rick

Okay, very good. All right motion to table. 2nd.

Those in favor, say, aye aye aye aye any opposed items tables and we'll look forward to that revision. Anything nothing else to come before us.

Oh, I'm sorry. Did you say something?

Harward, Sonya

I'm just letting, you know, we did not reach Megan Metcalf for district dates so that item will just stay tabled and we'll bring it next time.

Blackwell, Rick

Okay, That'll work. Thank you, sir. Thank you. And entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion, so, without objection, we are adjourned. See you next time.