

**Captioning Transcript of Labor and Economic Development Committee Meeting -
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"Chair Dorsey"

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Welcome to the regularly scheduled meeting for the labor and economic development committee meeting. I'm your chair counsel. mceachin Dorsey I'm joined in person here by my vice chair counsel and Robin angle I am joined remotely by councilman mobile hill.

I'm also joined remotely by Council woman. Amy hosted Stewart, I will be doing at some time by councilman ackrason.

Let's do an excused tardy for councilman. Kevin Kramer. Madam Clark. Can you make a note if he is unable to attend? We will convert that to an excuse absence.

Thank you.

For the record, we're going to hold quite a few items today at the request of sponsors.

Item number 2 will be held at the request of the sponsor item. Number 3 will be held at the request of the sponsor item. Number 4 will be held at the request of the sponsor.

Madame clerk would you please read the disclosure and item number? 1?
Please

"Olivia Bennett"

this meeting is being held pursuant to Kara 60,806 and council rule. 5, a red and full item. Number 1 is 20,922 and ordinance. Mini chapter, 37 of the global Jefferson County measure code of ordinances.

To support businesses, which higher persons convicted of a crime by requiring a good faith effort to increase procurement from those 2nd chance. Companies are businesses renewal motion to approve. to increase procurement from those second chance companies are businesses renewal

"Vice Chair Engel"

motion to approve

"Chair Dorsey"

2nd Dorsey.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Uh, colleagues and committee members, I will.

Actually be handling this item in the interest of the chair, wanting to speak to it. So if we are, we do have members that want to speak. Our will be in the queue. Is that correct? Are you ladies keeping an eye on that? Then? Do we have a.

Okay, so, um.

Do we have anybody wishing to speak to this? We do. Of course the chair. That's why I'm speaking Madam chair.

Bye, Darcy. Excuse me? No, 1.

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you. Bye, Darcy. Excuse me? No, 1.

Thank you we have quite a few community members here to speak to this. I want to get them done and then we will go to the human relations commission and then we should be able to go for a vote. 1st, before us, I do want to invite Michelle. James.

Michelle, would you just introduce your your name and title for the record and then please proceed.

Michelle, we can't hear you.

"Michelle James"

Oh, can you hear me now? Yes, we can. I'm sorry. Hi. My name is Michelle. James and I'm Co, owner of a woman owned business, and we have about 30 employees and half of our employees, or 2nd chance.

We've been hiring 2nd, chance employees for about 7 years. Now.

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you, Michelle, would you give us a little bit back of background in regard to your support of the ordinance and your familiarity with working with businesses in regard to how this procurement piece will be really helpful and with small businesses, especially those, um.

Excuse me employing 2nd, chance employees and then also any additional incentives in light of the governor's initiative that really accomplishes, um, some of this work in regard to actually helping those before they actually get out of prison.

"Michelle James"

So, this ordinance is really important. A lot of women and minority owned businesses.

We hire 2nd chance and the fear has always been.

Big businesses, they tend to do city bids when they find out that we have 2nd chance employees. They usually have to run it past their legal department.

Which means we never hear back, so this is going to help women a minority on businesses. Um.

Appear more favorable to businesses that come in and when a bit on on city projects.

And also, it's going to be good for our community. We have.

I probably want to cross over 100 people a month that that need jobs. And another side of my business what I do is, I go in and show.

Companies had to hire and retain 2nd, chance employees.

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you Michelle and with that said, I'd like to thank you for your work. So far on the language in this in your work, with bringing to the forefront. How it is important that we take a chance on folks who have paid their debt to society.

But in many ways, still find themselves isolated and shut out from the job market and incentivizing those employers who are willing to bring those folks in and give them a 2nd chance. I'm also going to invite a savvy Chavez who's been working with re, entry for a. File now, and then I'm going to go to should make a Paris right? But savvy, would you introduce your name and your title for the record and just highlight a little bit of the work that you've been doing in regard to re, entry and some of the barriers. That you face that hopefully, this ordinance will help when it comes to your placement work not only with Rob in goodwill, but just in what you're doing with your nonprofit.

"Savvy Shabazz"

Thank you so much. Thank you. Good afternoon. Everybody I'm savvy. Chavez. I'm the founder and CEO of life coach each 1 to 200 rent you fellowship and I'm also the president of all of us at 9. I am formally incarcerated. I would assume it's still a total of 28 years. I did a total of 5 and a half years for non valid offenses. I actually designed this program while I was incarcerated, because I knew people the importance of employment housing, and just the needs of people when they came. they came Um, the lived experience, so what we do was, we uplift those voices of people that are coming home from prison and we want to get those people all the tools that they can get. Everybody has a toolbox, but a lot of times our toolbox are empty. We talked about a lot about 2nd chance. A lot of the people that I worked with, including myself, we never got a 1st chance. So I feel like that this audience is very important, because it helps people accountable at the end of the day. This is our city and people are coming home from incarceration every day. And if they pay their debt to society, they should have a fair chance for a livable wage and be a part of the family and the part of their communities as well.

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you savvy and I just want to highlight the fact I wasn't going to tell him he would with the fact that you're formula incarcerated and many people would not know that from the work that you've done. And so, it just really to me reinforces the fact that oftentimes we don't give folks a 2nd, chance based on their history. But when we find out about their history, and we look at them, we're like, wow, so savvy. Thank you. So much. Not only for this. But for your overall contribution to this community, I, thank you for being a partner with this should make a parachute. Would you introduce your name and title for the record and a lot of the work that you've done with the bell project, and some of the barriers that you've seen folks face when it comes to employment and how this will help them Thank you for me.

"Shameka Parrish-Wright"

Thank you councilman Dorothy yeah.

And dealing with this ordinance, because it affects so many people. My title all you said my title, my title, I'm the director of vocal Kentucky, and I formally worked for the bell project where I worked with savvy Chavez, and I know how important it is even on a personal level as my brother just did 10 years. And had to come out and find employment. So, for me, it's important that we make sure that we have opportunities for people who are. Directly impacted by incarceration. I myself was directly impacted even though I spent 38 days in a local jail when I got out, I had a serious charge that was being violent and it it caused issues when I went to work for certain organizations and certain businesses. So, for me, it's personal, it's professional, it's community and I think that we and we'll can do much better. I've been to conferences and heard from so many employers who are ready to hire people. people And there's a great deal of people who may have had 1 or 2 run ins and who are ready to have a better life. And so, with the people who are incarcerated Pre trial, who are able to get out and get employment, this has nothing, but healthy benefits all around. And as a former human relations commissioner, I definitely support it as many people will contact because of their record. They were let go even in a temporary position. So this is a bold move by our global metro Council. And again, I, thank you. Woman, Darcy, for putting this initiative forward.

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you, thank you all for speaking it was important to me today to make sure that we had the voices of the community that's so often get left out. When we have these pieces of legislation. I want to address some of the issues that were brought up in the last meeting. If Paul is on there were 2 main things around the procurement goals. We did have a conversation about that they will remain as is. Stating the fact that they are a goal, and that there is some note that we aren't meeting necessarily all of our goals. So I have personally committed, and I'm putting this on the record that I will specifically work with our procurement department to make sure that we implement not only this project, but making sure that we implement a way so that we are able to reach and obtain these goals the goal would actually be to surpass it. And so these community members that are on the call have also volunteered to stick with me during this. Says and we will definitely work on the programmatic pieces of this in regard to procurement. The other piece was a language clarification with Paul in regard to the language definition of the term certification. Paul gave us the final legal outlay, which is that the term certified is the proper language for the ordinance. This is not a specification of the internal process and or procedure that will be later defined by the human relations department at. At some other time, the term certification means that there will be a certified process yet to be defined, but a certification nonetheless, Paul, did you want to highlight anything else in that?

"Paul Rutherford"

No, man, I think you probably, I'll just reiterate that Paul, rather with the county Attorney's office that we did conclude that it was, uh, in the office of the HRC to determine what the process would be for certifying with the services.

"Chair Dorsey"

Do I have anybody from to speak to see you or Michael? Do you want to speak to this chief of equity Michael Meeks? Would you just announce your name entitled for the record and then proceed?

"Chief Michael Meeks"

Michael makes chief equity officer.
Thank you councilwomen Darcy and.
The committee, thank you. My staff.
For providing us with this opportunity to present, um.
This is a very important piece of legislation that.
Supports businesses that hire persons convicted of a crime.
By requiring a good faith effort to increase procurement from those.
Our businesses, uh, we do have, uh.
Renee godly and chunk of seers here.
To from the, uh, HRC to answer questions if you have any, but 1st, let me state that.
We are in support of this ordinance. We recognize the startling number of.
Americans incarcerated in our prisons currently. It's about 29 629 individuals per 100,000 people. We acknowledge the various facts that are stated in the preamble. facts that are stated in the preamble
And the difficulties in obtaining workers in our area.
We believe that 2nd, chance supporting businesses are business heroes and should be celebrated because they essentially fill in a gap in our, in our employment tapestry.
Our previous issue was with the term, um.
Registration versus certification, and after deliberations with councilwomen Dorsey and exhaustive discussions,
we've decided that HRC can accommodate the changes that are proposed in this ordinance. So we really have no further issues with it.

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you I did receive sentiment from councilman recording author who is sick today, but definitely wanted to offer his support.
He was here at the last meeting to speak to this, and just simply said that he was in full support of this as well as Council. Women.
Angela bowens, who was here at the last meeting as well to speak in support of this also wanted to offer their support. I did want to say that we did get the full support of the African American caucus.

This regard looking at the large number of disproportionate African American males, specifically impacted by this. So I want to think those members Madame clerk please note that council Madonna purpose has joined us as well. So noted, thank you.
Thank you. Are there any questions.
I'll let you pick up.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Thank you Madam chair. Uh.
I want to voice my support for this. There is a there is a lot of.
A lot of good things that are going to come out of this. I, I guess I.
I don't know who could answer this. Maybe we could answer that question and I want to applaud the speaker.
With regard to non violent offenses. And how many how many of those may be out there that certainly fallen in line with.
Ready to go to work. I'm very anxious. Does anybody have sort of an idea of what the number might be? The target market that we're we're looking to attract here? This.
This could be very, very, very attractive to certainly the small business community. Let's face it that are woefully inadequate with regard to employees right now. So I'm very interested to see what that number would be.
Would there be anybody that could address that question?

"Chair Dorsey"

Councilman, just from our offense, we were actually looking at numbers of those with classic misdemeanors and felonies, but that is a breakdown that savvy highlighted. That is very important.
You may have a large number of folks with felonies or classic misdemeanors that are non violent. Typically, associate those with violent crimes and, or another predisposition is those that are associated with substance abuse.
So I will get that research number to you but I.
Thank you and I think savvy for raising that point, that is a large segment of our population also noted by a lot of the.
What was the work that was done by? Uh.
The Urban League expungement so, if anybody remembers the day that we had that expungement, um.
Meeting or or or excuse me a series that was happening, it was supposed to happen at the Urban League, got moved to a school, because the numbers were so great.
And I think I heard a gentleman at a play discussion that we went to saying,
if you think about the number of people that were waiting in line that were wrapped around a school building and to think about what that means is regard to an impact on this community how many people were waiting to get their felonies expunged
literally people were.
Wrapped around a school building, waiting outside that is a praise just to the work, but that tells you the systemic issue that we have in this community.

So I want to thank you Co chair for making this bipartisan. I really appreciate that. And the support, if there's nothing else Madam clerk, is there anybody else in the queue?
Oh, okay. This is a, what is it?
Coordinates coordinate, thank you. This is the ordinance. Can we do a real call? But this, man, thank you.

[Roll Call Vote Taken]

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you Madam clerk. Can we move this item to consent? Thank you. Colleagues for your support.

"Olivia Bennett"

Please read item number 5 into the record for me. Please.
I don't remember 5 is 109 dollars 22 a resolution pursuant to the capital and operating budget ordinances, approving the appropriation to fund the following non competitively negotiated professional service contract for local Metro, public,
health and wellness concerning its employment of a health economist University of Louisville for 73,050 dollars

"Chair Dorsey"

wonderful motion to approve. 2nd Dorsey. Who do I have here to speak to this item? i have here to speak to this item

"T. Gonzales"

Good afternoon my name is am the director of the center for health equity? Uh, it's part of the global mature department.
Somewhat less

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you to proceed.
"T. Gonzales"

I, um, the contract that you're seeing today is for Dr site.
Um, who's been with us for a few years now? We contract with the University of.
Um, for part of his time, um, to help us with.
Evaluation of economic impact for certain policies, and also programs within the Department of public health and wellness.
To help us kind of communicate about the economic impacts of certain public health.
Policies and programmatic components.
And also to do some, you know, other kind of, uh, budget analysis around our health impact assessment projects that we do, and things like that.
So, um, Dr, creamy, um, is continuation.
Uh, this contract is, um, with us for the through the University of.

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you too. So, I see again, this is I just want to bring up. There's a contract that started. It looks like back in August. It will run through the end of the fiscal year.

Um, can you explain or allocate as to why we did not choose to bid this out? And then also, can you explain the time breakdown that we're getting as? I do see that there is a 50, 50 split in regard to.

Sensation in French are we getting 20 hours a week? Is it as needed services? Is it monthly reimbursement? Can you break that down for us in regard to services and time? Rendering.

"T. Gonzales"

Sure, that's what are like a regular part of our.

Of our staff, so he attends, you know, um.

Our our team gatherings and things like that, he works on a number of projects within the department for us.

And so, from the university side, they kind of see it as teaching service and.

Research, and certainly for Dr Corinne this time.

Across the street, as it would say, the school public health, his components here of research and service.

Um, our significant portions of how he spends his time with us and how that, uh.

Uh, portion is met for his obligations at the University.

I'm sorry, did I answer?

"Chair Dorsey"

No, is that does that at least comprise of 20 hours a week at the minimum.

"T. Gonzales"

It does for a number of projects that he continues to work with us on for various projects and programs throughout the department.

"Chair Dorsey"

Is there a reason would you say quite a bit? Is there a reason why we don't have a full time member? Is it budget expense? Is it that we can't find someone? Can you kind of why we didn't have.

"T. Gonzales"

Yeah, the reason that we contract through the university is that these are obviously like, highly skilled um.

Uh, qualifications that Dr brings to the table. Um, you know, I think some of you may remember that his ability to help us with some of the analysis there. Um, and its impact on our community.

So we would not be able to kind of just go out to the general public and, like, put up a posting and hire someone.

Um, I also think that the, the budget constraints would mean obviously the, the dollar amount for this contract for us to have a full time person.

Uh, would go up considerably, so, you know, we.

We hope that that continued partnership of the academic department with. Through the University of global and school of public health helps both institutions benefit from.

"Chair Dorsey"

The partnership, thank you. Uh, T, are there any other questions.

I do want to say that, I don't know what the full capacity or utilization of Dr creamy is. I don't think we're here to argue. Um.

His certification and qualification, but I will say if this is something that we need more of I think this is a wonderful way to invest in a full time,

considering the postcode impacts in regard to this community. And so, even if we did post the position and did a national search, I do think we could find someone with the qualifications.

It probably would have a different budgetary impact. But nonetheless, I think those qualifications exist.

And, and really seeing, and knowing some of the work that came out of this, I hope this is an area that we are looking to expand because understanding the fiscal impact in regard to the investment of health in this community, to me,

is how we strategize long term planning, and I think that's an invaluable asset to.

To to our city, so that being said this is something I do want to support and and I hope that some way in the future,

we can look look forward to bringing someone here full time that can expand upon this work and really help with the long term strategy in regard to understanding how we strategize fiscally in regard to health promotion prevention, et cetera,

especially living in the post covid world. Go ahead.

"T. Gonzales"

Yeah, I think the other thing that I would add is so I think I think that's.

All of that is your, your points are well taken I think 1 of the things that, you know, we from our side. So the University, I think has benefits for partnering with us because there's certain local data and.

Uh, kind of practice components that they, uh, might benefit from, you know, for us there's also this benefit of having somebody who's, like, situated within a research institution, which.

We ourselves are not and so I think it's continuing to kind of work out how these been. These partnerships can be beneficial to.

Uh, both of these institutions and and I speaking right now to the University, certainly.

If there were some other academic institution in the mix as well, for some other kind of partnership we want to explore how.

Both institutions can benefit from that and I think we have some benefit from having somebody located in the actual research institution.

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you, that's a much stronger explanation. And and that makes a lot more sense. Are there any other questions.

Let me speak to it.

Ah, there is a technical correction Madam park. Oh, Paul.

"Paul Rutherford"

Oh, there's it yes, ma'am. The county Attorney's office the at the request of the administration, we changed the initial value of the contract from.

73,050 dollars to 75,020 dollars the.

Updated noncompetitive contract, request form and the updated.

Contract were uploaded to the system, but the resolution was not so, um, work with Sonia this with the clerk this morning and she uploaded the correct resolution which shows?

75,020 dollars as being the amount to be appropriated. amount to be appropriated

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you Paul, so this is a technical correction and that is acceptable, needing no amendment and no additional vote that being said are there any questions in regard to the technical correction council members?

Right if there are no questions, this is a resolution allowing for a voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying, aye.

Hi, hi. Oh, those opposed.

Adam, please move this item to consult please read item number 6 into the record. For me. Please.

"Olivia Bennett"

Item number 6 is our dash 160 Dash, 22 a resolution pursuant to the capital and operating budget ordinances, approving the appropriation to fund the following non competitive lead, negotiated, professional service contract for local Metro, public, health and wellness, concerning the retention of an academic health coordinator.

University of global for 104,686 dollars, reading, full

"Vice Chair Engel"

motion to approve.

"Chair Dorsey"

2nd Dorsey. I'm assuming this is you again is I think you talked to Linda Omar continues with us as our academic health coordinator again our kind of goal.

"T. Gonzales"

with us as our academic health coordinator again our kind of goal

Full of being an academic health department, and kind of melding together, this local public health practice along with the research institution Dr.

Omar has, uh, responsibilities in helping to kind of craft our learning environment for the many practicum students who come into our organization throughout the calendar year from various institutions. I'll just take a moment to say, if, you know, students from a wide range of disciplines who are studying, um, who.

Take opportunity to learn from various different kind of programs and initiatives within the Department of public health and wellness.

It's not just from, uh, 1 University. So, uh, we'll kind of make that pitch there.

Um, Dr, Omar also then helps us, uh, to move our, uh, what we are learning from that practice and, and the research that we participate in and move that to dissemination for the greater good of the public health. Um, uh, uh, workforce and, um, and and field.

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you T, I have a couple questions on this 1 as well. So this is a little bit different. 1. her contract is set for 80% that we're paying for. Can I ask you specifically?

What volume of students are we seeing coming in? In regard to practicum. practicum

"T. Gonzales"

I think over the, I think, uh, by semester.

So, we have different kind of levels. I should say we have some students who do practice on with us and we would kind of define that as.

Students who are doing more what you would think of, like an internship level. So, 15 between 15 and 20 hours a week, those types of students, and we also have other public health students who may come in for shorter periods of time, who.

May do some rotation throughout the department and are learning about a wide range of public health kind of practices.

We also have other folks who are not necessarily, um, specific public health, but they may be from a school of medicine or some other.

Field who who have something to learn in the public health department.

Um, I could get you the number for that. I think it's, uh, probably.

Uh, vice semester, um, uh.

15 to 30 students, I would say, like, I, I would have to look at exactly.

Um, now that that's probably more like just the straight practicum students, as opposed to.

Students who come through as a part of, like, say, a masters program for learning a wide range of.

Components of the public health field,

"Chair Dorsey"

do you know why we or could you expound upon? Why? This is an 8,020 split versus a 50 50 it sounds like the university is getting more benefit. You're talking to an mph student in here.

So, it's part of their requirements for students to have a practicum. So, why are we carrying the larger portion of this? this

"T. Gonzales"

Sure, well this is in terms of being able to coordinate the learning component within our actual department. Um, so, you know, certainly the universe.

Certain administrative components that they do on their side.

Dr Omer helps us to, uh, be able to initiate the and to kind of develop the projects and the practical experiences that the students will experience inside, uh,

our department as an academic health department. Um, so we see this as, you know, certainly, we have some benefit from having the students within our department. But, um, as part of our practice, the public health.

Practice to be able to provide a learning opportunity in the hopes that we are contributing to building up the future of a public health workforce.

"Chair Dorsey"

Okay, I will probably send you a couple of questions we're going to go ahead and move this forward. I'm interested in knowing what the volume is.

Especially for that salary, being the academic health department, I would be also interested in some of the outcomes that we've gotten as a result of these practicals and the investment that we're making. This is, this is a 6 figure investment for the city.

So, to be able to see what the outcomes are, and also what the retention and recruitment rate of those students so we're going to make an investment in the practicum.

How many of those students are being absorbed back into the public health program as a result of.

Practicum, and what benefit are we as taxpayers seeing as a result of this over 6 figure investment in this regard? I think it's just just physical responsibility. I think the program as you described it as sound.

I'm just more so interested in that split and allocation when a lot of this directly benefit students and the University, and making sure that we outside of just being an academic institution are actually reaping some sort of tangible benefit whether.

Be in a future workforce and being able to absorb those students in, or in the output of their practical and research projects. So if you could get that information to me, I'd be very grateful.

And metal click, I will distribute that, and we can add it to, um.

We can add it to the record. This is a resolution allowing for a voice vote. If there are no other questions anybody in the queue.

"Olivia Bennett"

No, ma'am

"Chair Dorsey"

all those in favor. Please signify by saying I.
Hi, hi all those oppose resolution passes Madam Clark please move this item.
Move it to consent if I need to move into old business, I can.
Please re, item number 7 for me item.

"Olivia Bennett"

Number 7 is ardecche 106, 3 dash 22 a resolution pursuant to the capital and operating budget ordinances, approving the appropriation to fund the following non, competitively negotiated professional service contract for local metro Department of corrections, concerning employer branding services.
And scipio, workforce solutions for 100,800 dollars, running, full

"Vice Chair Engel"

motion to approve

"Chair Dorsey"

2nd door. See,
who do I have here to speak to this? Hello? Hello? here to speak to this hello hello
Gary coleman's director level, metric corrections.
1st of all and I welcome you. I think this is the 1st time before the committee so welcome to the God late a little bit director College of you would just give us a little bit of background to this.
And if you are new to this committee, typically, we, we really want to focus on the justification of why this is non competitive limited.

"Jerry Collins"

Thank you.
A little bit little background on that. 1. I got a point in April obviously, as you all well know.
There were a lot of challenges, and they had a 3 pronged approach. Um. Wellness folks that are incarcerated wellness, more employees and recruiting and retention.
At that time, we really had to really focus on rebranding the department and recruiting. Um.
We did not have the ability to do an RFP at that time or the risk of doing that shutting our, our.
Footprint we started on social media with new programs that we're doing with recruiting, including our retirement program and our lateral program would have really harmed us.
Um, we through continuing this contract, and we will be able to do this year on a new 1.
We was able to rebrand our our department, and our vacancies are down to 70, which is the lowest, um.
So, it's really been super beneficial for the safety of, um.
Of the folks that are incarcerated there, and the in the folks that are employed there.

"Chair Dorsey"

So that's exactly what I was going to ask you for this to be such a large scope of work and I'm looking at the fact that it will run right through the end of the fiscal world the end of August, which is right after the or the beginning of the fiscal year I want to congratulate you on a timely turn of this. I see. It started in September.

I've seen much later so I want to congratulate you on getting that to us in somewhat of a timely manner and.

We also understand the challenges that you were under, especially in regard to the health and safety of inmates. So I want to praise the work in the initiative. I can't knock that 1 too much.

And I think it's because this was a little bit of a proactive approach, and I want to actually praise you for that. That being said, I did hear you say that this is something we could look forward to bidding out as you get your feet underneath you.

The goal was to immediately address the immediate concerns and then take more of a strategic.

Approach as you kind of have time to stabilize things internally and get this fitted out. Is that correct? That's what I like to hear.

"Jerry Collins"

Yes, ma'am. Yeah, thank you. It, it helped us recognize, um.

You know, some of the successes, um, that we had during that, and we'll be able to get better scope of work when we booted out. Um, I don't think there were at that time there was not a lot of interest on local.

Marketing companies, and this is a local, um, women owned.

A marketing company that was another factor to go to go into it and not really having the ability to shut anything down with our advertising um, at that time. So, um, yeah, I think.

When we get through December and we have, we have another class in right now. Um.

Are free to be, and there's a lot better and we'll be able to kind of look forward and start looking at our RFP.

"Chair Dorsey"

Director columns, you need to teach a master class come into this committee. I really appreciate your preparation for this. Um, those were good answers and I really appreciate that. Um.

Not often that I don't have any additional questions committee members. Do you all.

Awesome sauce. This is a resolution allowing for a voicemail all those in favor. Please signify by saying, aye. Aye I suppose.

Madame please, please move this item to consider please read item number 8 into the record. From me. Please.

"Olivia Bennett"

Item number 8 is R dash 10,822 a resolution pursuant to the capital and operating budget ordinances, approving the appropriation to fund the

following non competitively negotiated professional service contract for local Metro, public, health and wellness Ellen pH. Www concerning assistance for covid 19 multicultural. assistance for covid nineteen multicultural Community campaign honing LLC for 52,000 dollars, read in full.

"Vice Chair Engel"

motion to approve.

"Chair Dorsey"

2nd, Dorsey, what have you to speak to this?

"Amos Izerimana"

Is there a program manager for the office for globalization? Did you say that 1 more time.

Is there a manager program manager for the office for globalization

"Chair Dorsey"

Thank you so much. Please proceed.

"Amos Izerimana"

Of course. So this is a contract.

We are renewing in our multicultural community campaign efforts that we are working in collaboration with public health, and honing has been working with us for the past year and a half or so.

And so we are continuing this project specifically around family assistance as well as small business support program for businesses that were impacted by.

Be 19 focused specifically on both economic and social resilience.

So, honing will be working with the office for globalization specifically to support re,launch of our small business training program as well as managing and developing religious community relationships that the office for globalization is working with to move a multicultural community campaign.

"Chair Dorsey"

Okay.

Okay, so, let me ask a couple of questions here. Why did we choose not to bid this out? Let me let me start there. I do see a list of.

Um, her competencies, but in regard to why, why didn't we choose to bid this out? Is there a particular reason? Why.

"Amos Izerimana"

Yes, uh, W, when we 1st started, what's called your community campaign we had about 3 different contractors and we, we ended up having just 1 with her back in June of 2022.

and so we felt that in order to continue the projects in the way that it was having created the partnerships that we're working with and haven't already working on these projects that we needed to continue with this contractor just because it's so crucial specifically with the with the community. the with the community Partners that we're working with to be able to create that partnership and strengthen trust between, uh, Metro government and the community partners that that are working with the families.

"Chair Dorsey"

Do you look to build this out in the future? Possibly? Yes.

Yes, yes or possibly yes. Okay.

I like definite and I do see that this was started some time back. I do see this as a certified women own business again. Kudos on that.

I always like when it hits 1 of our procurement goals, this did start some time ago back in July. Is there a reason for such the delay?

"Amos Izerimana"

Again, this is a continuation. The work was started in the previous fiscal year and so I'd continued through the fiscal year 23. That's why we started in July.

"Chair Dorsey"

Okay. Um.

All right, I do see, and this is being housed under the health department. I'm assuming as the county mendel's signature

"Amos Izerimana"

yes. The office for globalization is administering this project since it's a multicultural community and this is specifically regarding cover 19.

Yes, man. Okay.

"Chair Dorsey"

And I'm assuming this is going to be funded by dollars as I see federal grant yes. Okay. Yep. I see that in here.

Okay, and what is the, what is the potential regarding longevity? What's this? What's grant funding sunsets at the end of the specified term of 602,023.

"Amos Izerimana"

Yes, you will see in the scope of work that are holding is also helping the office for globalization to be able to strategize putting some of these programs into our daily activities.

And so we are working on, including some of these, the campaign itself. But also, some of the activities within the office for globalization activities,

"Chair Dorsey"

so there will be a repertoire or menu that we can expect to come from this work at the end of her tenure.

"Amos Izerimana"

Yes, ma'am.

"Chair Dorsey"

Okay.

I'm going to hold you to that. All right so we want to see this bit it out. If it comes before us again, we will have a repertoire of this work in regard to how to and this will be very important to approach not only different pandemics.

Cross our fingers that we may have in the future, but really different public health initiatives in regard to the global community here in Louisville. I praise you for this work. I think this is very important. This was a hard community to target and so I do understand 1 thing, you didn't say I'm going to put it in my own words continuity of service is important in regard to the partnerships and closing out this work in regard to covid 19 alright.

Council committee members. Excuse me? Are there any additional questions? This is a resolution allowing for a voice for all those in favor signify by saying, aye aye aye. All those opposed.

Thank you that is the end of our agenda for today. We aren't.

Content calendar. I'm sorry that is the end of our agenda today. We are adjourned.