

Captioning Transcript of Committee of the Whole Meeting – August 11, 2022

James, David

All right, well, welcome everybody. Good evening. I'd like to call the regular meeting of the committee the hold order. Please note that council members Dorsey, Hollander and Arthur have excused absences. Madam clerk. This meeting is being held pursuant to KRS 61.826 in council rule. 5 a Edwin Ernest is that 1 in here?

There he is Stuart Benson and Erica Turner happy birthday.

You're 100 years old then you're looking good.

All right.

Okay um, so this evening we have special guests tonight.

We have Greg Mays and Kevin GIBSON with MSD, and they're going to talk about some legislation that's going to be discussed tonight.

Um, and so, uh, gentlemen, you have the floor.

Sydnor, Wes

Council, um, President.

And I'm the chief of government and public affairs for I'm joined by. Mr. Greg Mays Mister Kevin GIBSON. Uh, both.

Uh, when Greg is with the, uh, legal department, and, and Kevin is our regionalisation director.

For, um, just, uh, 1st of all appreciate the opportunity uh, we're gonna talk to you tonight about plant in bullet county. It's the Pro lodges, wastewater treatment plant.

It is part of the city of hillview.

As you all remember, or might remember back in December, we had an acquisition of what used to be the bull county sanitation district.

So, that I believe, came before this, this body and, uh, you will.

Took action on that and so this was a, an area and a plant that was sort of carved out prior to that that acquisition it's owned by the city of hillview they are wanting to get out of the.

When you get out of the, the wastewater treatment and treatment plan business, and so they have approached us about an acquisition of that.

Uh, that asset, uh, for us, it makes a lot of sense, because there is still some capacity and room for growth. Um, and this owning this facility will enable us to.

Uh, better manage those flows in that development.

Uh, but as those requests come in, uh, in that part of bullet county.

Uh, we'll just like to note that with all these regional type arrangements that.

Bullet county rates, and what was former account sanitation district, those rates that are collecting those revenues go toward bullet county projects and the same for Jefferson County. So the, the rates that we collect in Jefferson County.

There's a firewall and there's a, uh, basically, there's a.

Uh, division between what we collect and what we spend in jobs and counting what is collected and spent at bullet accounting and for that.

So doesn't impact, uh, this Council's budget, or the metro budget, or the rates that are collected in Jefferson County. So, with that, I'm gonna, uh, let Greg.

And Kevin speak to the details of this in our local agreement that we have.

1, last thing before I hand it over this, uh, I believe is the last.

A check and council approval that we need to get. We've had. Mayoral approval we've had approval from the board. That's I guess it, so this is the last check and so. Um, I'll turn it over to Greg. Uh, so again, I appreciate the opportunity to be here.

Mays, Greg

This approvals are, uh, pursuant to

James, David

I need you to identify yourself before

Mays, Greg

I apologize. I'm Greg. may's senior assistant general counsel with in house, legal department of.

I wrote to you president James to present this approval it is pursuant to care as 65 as you may know. And.

4,365 was amended to require.

That public agencies entering into enter local cooperation agreements, which is the avenue by, which is able to regionalize notify the local governments of its intent to do. So, that is why we were here this evening.

And as I said, we have previously received approvals under the statute specifically as to legality in form.

From the office of the attorney general this week, we also received the signing authority from the mayor's office.

And as West stated, this all stems from the bullet county acquisition, which was effective in late 2021.

under that agreement, we did inherit an operation and maintenance agreement for the plants in the city is already operating and maintaining those facilities. and maintaining those facilities

However, they are still owned, so the title to the real property, and the assets is still with the city of.

As well syndicated and I can show you on the maps here this is for largest park, which is right off interstate 65 it's or Geek squad and the saber corporation are located. Many of you probably driven by their. But as you can see, the city of hill view is annexed quite a bit this purple dot here shows where the.

Per largest wastewater treatment plan is located near there are a lot of alien plants that we inherited with our bullet county acquisition.

And what this does is, it allows us to transfer some of those flows and save funds from.

Putting money into repairs for failing facilities and route those into this facility.

I think really 4 items of emphasis here or that. It's, it's a very large capacity. Wastewater facility. It's point 15Million gallons per day.

It's highly under utilized right now. So there is flows. We can transfer from some of the nearby facilities that were formally owned by bullet County, sanitation district to this plan.

Um, it's also in good shape of good repairs unlike some of the other ones again, it was put in place to serve some of the industrial customers nearby.

And as as West syndicated, it's got a really key geographical location because of its location to nearby facilities.

Uh, and that's that's all I have I think if.

Kevin would like to add anything if not, we would certainly like to field any questions from the council.

James, David

Okay, well Thank you. We have a question from councilman.

Piagentini, Anthony

Yes, thank you. Mr. President.

It seems to me that an, an organization wants to get rid of something like this.

Because they're losing money. What are the financials related to this? In that that I'm asking related to current capital condition for maintenance condition.

Current rates, what would be the break even point of the acquisition of this related to the rates related to the maintenance of the of the facility.

Mays, Greg

Well, with the.

Purchase so the purchase price and thank you for your question. The purchase price for the acquisition is.

225,000 dollars there.

Different variables built into that the value of the real property underlying the site, the condition of the facilities.

I can let us maybe answer some more specifics, but it is generally in good condition.

I mean, it's not so much of the city is losing money on the on the plan as I understand it as much as the city.

Was already out of the wastewater business they had entered into an operation and maintenance agreement with bullet County, sanitation district.

So, when we acquired bullet County, sanitation district already took over the operation and maintenance of the site.

That's really where my knowledge ends and I'll turn it over to us to.

Sydnor, Wes

Yeah, I think the, um, in terms of the rates, they the customers that flow to.

Uh, this plant, or currently pending the same rate.

Uh, from the rest of the bullet county citation district, um, we can get you details on that, but.

In terms of buyback, that's a little bit of a difficult question to answer because there's so much on tap growth.

Potential in this quarter. Um, so assuming no, no growth I would.

And I'm going off the top of my head here. I think it's a less than 5 year.

Uh, return on investment with with absolutely no growth, uh, to that plant.

I would expect that to be much lower, uh, just with, uh, like I said, that that cord or.

There's a lot of vacant property, uh, it's sort of.

Drive through there, there's a lot of industrial slash. Oh, sorry. Sorry.

There's a lot of industrial slash commercial warehouse properties through that area and there's a lot of vacant space. So.

Piagentini, Anthony

Let me ask the question in a slightly different way.

Has we've consent decrees? We have.

Maximum rate increases every year and we don't know where the end of that is going to be. A lot of that's related to.

Historic deferred maintenance issues, right not necessarily caused by, but just caused by a lot of circumstances. And I want some on the record reassurance.

That there is 0 additional liability being brought into by acquiring this facility.

Like, there will be, we're not adding.

Liability to MSA because any ad of liability to will cause an impact on rates may not be tomorrow maybe 5 years from now. But that's what I want.

Some reassurance somebody to say there is.

The the liability there is no increasing liability that.

Where we're increasing the need to raise rates related to, to cover those problems.

Sydnor, Wes

I'll start the answer and I'll let Greg.

Follow up on this, but I will say that there is 0 liability.

In terms of the Jefferson County, right? Pairs on this, this deal because the way we set these up, like a.

Um, was trying to explain.

Well, earlier, uh, we set these up so that the, the debt incurred in, um. These areas outside of Jefferson County.

Their own enterprise fund, any rates collected, and they have a different rate structure down there.

Um, they have there are some agreed orders that are in in place in bullet county and so those don't, um.

Intermingle with the Jefferson County consent decree.

And, uh, they don't necessarily line up with our rates and our definitely don't line up with our debt. Uh, and and that was a 2 way street in terms of.

And talking to some of these communities, they didn't want to have.

The liability from, uh, or perceived liability from being tied to the consent decree, or being tied to any of our debt.

Piagentini, Anthony

So, can I restate it in a very simple way? Cause? I think this is what I just heard from to answer my question.

Because they're in a completely separate balance sheet, race structure and everything. There's no intermingling.

So, even if this is a complete, unmitigated disaster, if it blows up the day, after you acquire it.

The rates and everything will affect the county residents and will not affect Jefferson County. Resident

Sydnor, Wes

That is correct and that's by statute.

Piagentini, Anthony

Thank you.

Sydnor, Wes
Yes, sir.

James, David
Thank you councilman Fox,

Fox, Mark
thank you. Mr. president to my colleagues, if you look at that broken line to the north part of the map there, I am blessed to represent the area where that broken line on the other side of that broken line. That is a big big problem for me as Wes. I think West is already nodding his head. He's on my speed dial in front of my daughter, because the problems we have in that area, you talked about flow redirection, South Park. Our country club, national Turnpike. Sent you some pictures of a guy who's truck pretty much and this is not a. Anomaly it's just a heavy rainfall. Well, acquisition of this, and we probably don't have any water flow experts here, but will that bleed off that area a bit more allow and I want to give him the a shout 1st of all Wes always answers and 2nd of all has done. Great has made great strides in that area. But we're fighting gravity and we're between, have you. And and we're Dixie, how we build up so we're actually. Should be called low view and. Is this going to be able to bleed some of that problem away? For me?

Sydnor, Wes
Well, 1st of all, we, we, we, thank you for the, the, the comments and the compliments. We, uh, uh. We very much want to be responsive and understand that. Um, you know, this is a. You know, at times, especially when training is a challenging position to be in and there are some challenging areas. We'll say for this acquisition as well, as the bullet County, uh, the, the rest of that, that we acquired end of 2021 that was for santera, sewer and treatment plans only. Um, so, as of this time, not to say that we wouldn't entertain those kinds of questions or discussion, but at this time, there's not a drainage component to this deal. Now, we'll say that. Um, you know, there's, there's no, just because there's a political boundary doesn't mean that water understands that it should stop or that, you know, overflows that might happen or or things that might happen on the sanitary side. Understand that they're crossing county line and so if. You remember, I think it was 2014, 2015. there was a major facility failure in bullet county and that's what started this, you know, this prompting by the officials down there to start talking to about some regional solutions. And so, I think from a water quality perspective, just having a regional approach to looking at whether it's bullet county or Jefferson County or fairytale, or. or jefferson county or fairytale or

Um, just.

Just looking at that as a whole and making sure that we are taking care of some of those facilities and taking them off line it might not directly impact the drainage, but it will impact our quality because those cross county lines and district lines all the time.

Fox, Mark

So this is strictly.

Sydnor, Wes

that is correct.

Fox, Mark

Okay. So.

Okay, so no, it's, it's not going to help my guy with the truck.

It goes

Sydnor, Wes

this specific I will not, but not.

We will always look for a solution right range side that we can do to help. Understand. Thank you.

James, David

Thank you Councilman Triplett.

Triplett, Kevin

Thank you. President James guys. Thanks for being with us. You may have already answered this, but I just want to make sure when you said the cost, the purchase price that is for the operation.

Correct what about the facility itself? That's right the tank the vows. The apparatus that that's included, that's will be ours or that will be theirs.

Sydnor, Wes

That will be ours, so we take ownership of that, that the whole lot and the property and the structure, the apparatus all of the stuff. Yes.

Triplett, Kevin

Okay, very good. Just to make sure and and you said that they will that community they will, they understand the consent decree.

Yes, Sandra, they are, they're contributing understand.

Sydnor, Wes

Well, in in bullet county they have, and I'm not sure if this.

Specific plan, or this specific area off the top of my head has an agreed order, which is similar to a consent decree. It's an agreement with the state to address.

You know, overflows and failing facilities so they understand there are some regulatory.

Commitments that we took on when we acquired

Triplett, Kevin

and that they're pitching into to get us to where we need. Yes. Very good. Thank you.

James, David

Thank you. Councilman Reed

Reed, Scott

Thank you. Mr. President Thank you. Did I understand you to say or what are you gentlemen to say that you're decommissioning 5 facilities. And we'll route that, uh, activity through this 1 facility. Is that true?

Mays, Greg

So our preliminary rate are preliminary plans in bullet county and again, this goes back to the preliminary nature and our overall scheme in bullet county.

Just to rewind a little bit as well presented. Some of what occurred in bullet county there is a huge watershed component here.

And some of what what happened in bullet county was receiving certain failed assets through bankruptcy and receivership, which sort of called, and precipitated the acquisition of the water system as a whole.

And to answer your question with with this.

Particular asset allows us to do is take a.

A facility that's in a state of good repair.

And I cannot say a specific number Wes may know, but it's some of the nearby facilities that are truly failing that we had to take as part of that acquisition provide us with some additional capacity and planning that we can't do,

just under the operation of maintenance agree we really need to own as councilman. Triplet said that the pipes and the facilities and the land to have the ability to rework this in a way that is reverse.

Cost we spend the money now, but we are not going out there, you know, to spend money on these failing facilities. We will own 1. that's in a good state. That will cost lists that will provide us with added capacity.

Reed, Scott

So you're inheriting 4 additional or 5 additional facilities to purchase this 1 is that the way

Mays, Greg

we already have the other facilities that are failing by virtue of the book a county deal and this this system is something we're already operating

maintaining but there are some engineering components where this is really appetizing to help us solve some of those problems and reroute some of the things that we.

I've uncovered as we've gone out and tried to figure out how we're going to operate the system in a safe and reliable way. Ok, so.

Reed, Scott

You don't anticipate putting any additional money into the. The failing facilities, correct?

Sydnor, Wes

I wouldn't well, let me answer this 1. so, I mean, there are certain things that we have to do just to I mean, just from a safety perspective that we've had to do starting day 1 and, um. You know, I invite, uh, any of you all to if you want to visit 1 of these that's okay.

But, uh, there are some investments that we just we needed to make because.

A lot of the things that that Greg just talked about, the opportunity that we have at is to either.

You know, take a facility, like the plant.

And sends from flows from other, you know, very.

You know, dire facilities that, at some point will be decommissioned. Now they could be going to a.

A plant, like, they could go to 1 of the.

Plans to the North and in the Derek plan and and.

Southwest global there could be a new plan, but right now we're going through the planning of basically a facility plan to look at that that entire area and see what what makes the most cost effective sense. And then.

Put some timelines to that and so.

In terms of spending some money, but we will have to spend some money on these facilities just because that we can't flip a switch. And tomorrow they're gone type of thing. So they have to keep running. We have to be safe. Um, you know, if they're.

There's a a tank that looks like it's about to fall down. We need to do what we need to make sure that it doesn't fall down.

Reed, Scott

I understand. I'm I'm kind of like a councilman Piagentini, you know, we receive countless emails from our constituents about the annual rate increase and I just want to make sure that, at some point, you know, I do trust that you guys know what you're doing.

But that, you know, you don't come back here in a year or 2 years and say, well, we've got to spend another 500,000 or a 1Million dollars. And then that. then that

Translates into rate increases for people here so that's why I asked the question but you say that it is your goal eventually to decommission those facilities. Okay. Thank you.

James, David

Thank you Councilman. Councilwoman Fowler

Fowler, Cindi

Um, thank you. Hey, guys. Hey, Wes, how are you? Good. How are you? I'm good. Thanks. Listen, I want to come at a little different angle.

Um, and ask how is this going to benefit.

If at all Jefferson County system.

Sydnor, Wes

So, I, I'll start that with, um, again, with the.

Some of the failing facilities in bullet county. I'm sure some of those. Uh, overflows and.

You know, some of that, that water that's not getting that wasn't getting fully treated was making its way into Jefferson County. There's no way to, like, put up a wall at the county line and say this, uh. You know, this wire Su, dirty come over. So, from that perspective, I think we'll see a benefit in terms of water, quality, quality of life in Jefferson County with, with this work and these acquisitions. And, uh. I think just a, as a whole, just the. Ability to utilize economies of scale will will help us just overall as an agency be more efficient, more effective.

Fowler, Cindi

Okay, so so then I would think that these the southern most portion of Jefferson County that touches the bullet county 1, those districts, um, within Metro, um, could possibly be, because it's those waterways that are. Okay. All right absolutely. Thank you.

Sydnor, Wes

Absolutely. Thank you.

James, David

Thank you. Councilman Winkler

Winkler, Markus

Thank you for the Wes in actually what used to be part of my district is now counseling and teenagers, a portion of Northeast Jefferson County that flowed their waste water into Oldham county. And I think the viola was that the name of the system. It was the operator operator, which we purchased right? Which purchased right? And runs. Do we so I've got 2 questions number 1 do we flow wastewater from Jefferson County into these plants today or is that? And so is there a rate impact to payers where they're paying the bullet county rates today? Despite being in Jefferson County, similar to where residents of jeff's going to, we're paying the old county rates, or are paying the county rates in that northeast corner.

Sydnor, Wes

If that's occurring on the, um. 1st of all, thank you for the question if if that is occurring on the bullet county line, it's very limited. Um, there might be a situation or 2, but I'm not aware of, like, full neighborhoods or large areas that are flowing to bullet counting right now or vice versa.

Winkler, Markus

Yeah, and so my 2nd, question is sort of thinking about this path of acquisition, right? Whether it's here in Oldham county. I understand that probably from a central manager respect, we get economies of scale, right? You're spreading your administrative costs over more and more facilities. So there there is an advantage ultimately to the rate payer. Now, that might be nominal over the entirety of the system.

Do you have a sense for sort of, what is the capacity to manage additional systems and do we could see continued expansion into bullet county or golden county or shall we continue? Maybe you can't comment because there's a potential acquisitions, but just sort of curious of what the long term strategies.

Sydnor, Wes

Yeah. So, yeah, thank you for that.

So, our philosophy here is that and just in general terms is that we are open to having.

Conversations we don't want to be the aggressor and really seek out and try to do, like, hostile or any kind of take over type of situation. But if someone wants to come talk to us about either acquisition or operation over the system, or some sort of partnership, we just had a conversation today this afternoon with a small system that was, um.

That was interested in just talking about, in that case, you know, whether or not, they wanted to say in the again it was very small system, but whether they wanted to stay in the wastewater business or not. And so, um.

Yeah, I think from a an environmental perspective, a lot of this was driven, like I said, there was the facility.

8, to 10 years ago that failed in bullet County, and that across that created ripples across the commonwealth as far as.

The state and local governments looking at these, these systems that that needed more care that needed more expertise and approaching not just but other bigger regional type utilities to look at, you know, bringing those into the fold. So, um.

I would just say that, you know, we're open to having those conversations again. It's it's we don't want to be where we're not wanted, but if someone wants to talk to us and it make sense in terms of.

You know, there are some economies of scale, but there's also a limit.

There are going to be arrangements or deals. That don't make sense for us financially. And then we'll have to shake hands and walk away at that point.

But there might be some that are beneficial to both parties and I think that's what we're open to discussing in the future.

James, David

All right, thank you. Counselman Kramer

Kramer, Kevin

Thank you. Mr. chairman. Mr President. I'm sorry West. Good to see you. I will share compliments from the council. Fox has already mentioned to me. Anytime we've ever needed help you've always been very successful. Thank you for 1. small part of my world before.

Natural counsel and outside before education even or at some interim um. I was working a snack food company and 1 of the things I learned is that when it comes to.

Waste waste water management um.

It is very expensive to clean a small quantity of wastewater and it's expensive to clean a larger quantity and it's less expensive to.

Clean and even larger quantity. So if I, if my lesson from that snack food company was right.

I'm trying to run a small waste. Management facility is very expensive. If you were.

Treating that if you were, if you're treating 3 times as much water, the expense is roughly the same.

So, there's savings in there, right? At that point that out I'm looking at. I think it's 9.2 in here.

That suggests.

The the rate scale, and so was at 9.2 anyway maybe I'm wrong but anyway, yeah, it was at 1.9.2. their bills will go up because you guys are providing service and within X, number of years.

and within x number of years

Their bill will be roughly what we're paying in metro level, which means. That difference in revenue between what they're paying now and what we're going to get, what going to get and you're going to process the water less expensively than what they're processing it. So you're going to do it cheaper.

You can get the same rate at 1st, you're going to continue to do it cheaper and you'll get more money and you're going to continue to cheaper and you're going to need more money. So, in the long run, this is very good for us. If I'm reading these documents, and if my memory from the snack food company is at all accurate.

I'll stop there and say, is that it all accurate?

Sydnor, Wes

It is accurate from the operational perspective. Okay. 1 caveat I would throw into that. Is that getting back? The analogy and hunter's hollow? Was the plant that that failed a few years ago.

Unfortunately, that's not the, and that's not what we're talking about in this specific situation, but for that system as a whole, um, there are more of those facilities than we would.

Than anyone would like, and so there's a capital need and capital investment that has to be made and so.

Um, yes, from an operational perspective, I think if we had, um.

High efficiency high.

High performing facilities, like.

Like, the ones, a lot of the ones we have in Jefferson County, then I would say 100%. Yes, but there is that caveat of we have to invest.

I mean, there's a lot of work to do and a lot of investment to make, but I think in general terms yes the philosophy that you're

Kramer, Kevin

Thank you, which leads to my 2nd piece and I've, I've tried to read through the literature quickly and I'm sure I've missed it but. it but Again, back to snack food company. Um, what we realized was, it was cheaper for us.

To build a pipe from where we were to the waste management company, and just give them the water and let them treat it at their facility. Instead of having them take over our facility, which was in terrible shape in which they would have had to spend a lot of money to upgrade.

So I'm wondering.

And I know this is just today right but what what is the long term.

Plan slash goal are we looking at either piping this into a facility that we already.

And that that facility has capacity for much more or are we looking at? I know there was talk at 1 point about.

Another way treatment plants say on salt river are we talking about? You know, we will be we are we have a vision for building another large waste management, waste, water management plant somewhere and ultimately, this could be piped there.

Is the plan to continue to just do it here or are you guys looking at sending it somewhere else? Ultimately?

Sydnor, Wes

Yes. Thank you. Thank you. For the and that's a fantastic.

Question so part of the study that's happening right now the facility. Facilities planning that is happening right now is looking at those types of options. What what facilities did we inherit or would we acquire. Which ones need to go offline and win and which, you know.

Where can we send that flow and allow for growth in the future? Because I think just just looking at both accounting and especially these areas. I mean, we're talking about the, the plant today.

There's a huge untapped growth potential and so, just looking at. Where's that? Growth? Going to occur.

And, you know, we're in a a big Urbanism.

Boom, and if you talk to, you know, similar to your experience, if you talk to people in that business, when their big concerns is, what do we do with the waste and so I think there's a big opportunity with that the growth event industry,

in in some of these areas to look at, you know, where, where do these facilities need to go offline? Where do we own a facility that has capacity? And we'll have.

Perhaps be expandable or where do we need to plan on.

Uh, building a new facility, maybe on the salt river.

Or somewhere else,

Kramer, Kevin

so this really isn't just about buying a facility that's in good shape and running right now and finding a way to do that more efficiently. This is about buying a facility that's in good shape and running.

That will keep us stable for a period of time as we look around at what's out there knowing that we're grout. Well.

I can't say knowing for sure knowing that the growth is out there expect, and that we certainly have the potential to grow out in that direction.

And all kidding aside.

There's no 1 else that does what does.

In this area, right? So either we're going to continue to have these small pocket plants that have the potential to fail.

Or a plant, like we had in Germantown, which reached capacity, and it stopped.

Development in the industrial park, if we really want to see growth.

This is our opportunity because if you can't move the wastewater, you don't grow.

Sydnor, Wes

Right, and it's an opportunity to to.

To allow for their growth in a sustainable way with a facility, you know, or a series of facilities that are equipped.

To to treat those flows in a way that, um.
Would would meet the demands of our quality and some of the regulatory.

Kramer, Kevin

Thank you.

And when would you anticipate and I'm not putting those budget. I'm curious. When would you anticipate being able to come back and say, look, we're looking at either this side, or that side, or I'm sure you guys are talking already. I'm guessing you aren't ready to say today.

Sydnor, Wes

But so we just had a conversation this morning talking about the facility plan out that is in a very preliminary state right now, but I would, I would expect within.

The next 6 months to a year, we would be able to have those conversations about.

Where we would expect those future facilities to be and where we expect that regional.

Like, you know, combination of flows and facilities to occur.

Thank you, and I'm assuming, I heard the conversation about salt river in some public capacity, and I haven't just thrown something. No, no, no, no. I didn't want to say it there was a big effort back in 2014.

I believe they talked about and it was several counties Jefferson County bullet Spencer, several candidates that were talking about a potential salt river plant. salt river plant

Kramer, Kevin

So, great, thank you. Sir.

James, David

All right. Is there any other questions for our guests?

Oh, Wes, you did a great job. Thank you very much.

Appreciate it Thank you all. Thank you. Thank you.

Next we'll go over the well, I'll take that back, man clerk. Do we have any addresses the council tonight?

Harward, Sonya

Yes, sir we do. We have 6 of them.

James, David

All right Thank you. And.

We'll go over tonight's agenda.

I want to take that back. We have communications from the mayor consent calendar.

Consent calendar comprises items 20 through 42. does anyone wish to move any items from the consent?

To old business.

Hearing none, um.

On item number 43 um.

The item about social media manager that we had that discussion about that we table the sponsors pulling that. So it won't.

It won't come up tonight. We'll discuss that at another time.

Next we will have 1 piece of special legislation tonight.

Item 44 is emergency legislation pursuant to rule 7.0 section a stating the legislation may be passed at the same meeting as it is introduced. If it is an emergency function of the Council, and we will. We will vote to invoke rule 7.0 subsection a, which is what we just discussed with with the question is, why are we doing it as an emergency? Because we have 30 days to pass it. It came in while we were on summer break. So that's the only way we can actually do it. Any questions about that. Nope, all right old business. We have 7 items from planning and zoning councilwoman flood.

Flood, Madonna

Thank you Mr. President. Do you want me to go over this in detail since we're short of time or just. Just fast quick. Super quick. We have heavy truck amendments. I'll I will discuss and I will also call on council 1, Nicole George, there is a road closure on Fagan Bush. There are 2 changes and changes in zonings that came over with denials and those are in councilman eagles district and I believe council monster Benson's district and those 2 a yes. Vote to not tonight will be to oppose the denial. The planning commission, and they did come out out of committee with, um, unanimous votes to deny that also. And then there's a couple more 1 in President James district that was straightforward in 1 in councilman. Marcus went 1st district that was just straightforward zoning changes. With no issues

James, David

that was super quick. Any questions for Councilwoman Flood. Thank you then we have 1 item and appropriations councilman BLACKWELL. Can you hear us?

Blackwell, Rick

Sorry? Yep. How are you? How's head? Self muted. Sorry? Uh, yeah, this is, um. Uh, it came in unanimous, um, but I had to abstain because it's, um, for Southern high school. My son. Works at Southern hospital.

James, David

Okay. Thank you. Councilman, and then we have 1 item in labor and economic development councilman Engel.

Engel, Robin

Excuse me? Mr President. Which 1, is that 1 number? Is that again? It's a contract, the bargain agreement. 53. Yes, let me let me just get to that. Sorry. Yes, professional service contract for public health and wellness yes, this is Dr Jeffrey Howard was at the committee as, you know,

we've had a change in the health director and so this gentleman spoke and we approved his services to become the next health director. He's actually doing my apology. Mr. President. I've had to 0 back here 1 week. You know, it's been a long time. Um, but he. Presented very well, and I think everybody is going to be extremely happy with his services. We have to have a health director. Okay. So, this gentleman is, like I said, he's actually doing, I think he's wearing 22 or 3 hats actually. So, you'll, you'll find that you'll, you'll like his services. Thank you. And it would pass without. without I believe it passed unanimous.

James, David

Okay. Thank you so much. And then we have 1 item in community affairs councilwoman Shanklin.

Shanklin, Barbara

Thank you Mr. President the 1 we have in community affairs is. Question that we get a stamp post office there. Or, with Mohammed Ali, and it's on there, just see if we can get more sponsorship.

James, David

Okay, thank you very much.

Shanklin, Barbara

Okay. Thank you.

James, David

Any questions about any of the agenda items? Nope. Okay. Real quick. I want to remind everybody that the conference and Expo will be held in Owensboro, September the 20th through the 23rd. I think Jenny sent out the registration link today on the email. If anybody is interested in attending, we encourage people to the National League of city summit is in Kansas City, November, 17 through the 19th. the nineteen th And Jane sent that link out today as well. How spill? 314 commission is meeting tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the chambers here. And anybody from the public or anybody from the councils. Welcome to attend that meeting the members of that commission, or. Representing mayor fisher's appointment would be. Somebody you will know Miriam Butler, and then myself from metro Council, Anthony, for council Corey Arthur, from metro Council. Julie, Rocky Adam is representing the Senate Mike. nina's representing Senate appointment. Daryl Neil sent an appointment Jason name is a house appointment. Can Fleming a house appointment? Pamela Stevens in a house appointment? Bonnie Chung, jeff's kinda legal cities. Sean Dres back Jefferson County Association. Firefighters Earl Jones appointment. Scott schoenberger a appointment and Shelby Somerville appointment.

So, if you ask me what is going to transpire tomorrow, and what we're going to say, I don't know, it's our 1st meeting. So I encourage people to tune in or come visit.

Okay, all right with no further business.

Did I forget something I did.

That's right.

Sorry when the clerk reads the communications tonight, we have a communication that we've never had before and it's based upon a law that requires the clerk of the council to sign off on a.

Land issue, however, Mr foster from the county Attorney's office is going to explain that when that comes up.

But she, we're going to read it into the record as we do that and explain that correctly.

Okay all right no further business we stand in German. We'll re adjourn in about 3 minutes. Thank you.