

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

We're gonna get started 1 minute 1 minute.

Okay, good afternoon. Everybody, this is the labor and economic development committee. It is now 306. my name is councilman Robin angle. I'll be sharing the committee today in the absence of our. absence of our Chair at Dorsey with an excuse to absence also. Excuse absence for? No excuse Datsun for Brent ackrason. Okay.

There is, thank you.

Okay, so he's having technical difficulties. We have committee member, Donna purpose. We have committee member, councilman, Kramer and committee member.

Cancel woman Amy holton Stewart with us.

And malva hills has joined us excellent and yield over to the clerk's office for a disclaimer replacement.

"Bennett, Olivia"

This meeting is being held pursuant to Kara 61.806 in council row, 58 right? And full.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Thank you very much. And let me just start by saying that it is extremely exciting. I don't know if it's what word I can say to see the clerk in. can say to see the clerk in

In the chambers with a smiling face.

Um, and, I mean, that sincerely we all were extremely worried when we heard about her fall. So that's a miraculous that you're actually with us. So great. Great to have you. Okay. Colleagues we have.

We're going to go 123 we've got speakers, so that's already been 1234. and if we can get to the item number 5, that's if you recall, that's the 80 T3 and a half 1Million dollar upgrade that was tabled.

The last time of course, we had lots of discussion, which they'll be continued to be discussion. Let's tee off with number item number 1, R1 03, Dash 2 to a resolution pursuant to the capital and operating budget ordinances.

pursuant to the capital and operating budget ordinances

Proving the appropriation to fund the following amendment to the non-competitively negotiated professional service contract for the Louisville zoo, concerning a mentor internship program for the zoo, African zoo and Australian walk about exhibits to interpret animal history, habitat preservation and African culture for the public, Kentucky community.

And technical college system, University of Kentucky community college system for Jefferson community college.

1000 dollars for a new, not to exceed amount of 200,000 dollars, only 100,000 dollars of which shall be spent in fiscal year. 22.

2022 and 2023 is there a motion.

Okay.

There is a motion by counsel ones. Stewart is there a 2nd purpose? 2nd yes. And we do have someone here to speak to that. If you could introduce yourself please.

"Taylor, Steven R"

Yes, my name's Steven Taylor. I'm an assistant director at zoo.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Thank you very much. Could you could you explain a little bit of what's going on here with the zoo?

"Taylor, Steven R"

Yes, uh, we're really happy with this, uh, particular project with. I believe this will be our 24th year. Of working with them, having students come in. Learn how to some animal husbandry skills, interpretation skills. Uh, some guest, uh, relation activities. And we're happy to I'm looking forward to continuing this a program.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Sounds exciting is this is this amount? Pretty typical of. You said we'd been involved in this for 24 years. So this is this kind of a, does this kind of on the level of the contract that we've been involved in for this length of time.

"Taylor, Steven R"

Yes, for at least for at least the last 7 years that I'm aware of. We've been at this exact level of 100,000 dollars a year.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Great Thank you very much. Any questions colleagues. I don't have, do I have done a purpose? Do we have the queue in here? Very good. Okay. Oh, yeah. Constantly Kramer Thank you.

"Committee Member Kramer"

Thank you Mr. chair. I think I know the answer, but I was quickly scanning the documents then I don't see it very quickly, but, um. It says 100,000 dollars. I'm sorry the amount 200,000, but only 100,000, which shall be spent in fiscal year, 2022 2023. I'm trying to get my head around. Where that other 100,000 would be spent it it seems kind of. I would be surprised if we were saying we're going to spend 100,000 dollars. In the past year, so I'm guessing it means it has to go into the next. Um.

So, I guess that's my question. Is this a, are we doing a contract that. Gets us through this fiscal year and next fiscal year. Why are we doing it that way?

"Taylor, Steven R"

So, my understanding is the agreement's written this way so that. It would only be 100,000 dollars this year. And then we would be able to re, up the agreement next year at the same amount.

"Committee Member Kramer"

So, it's basically a 2 year contract.

"Taylor, Steven R"

Well, sure.
Mm, hmm Yes sir.

"Committee Member Kramer"

Except next year you're going to come back and do the same thing.

"Taylor, Steven R"

Yes, we can still come in front of the council

"Committee Member Kramer"

next year.

"Taylor, Steven R"

Yes, sir.

"Committee Member Kramer"

So you're asking every year for 200,000 dollar not to exceed, but you're only going to spend 100,000.

"Taylor, Steven R"

Correct. It's not to exceed for 100,000 in this budget year.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Well, it, it reads not to exceed 200,000.

"Committee Member Kramer"

Uh, only 100,000 of which shall be spent in fiscal year 2223, which again.

Begs the question if you're going to be back again next year, asking for the same 200,000, you're going to say we're only going to spend 10,002,324.

I'm curious why we're not just asking for 100,000 dollars.

"Taylor, Steven R"

I think it's just the way the agreement has been written over the last number of years.

"Committee Member Kramer"

Okay, I mean, it's I guess it's not entirely satisfied that I understand, but it sounds like it's a 2 year contract and we're paying for a year to time.

"Vice Chair Engel"

That's where the 200,000 dollars would come from. Sounds like the only way we get to 200,000 right? They can't spend 200,000.

"Committee Member Kramer"

right? So they come back next year and ask for another 200,000. if we say, no, that means they at least have 2 years worth paid for. We, we do have the right.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Do we have the county attorney on here?

"Paul Rutherford"

Yes Mr. chair. This is Paul rather with the county Attorney's office. What you're seeing is last year, the contract was 100,000 dollars and instead of execute.

New contract this year, they just wanted to renew it and add 100,000 dollars for this coming year. So the 100,000 dollars of the 200,000 dollars 100,000 of it was for last year.

And then this next 100,000 dollars is for the current fiscal year that is going through June 30th of 2023 if that helps it. Well, I, I think it does. I think you just said it was what I assumed it wasn't. I think what, if I understood that.

"Committee Member Kramer"

said it was what i assumed it wasn't i think what if i understood that A 100,000 of this is to pay for last year. And 100 thousand's pay for next year.

Right?

"Paul Rutherford"

A 100,000 of it was approved last year. So it's just, it's the same contract. As last year. You're just adding 100,000 dollars to it. So the 100,000 dollars the previous years. 100,000 dollars has already been spent the, the work has been done that kind of thing. You're just adding 100,000 dollars to it for the next fiscal year. So the total amount of the contract, which you have approved would be for 2 years as of. you have approved would be for two years as of. Um, this amendment to the contract would be for 200,000 dollars. Oh, that makes sense.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Just.
Constant primary stuff. So last year I'm just curious the, and I didn't look at.
At the history, but that last year, when the chair of this committee passed this contract.
Was it in August of 2021?
And and that's why we're making up for that 100,000 dollars. Or was it if it was prior to that, then it would have been previous fiscal year. I think we're, I think we're, we still have to, we're making up 100,000 dollars, which is, which is really kind of unusual, but.
I guess I know it now, how we get and how we get there. We can't, I don't think we can deny that necessarily. It is kind of it is kind of strange. We usually pass things for.
2023 2024 we're not making up for a previous fiscal year.
So, colleagues, I don't know if anybody has any issues with this, but I, you know, I say we move it forward and.
It's just kind of unusual, so I don't see anybody else in the queue so this, we're going to move right to a voice vote all those in favor. Please say, aye
All those opposed, you guys have it the item carries Thank you item number 2 r106 to our 162 2 resolution pursuant to the capital operating budget ordinances, approving the appropriation to fund the following amendment to a non.
Competitively negotiated professional service contract for local Metro, public, health and wellness concerning clinic staff for covid vaccine administration, Kentucky, nurses Association, 70,000 dollars for a new not to exceed amount of 300,000 dollars.
hundred thousand dollars
Is there a motion

"Committee Member Kramer"

motion to approve Kramer motion and a 2nd and good? Yes. Yes.
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We have emotion in a 2nd, and our speaker is with us if you could introduce yourself please and give us give us a background on what we're what we're up to here.

"Mendel, Connie"

Hi, Connie mental with little Metro, public, health and wellness. I serve as senior deputy director. So.

The Department of public health wellness, we're requesting this professional services contract, which is, I think, similar to the 1 you discussed in the zoo as far as timing.

Um, this is to amend a previous contract, basically underestimated our cost. So this is adding, uh, 55,000 dollars to the previous contract. So, um. so um

So, this is the service contract is with Kentucky nurses Association, or as we refer to as, um, is a, not for profit corporation and they're the only full service, professional organization for the States, entire nursing population. So, in addition to promoting the essential role of registered nurses. And the healthcare delivery, they also serve as advocates for quality patient care and all settings. So has partnered with us throughout the.

Pandemic, um, they provided thousands of hours of nurses at our mass vaccination clinic. Um, they're at broadband arena, um, by recruiting volunteers from their membership. So they provided thousands of volunteer hours.

And, um, in addition to recruiting, they train and supervise their registered nurses at Broadbent and assisting us and providing over 109,000 vaccine doses.

So, as we move forward with, and we transition to mobile missions back in March of 21, we needed more assistance and we needed that immediately.

So, at that time, the nurses were already trained. Um, and their staff was already trained. They were providing the highest. they were providing the highest

Quality vaccination services, so we had contracted with them the assistance with the mobile missions, um, through this past June. Um.

And right before that time, the federal government had stopped providing reimbursement for covid testing and vaccinations to most medical providers. So the federal government was reimbursing a lot of.

So, there was more capacity in the community once that.

Stopped the, the demand increased significantly, so we underestimated, um, our cost.

So this is paid for with dollars, uh, meets the qualifications to receive those federally funded American rescue plan.

Fees, so it is an increase to cover for 55,000 to basically so we can pay them for March. Um.

Through May of 2022, um, and just to let, you know, when when you look at the cost there, they're absolutely, um, the services they're providing is at a very equitable rate um, lower than most other contract, medical services.

For instance. Um, their fee for a registered nurse is 30 dollars an hour. thirty dollars an hour

You cannot contract for that anywhere in the community, um, their contract fees for an advanced, um, or a, um, a registered nurse supervisor is either 60 or 65 dollars, uh, with rates, comparative of, uh,

over 80 dollars an hour for other, um, contracting services. So, you know, we had looked at that. And I'm happy to answer questions.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Thank you. So we're making up a little bit and I was going to ask if this is if this is new money, or if this is our our money.

So, you answered that question, but we're also in a, not to exceed amount of 300,000 dollars is that that's through fiscal 23. fiscal twenty three

"Mendel, Connie"

That well, I guess, because we'd be paying them in 23 so they haven't been paid, um, up to that amount for services. They began delivering in 2021, I think, March of 21. so they've received all but 55,440 dollars. all but fifty five thousand four hundred and forty dollars

"Vice Chair Engel"

Okay, so this is our colleagues and I don't know what the balance in that account is or whatever, but we have enough to pay this. I assume. Does anybody have any questions with regard to this particular?

Resolution, I don't see anybody and we do, we are gonna list our colleagues that are online in the Q2 as well. Is that what we said? Okay, great. There's nobody in the queue so that we're going to write to the voice vote on this, all those in favor. Please say, aye.

"Committee Member Kramer"

Aye.

"Vice Chair Engel"

All those opposed, you guys have it the item carry item number 3 a resolution uh, yes.

Yeah, but move it to consent resolution ratifying and approving a collective bargaining agreement August 1st, 2022 to June 30th, 2025, relating to wages benefits and other terms, and conditions of employment between local Jefferson County metro government and the international brotherhood of electrical workers AFL CIO seal C. local 369 concerning certain employees of local Metro, emergency services, Metro, safe.

and sixty nine concerning certain employees of local metro emergency services metro safe

Is there a motion

"Committee Member Kramer"

Motion to approve Kramer

"Vice Chair Engel"

There's motion Guzman Kramer 2nd consequence purpose and we do have a speaker to this item as well.

Did you introduce yourself please.

Think she might be penny may be on mute.

"Bland, Penny"

Think she might be penny may be on mute. Hello? I'm sorry pretty bland labor relations.

Um, I don't think there's anyone on the call from to speak about the economics, but I'm here in the event that there are any questions about the union contract.

In the South outside of the economic piece of it.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Yes, Richard's here with us if you could introduce yourself please.

"Richard Champion"

Richard champion office, management, budget, finance director.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Could you get us up to speed a little bit so high level thoughts on this particular bargaining agreement? Please

"Richard Champion"

absolutely disagreement. Before you covers 20 positions Rio technician 1, radio technician 2 computer aided dispatch analyst. It meets the objectives of the administration that's in line with projected revenue growth over the life of the contract.

It's a 3 year contract covering fiscal years. 23 through 25. it includes cola's and longevity. and longevity

A 2% cost of living adjustment, increase each fiscal year and a graduated longevity increase. The cumulative compensation is 10%. The total cost to the contract is 3.5Million without fringes 4.7Million with fringes.

It was approved on a 9 to 8 vote and with that, I'll pause and answer any other questions you might have. and answer any other questions you might have

"Vice Chair Engel"

Thank you very much for the background on that.

9 to 8 is a, not exactly, uh, you know, a whopping unanimous vote. Could you share maybe some concerns on some of the so I wasn't there.

"Richard Champion"

so I wasn't there.

I don't know if penny can speak to that.

"Bland, Penny"

I was not there for their vote either, but from what I understand from talking to the union representative, that the vote was close, because some employees wanted a higher percentage in calls.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Thank you colleagues I mean, it's.
3.50004.7Million infringes is a pretty significant amount of money, uh.
I haven't heard any quite honestly I haven't heard any.
Major issues coming through my office and so.
Unless anybody has any concerns questions, comments.
This will go right to a voice vote all those in favor. Please say, aye

"Committee Member Kramer"

aye.

"Vice Chair Engel"

All those opposed the ayes have it. The item carries.
We'll go to item number 4.

"Committee Member Kramer"

how would you send that to consider?

"Vice Chair Engel"

Yeah Yeah. Sorry. Could we send that to consent?
Is that what you say? Yep. Item number 4.
R1 13 dash 2 to a resolution pursuant to the capital and operating budget
ordinances, approving the appropriation to fund the following non,
competitively negotiated professional service contract for Metro police
department, concerning consulting services,
for training and planning to improve effectiveness and efficiency within
the newly created Bureau of accountability and improvement BR, WS
management for 60,000 dollars. sixty thousand dollars
Do we have a motion

"Vice Chair Engel"

motion by holding 3rd?
Is there a 2nd.
2nd, uh.
Paul Humphrey, I got you listed as speaking to this item. Is that
correct?

"Humphrey, Paul"

Yes, sir.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Take it away. Tell us what's going on here.

"Humphrey, Paul"

Is there a deputy chief, Paul Humphrey, Metro police, accountability and improvement.

Um, as we stood up the accountability improvement bureau to, um. Stand up all of the police reforms and accountability systems within police department that we've talked about several times, especially related to the arc funding.

Uh, that we've been allocated, we are now up and running. We've got a lot of moving parts.

And, uh, we are bringing in this consultant to help us with the strategic plan and to facilitate some of the training and KPIs that will be associated with it.

Help us establish some of our measurement tools.

As well, as train our personnel on how to manage those, uh, those systems ongoing, so we can keep track and make sure that.

We actually are successful in measuring the things that we need to measure.

Um, after already, um, talking with the consultant.

And explaining the scope of the project I am, I am very comfortable that this is going to be a valuable relationship that is going to make this process for us.

Much more efficient and effective and I'm, I'm looking forward to working with the consultant on this project.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Thank you very much. And before we get any further up, we are now joined by constant ackrason. And so so this, when does this training.

When do we get started or have we gotten started.

"Humphrey, Paul"

So, are you talking about with a consultant? Are you talking about.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Within the bureau

"Humphrey, Paul"

within the bureau, we, we're up and running the bureau is is up and running and we've, we've made several hires.

And at this point, what we're going to do with a consultant is make sure that all of the different moving parts within the bureau are working properly together.

There's a lot going on within this bureau between training policy creation systems of audits and accountability that we have to make sure they are all working together.

Working efficiently and measuring it, so it's, it's, it's up and running now.

We've had preliminary talks with the, um.

With the consultant on the training side of it and the strategic planning side of it. And so that that is already beginning as well,

"Vice Chair Engel"

right and, you know, that's exciting. So, so expectation wise what what in the next.

4 or 5 months what what do you what do you see happening what's going on now and and your expectations for for this particular this particular project.

"Humphrey, Paul"

So, with this particular project, what I expect over the course of it is within the next couple of months, um, we have plans to make sure that, uh, the strategic plan is up and running by September.

And we start to hit those key performance indicators of.

Of both hiring as well as performance and measurement. Um, so for instance, we'll be, we'll be looking at our audit system.

And making sure that not only are we auditing what we want to, but we're having a feedback system. That's effective.

And making sure that it feeds back into our policy and our training and our systems of leadership.

So, we expect that by time this contract is fulfilled.

We will have a system that will be able to correct itself as well as well as evaluate itself.

And then reproduce that for the public to be able to see in a in a transparent, efficient way.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Great Thank you very much for that. Uh, presentation an explanation any.

Any 1 of my colleagues have any questions for.

For Paul Humphrey seen none, this resolution requires a voice vote all in favor. Please say aye

"Committee Member Kramer"

aye.

"Vice Chair Engel"

All right, all those opposed the eyes habit, the item carries, we'll move it to consent.

Item number 5.

And this will require, uh.

Us to, uh, to unstable because it was tabled at the last. No, yes yes.

This is item number r0, 96 Dash, 22 a resolution pursuant to the capital and operating budget ordinances, approving the appropriation to fund the fiscal year 2023 portion.

Of the following non competitively negotiated sole source contract for metro safe concerning 9911 system support.

Upgrades maintenance and installation.

A T and T Corp for 3.5000.

Is there a motion to untable

"Committee Member Kramer"

ocean on table Kramer?

"Vice Chair Engel"

Motion to table with constant Kramer.

2nd, by holding Stewart colleagues, I just kind of go back a little bit on this 1. this did get some.

Get some discussion, and just, I did ask the county attorney for a little background on this just real quickly. I wanted to share this with my colleagues.

But where where this thing started, in fact, I'm going to yield back to him, but.

The, uh, this particular.

Contract by Metro safe was presented to the council with the latest iteration of the 901 contract.

For approval back in 2018 subject to annual renewals yearly each year thereafter were subject to approval of the council. The total contract duration is to be 5 years from that 2018 start date. two thousand and eighteen start date

Okay, so anyway, that that's a little bit of, you know, where this thing began and so.

I would yield the floor to our speaker for this particular item. If you could is it, Michael? Michael Bennett?

"Jodi Meiman"

Actually sorry, Jodi mom and Michael's on here as well but it's Jodi mom and I apologize. My camera's not working. Uh, so you can't see me, but, uh, Jodi, the executive director here at Metro emergency services and Metro safe, and I appreciate you all having us back on.

Um, and it's just, as you said, counsel, and I appreciate you starting it off, like, that this is the 5th year of a 5 year contract um, that we brought this to you guys, we brought it to you since 2018 for the annual renewal of services and maintenance.

services and maintenance

And existing, and the existing product that we have, and I don't know if there was any confusion last time, but this is this isn't anything new as far as infrastructure or equipment? Uh, again, it's just, as I said, it's, uh, it's maintenance.

Um, and, uh, and and program administration for the existing things that we have. Um, and again, this is, uh, the 5th year of a, of a 5 year contract that we would be bringing this to you all.

"Vice Chair Engel"

I guess. Thank you.

Thank you.

Very much for for that clarification, I, I think our colleagues.

Want to speak for everyone, because they're going to ask their questions if they want them. But but 3 and a half 1Million dollars really for upgrades.

To to approve that almost sent a message that we're actually by investing that kind of money that we're almost renewing the next 5 year contract. When we don't even have a new mayor.

We have a new mayor that's going to be in place in November, January. Excuse me.

Um, and so tell us what the.

I guess we wanted to kind of get an idea of what other, what other options.

Metro may have with this particular system, not the upgrade, but well, actually, 3 and a half 1Million dollars is a lot of money, but talk about what? The, the actual contract, the 5 year contract means as well going forward.

"Jodi Meiman"

Right. So this this again, this is no upgrades this is the existing infrastructure and the existing service that is provided to us, uh, by 80 T. it is also, um, all the phone lines.

This, this goes to all the all the 901 phone lines for our main 911 center on at 400 at the 14 building. It goes to all the name, the main 901 service phones to our backup center, which is on in the Southwest, or the southern part of the county.

It also goes to all the answering and phone systems for. goes to all the answering and phone systems for

A lot of the infrastructure at the Edison building uh, and it also goes out to 6 other secondary public safety, answering points within Jefferson County. Uh, that is service through us as well as 6 other counties surrounding Jefferson County.

Uh, that is, uh, provided through this service. That they reimburse the city for as well.

"Vice Chair Engel"

So, I guess just a, again, this.

This is the Jody in the in the title that I just read.

A, the word upgrades is listed.

"Meiman III, Edward J."

And so to be honest with you, that was probably a mistake then.

And I apologize for that.

"Vice Chair Engel"

I don't know what what that constant Kramer.

"Committee Member Kramer"

Thank you Mr. chair. Um, so.

Given the conversation.

This is correct I'm hoping that Paul turns off his pay attention to it and Jody will correct me if I get this wrong. But.

This is a maintenance agreement that we have that's in conjunction with a contract that we signed in 2018. that's a 5 year contract.

So, an analogy for me, just to make it easier for me to do this in my head and so somebody correct me if I get this wrong. But. this wrong but If I were to buy a software package from from Microsoft, and I bought it in year 2018. Microsoft would assure me that they would support that. System that I just purchased for the next 5 years and if there were any upgrades or any, any new.

Changes in the software, they would install those or make those changes included in that contract and that.

That with this contract, not only did they agree that they would do those kinds of things, but that every year there would be an ongoing expense. To cover the cost of whatever it is that they had to do. So my 1st read of this, I see upgrades and I see installation. I'm thinking you're talking about, like, hardware.

Like, we're buying new things, but as I'm understanding the conversation now and again, I'm I've laid it out there as an analogy and I hope someone can talk. I got it wrong. It's not an upgrade or an installation, like equipment. Like, we think of hardware.

It's more of a software update or or an.

That makes it work the way it's supposed to did I capture that

"Jodi Meiman"

So like, 3.5Million Dollar agreement, they can see that they bought about 2 weeks ago. I'll call you back.

.That that's correct, sir.

"Committee Member Kramer"

That makes a lot more sense.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Yes, it does

"Jodi Meiman"

council and Kramer. I appreciate you coming up with that analogy. Just in the last 20 minutes that we've spoke. So I couldn't have said it any better.

"Committee Member Kramer"

I spent a few minutes after we got off the phone, trying to figure out exactly how I could make this make sense in my own head. And that was as near as I could come to an analogy that made sense.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Okay, so if I could now that you all understand analogies and I do too a little bit. Oh, yes. Councilman purpose. I hope I didn't miss you on a previous discussion point. And if I did, I very much apologize.

You're you're up, you have the floor.

"Committee Member Purvis"

Thank you, sir. I'm, I'm not in a queue. I don't know why. So I'd have to wait until you are. No.

"Ackerson, Brent"

I've asked to speak with counseling purpose. Someone's not monitoring the key because I've been in the queue for a bit also. So somebody in the clerk's office, there needs to get on on the queue. Council on purpose I didn't mean to interrupt you. No.

"Vice Chair Engel"

No, go ahead and cancel my purpose. Okay. And and.

"Committee Member Purvis"

I can understand that was my colleagues and it's kind of frustrated when we're trying to get your attention but, you know, mistakes happen. I'm just curious we are, they're asking us to approve this dollar amount 1. I like to know what this competition look like. Um, and if they even shop the market for, you know, Patrick bidding.

"Jodi Meiman"

Well, I can answer that and there is competition out there. But we haven't explored it because we're in a contract so. Being within the contract, you know, I guess, in my opinion, and the way I understand it is, we're obligated to that.

"Committee Member Purvis"

Well, the contract ends next year. That's correct.

"Jodi Meiman"

And we will, you know, W, we're obviously explore competition, um, through this next year. Um, you know, to see if there's anything else out there. Okay. And so.

"Committee Member Purvis"

They're asking us you all are asking us to approve an amount. That should really the services should really be inclusive in the original contract. Correct? Or, I mean, we're paying for upgrades and understand.

"Jodi Meiman"

No, upgrades existing service and maintenance. With existing equipment that we've got, this is again the 5 year contract, and this has every we've brought this to the Council, uh, for

the last 4 years. This is the 5th year that we brought it to the council in the same way.

"Committee Member Purvis"

So, this is already spelled out in the original contract that was. Created what, 4, and a half years ago 4 years ago that they would be coming to the council annually. Uh, getting this amount approved. Okay. Okay.

All right, thank you, sir. Um, thank you. Hi, Christian. I can't. I'm sorry, thank you. Awesome. And ackrason

"Jodi Meiman"

That's correct.

"Vice Chair Engel"

I apologize. We, we did not have you in the queue and so, sir, I apologize but you have the floor.

"Committee Member Ackerson"

Quarter right I was using the, uh, the, what do we call here? The queue on the, the group me text. Okay, let's show up with 1st of all. What's the 1st name? The individual I'm speaking to it in the audience. Jody mom. Joey. Okay, Joe, let me see if I understand this let's break this down very simply for everyone listening. We're under 5 year contract. How much that 5 year contract for it?

"Jodi Meiman"

Uh, 3.5 times, actually.

"Committee Member Ackerson"

So, it's 3 and a half 1Million dollars a year. That's what we agreed to.

"Jodi Meiman"

That's correct.

"Committee Member Ackerson"

So 3 and a half 1Million dollars a year. So last year we paid 3, half 1Million dollars. So pay 3 and a half 1Million dollars a year for 5 years correct?

"Jodi Meiman"

That's correct.

"Committee Member Ackerson"

Okay. That makes me feel a little better about the situation because what I'm hearing otherwise is we enter into a contract and then. When I was initially under, the impression of is that a year 4 of 5 years, and his for a 3 and a half 1Million dollar. Upgrade that's not the case. Correct that is correct.

"Jodi Meiman"

So, it's not the case, right? That is correct.

"Committee Member Ackerson"

So, we're just paying out so how can we have to reaffirm the contract price every year? Why why is it that, uh. You know, we didn't do it the 1st year 5 times 3 and a half. It's gonna be 18Million dollars. Why didn't we just passed 18 minute our contract to be done with it.

"Jodi Meiman"

To be able to split it up between years to even out the budget.

"Committee Member Ackerson"

Okay, I'll accept that based upon that. I will be voting yesterday, but prior to understanding that I was a novel. Because it seemed like it was about as back asked for the situation as possible to integrate it. The contract. And then it's cosmic Kramer's pointing out having upgrades cause that's what was explained this last. 2 weeks ago with this was upgrades and so somebody misspoke 2 weeks ago, but to enter to. Year 4, and pay 3 and a half 1Million dollars upgrades sort of Gates, the fact of being able to to competitively shop elsewhere because we keep going down the same same path. Over and over, you're telling me that's not the case we allocate this year. We can competitively bid next year.

"Jodi Meiman"

And not feel like we're behind the ball correct that is correct. And I'll take responsibility for the way the resolution was written written and I apologize for that.

"Committee Member Ackerson"

That's all right. I mean, you know, these things to happen, we've cleared it up down so, you know, before I was a no vote tonight, I'll be a yes. Vote and I hope that we'll competitively bid this thing next year. Thank you Mr. chair

"Vice Chair Engel"

Thank you. Councilman Ackerson and I tell you what so, this doesn't happen again to future committees. I would like to move that. We remove the term and word upgrades.

From the title of this particular resolution, I don't know if we want to remove maintenance. I think that stays, but upgrades is really.

What colleagues, I just wonder wonder what you think if we just remove the word upgrades from the title of the resolution.

"Jodi Meiman"

I may I speak to councilmen when I say 1 thing about that just to be careful and be cautious about is if there is an upgrade that needs to be pushed.

Through the year, um, as part of the current product that we have.

That could, that could be that could have to happen. It's not like a new infrastructure. It's not new equipment, but, you know, through the year, they do push upgrades as they find things wrong within their system software. So, I guess when you start talking software that could, that could clearly require an upgrade at some point.

That could, and it could be something that is, is something that just comes up through the year that we don't expect.

"Committee Member Ackerson"

Could I speak to Mr chair?

"Vice Chair Engel"

Councilman Ackerson?

"Committee Member Ackerson"

I don't think we should talk about upgrades at all. I think to be transparent here we should call this.

"Jodi Meiman"

Payment your 5 payment of a 5 year contract.

"Committee Member Ackerson"

This is, this is the 5th year row that it sounds like we've allocated 350,000 dollars.

Or 3.5000050 and row 3.5Million dollars.

It's the 5th payment on a 5 year contract plan. That's what we should be call this because the maintenance and the rest of the stuff it sounds like it's included in our 18. 1Million dollar agreement.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Very true. But this is the closing. This is sort of the closing bell on this 5 year contract. So we're gonna be up against another complete, which actually leads me to Jody. If I could.

Do you anticipate and how soon do you anticipate potentially going off for a competitive bid on this particular contract?

"Jodi Meiman"

Well, it would be something that, that we'd have to do mid fiscal year, obviously, uh, to get the ball rolling.

"Vice Chair Engel"

I mean, because we would hate to be up against the clock again, which we sometimes find ourselves in these type of contracts, and we have to do this or for fear of we're going to have to shut down services to our, our citizens.

So, I would encourage, I think everybody loves to competitively bid things. You just feel better about things. So anyway, definitely.

"Jodi Meiman"

And, you know, we're, we're also going through the computer to dispatch upgrade, which is going to go live January 1 as as our expectation. So. With that going live, there's going to be a lot of enhancements that that can go into that into that competitive bid. So, um, or we can ask for, you know, on the other side of that.

So, that's why, you know, mid, mid, fiscal year is when we would start to explore that.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Well, thank you for being here to explain this, because there was a lot of anxt on this thing when we walked out either. The Kramer

"Committee Member Kramer"

Thank you. Mr. I want to start with Thank you. Council action.

Those are great questions and I wish I could claim that I had thought of every 1 of those questions. I hadn't. But you did ask a couple of questions that I thought were important. Perhaps the most.

Pressing is that when we entered into this contract 5 years ago, we knew then that it was going to be an ongoing expense and, um, and I apologize, I'm new to this committee.

I wasn't aware that this was a failure ongoing contract and so I'm going to ask it as a question in that 1st, year of the contract. Jody.

When we, when we signed on to this, we said that we would come back every year and it had to be re, approved every year.

Was there an 18 was there a 7 I think was actually 17.5Million was that.

Number in that original contract 5, years ago, did we know that this is how much we would spend over 5 years or was it a contract that allowed for some flexibility?

"Meiman III, Edward J."

We knew that. Okay.

"Committee Member Kramer"

Okay.

So, as we move into the coming year, with with competitive bidding, we know what we spent in the past. We know what's what's out there. We know the landscape may or may not have changed a whole lot in terms of technology. So we will be negotiating.

I'm guessing a similar contract where we'll know upfront what the cost is and hopefully.

We will try to spread out over 5 years again.

"Jodi Meiman"

Oh, that's that's correct.

"Committee Member Kramer"

Okay. Great. Thank you.

"Jodi Meiman"

And keep that in mind when we come to your next day and my counselor an actress, and I've moved to. Yes, thank you.

"Vice Chair Engel"

Yeah, we may want to we may want to reword this thing next year. You never know not to exceed.

3.5 times 5 as 18 or something to that effect. So, Alex, any, any other questions comments for for our speakers for this 1.

We'll go to a voice vote all those in favor say, aye

"Committee Member Kramer"

aye.

"Vice Chair Engel"

I suppose the eyes have the item carries, but I think I would like to, uh.

I'd like to move this to old business to, to inform, just to keep our colleagues on the council. It's a full council updated on this particular contract. So.

Colleague, if anyone has any further questions, just please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Thank you Jodi, appreciate your time. Oh, thank you. All colleagues I have 3 additional items that have been told to me are being held. Is that correct?

67 and 8 are being held, which means that we actually finished well in advance of the public works committee who we took 30 minutes of their time last time and they were about ready to try to steal it. Now. I'm just kidding.

The chair was very nice. And let us go to 345 and we achieved it. So, without any further without objection, this meeting and this committee will stand adjourned. Thank you. will stand adjourned thank you