

Unedited Transcript of Appropriations Committee Meeting - July 20, 2022

"Blackwell, Rick"

I call to order the Appropriations Committee. It's 4:35 on Wednesday the 20th reflect bar chair with me and in Chambers is Council Member Fox, Council Member Triplett, Council Member Kramer, Councilmen Peden, Council Member Bowens, Council Member Mulvihill, and Vice Chair Reed. So, we'll get started with item 1 is appropriate 4,500 dollars from district 1, capital infrastructure funds to develop local to bridge the gap and funding to complete the Portland Plaza project approval.

"Peden, James"

Approval, Peden.

"Triplett, Kevin"

Second, Triplett.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Emotion and 2nd is before us. Does not require a speaker do we have any questions or concerns. Seeing none of those in favor say, aye, any opposed? I just haven't item passes item. 2 is appropriating 5,000 dollars from district four neighborhood development funds, the office of management and budget to downtown development corporation for the I Was Here project.

"Peden, James"

Approval Peden.

"Triplett, Kevin"

2nd Triplett.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Thank you. Properly in motion and 2nd and Mr. Herndon is here to speak to this one.

"Ken Herndon"

Mute me there you go. Can you hear me?

"Blackwell, Rick"

Yeah, we can.

"Ken Herndon"

Yes, I'm here speaking actually, on behalf of Rebecca Fleischaker, our executive director, who had an unbelievable conflict today. I'm a place making manager. For the downtown partnership level, downtown partnership the, I Was Here program, uh, was a, a result of the. Once long downtown revitalize revitalization committee that met for several months in late. A 2020 and early 2021 and gave us report out I believe in a spring of 2021 uh, what this is a program that was developed in Lexington. By a group over there and has, uh, applications both there. And I think, I believe in New York state somewhere, uh, what it is the appropriation is for. Uh, develop to develop an app, which will, uh. Be taken by the self-guided citizens. To several sites within Jefferson County that talk about, uh, uh, the history of slavery. And other, uh, subject, subject

matter subject matters, uh, throughout the county. Uh, there are a couple of dozen sites that are being considered a 4 of which are in downtown, global. Therefore, the downtown partnership has already committed 2500 dollars toward total of 7,500 dollars. For this 1st phase to match the appropriations, put forth by counsel on Arthur, for example, uh, what it does there are 4 of the 4. Uh, locations in downtown Louisville, 1, of which you might be familiar with is the garrison slave pen marker on the southeast corner of 2nd street and main street directly across from pizza. Uh, what this, uh, this app would do it, uh, allow a person to. Go to that location and in addition to just reading the, the written narrative on the, uh, Kentucky State marker there would add a visual and a verbal. Uh, voice narration of the site to give them an even more nuanced, immediate impact. Um. Education and experience on site. Uh, if you're familiar with that side, as you face East, there's a building across the, the parking lot. And what happens is on your phone or iPad or whatever you have with, you. Uh, the app would pull up with produced and produce images. On the side of the building of the photograph that building on the application, and it would have a voice over describing and much more detail than is on the sign. What occurred there when it occurred and to give the viewer. A much more personalized enhanced experience. Uh, as I said, there is an active program in Lexington. That group was brought here by a couple of billions as a result of the downtown revitalization committee recommendation and so we strongly encourage you to join us and approving this appropriation. So that that app can be developed in the program can be further developed again. This is the 1st. A part of this project, but it certainly worthwhile for the further education of our community about. What has happened in our past and how we can learn from it and come together. And so that's basically it it's a, it's a great program. Very fulfilling, and we, in the at the downtown partnership. Strongly supported and hope you do too.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Good any questions or concerns I did 3rd, so I forgot to have the clerk read the disclaimer before we started. So we'll do that very quickly and then we'll. Listen to a Councilman Peden."

"Franklin, Lisa"

This meeting is being held pursuant to 61.826 and counter RA, read in full.

"Peden, James"

Very good, thank you. Councilman. I just wanted to ask Mr. Herndon for the 5,000 dollars. How many historic locations does that cover? Is it infinite? Is it one?

"Ken Herndon"

You know, the last list I saw was, uh, around 20 or so county. They are looking at, uh, different ones, but I think they plan on landing around 20. I said, we believe that 4 will end up being in the central business district, which is why we're putting some money to support it for them. Uh, but at last count that I saw, and this has been a little bit it was around 20 county. So, they were scattered all over to him.

"Peden, James"

No, no, no. Well, my, my follow up question is because this is 5,000 dollars strictly from Jecorey. Um, is it 20, 4,5,000 dollars. But 4,000 dollars more you get 40. I mean, it's kind of what I'm asking because. Other Council people are especially history teachers like me might be somewhat generous about this. If they're in they're coming in and offering 20 sites you as the downtown development group or anyone county wide with historic preservation. I mean, if there's 1 at fondly Mormon on 1 into town and Lucas grove at the other and so on, and all of those kinds of things. I mean, if it just took another 1000 or 2 to cover 100 places, right that's something that I'm very much interested in. At least.

"Ken Herndon"

Okay, I don't have the exact answer to that. I'll be more than happy to check with the with the folks and get back with you. I, I do believe that this I know, I know it can be added onto. I don't know what the cost of that edition would be. I'll be happy to check that out and get back with you about that.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Yes, that's a great idea because right now, if we were to add on now, you have to go to an ordinance. So, probably be easier for us.

"Peden, James"

No, it's going to be easier to pass this and maybe and then come back later, but yes, if contractually with this company, we can write it up.

"Blackwell, Rick"

No yes. I agree with you there. Yeah, absolutely. And also, I just want to point out to that. So this is an ordinance that an expenditure where they've already extended. Some of the money just want to make sure everybody realizes that too. So it's. Emergency button or not emergency, but, um. For this our term for that we've expanded, so they had to put some money out already. And so the receipts are in the pocket that you received for the money that they already had to put out. Other questions or concerns, seeing none of those in favor say, aye aye. I post item 3 is repealing an appropriation of 1900 dollars from district, 90 development funds to metro parks for the annual community Council of 4th of July celebration.

"Peden, James"

Move approval Peden.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Thank you. Hi. Notice before us Ethridge you're going to explain why we offered money and now we're bringing it back.

" Kyle Ethridge"

Good afternoon Kyle Ethridge, Legislative Assistant to councilman Bill Hollander in the 9th district. This is pretty self explanatory, but this was on the metro parks council list of official events and so we had put forth this money and Metro parks reminded us of that. So, we are asking for it back. Please.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Awesome. Questions or concern?

"Peden, James"

Can she explain what it means bad to be on the metro parks official list? Or anyone else in this committee for that matter?

"Blackwell, Rick"

What, do you want to?

"Ethridge, Kyle"

Sure I'm happy to explain it in the budget Council. Put aside some funds with Metro parks for official district events That are that happen in parks. And as long as your list, or your event was on that official list, it was paid for by Metro parks, because we had already paid for it upfront. And so this was on that official list. We just forgot that it was on the list. And that was, that's my fault.

"Blackwell, Rick"

We did the same thing for review. So so they don't charge you for the rentals and all those things right?

"Ethridge, Kyle"

They send us an invoice which we then processed and then we realized it was on the official list you have.

"Fox, Mark"

If, you know, you're going to do it anyway. I got you.

"Ethridge, Kyle"

Right right.

"Blackwell, Rick "

I'm just saying that that's not part property, which is what was the confusing part so.

"Ethridge, Kyle"

Yes, that is correct. Yeah, we, it was our only event that we have and we, they do park rentals though, and so that's why it was a parks event.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Other questions or concerns. Seeing all those in favor say, aye, item passes. Item 4 is appropriating 19,696 dollars and 30 cents from district 9 capital infrastructure funds to public works for the purchase and installation of 4, solar powered driver feedback science on pain street between Baxter Avenue And Clifton Avenue.

"Peden, James"

New approval, Peden.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Approval motion 2nd before us. So Ethridge you're up again.

"Ethridge, Kyle"

Thank you. I'm so speeding is a big issue on pain street and for years residents, and the neighborhoods have been asking for the portable speed machine signs. And so this is funding for signs 2 in each direction on pain street 1 in the Irish neighborhood and 1 in the Clifton neighborhood, and we've already approved the locations with the neighborhoods, and these are completely solar powered signs so there's no cords or anything running through them and let people know how fast they're going.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Is Pane where you did some traffic calming things years ago years ago too

"Ethridge, Kyle"

Yes, yes.

"Blackwell, Rick"

so it still doesn't it helps but doesn't take care of it. Okay.

108 "Blackwell, Rick"

Gotcha questions or concerns. I check my queue all those in favor. Say, aye aye, any opposed? As item passes. Item 5 is an ordinance appropriating 4,100 dollars for neighborhood development funds and the following manner 1000 dollars from district 9, 500 dollars each from districts, 10,12,21 and 22, 300 dollars each from districts 20 & 14 and 250 dollars each from districts 18 in 2003 through the office of management budget to the Saint Joseph, Catholic governance Society for public safety, sanitation and rentals for Saint Joseph children at home, annual picnic fundraiser who approval?

"Peden, James"

Approval, Peden

"Triplet, Kevin"

2nd, Triplett.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Thank you for motion and 2nd, before us Ms. Ethridge you may begin.

"Ethridge, Kyle"

Thank you. So this is the grant to St, Joseph children's home for their annual scheduled picnic, which will be Friday, August, 12th and Saturday, August 13th at their location at 2823, Frankfurt Avenue. Funds will specifically be used for public safety, sanitation rentals, security, first aid, safety tents, fencing, stage, rentals, golf carts, trash, collection, dumpsters, sanitation stations, a port, a potty parking wristbands and ambulances. I'd also like to amend this at this time to add 2 sponsors, Councilman Shanklin for 500 dollars and Councilwoman Flood for 500 dollars.

"Peden, James"

That's what I'm going to pause on that, because I think Councilman Triplett is also going to kick in here in a minute.

"Triplett, Kevin"

Thank you, thank you. I would like to further this amendment to add 500 dollars from district 15.

If we can add that to that amendment, please. Or, do we approve the 1st amendment?

"Blackwell, Rick"

No, you can add it to it. That's fine. W

"Blackwell, Rick "

When I add as well Mr chair. Okay. Just trying to keep track of what we have here. 100 dollars short of the 6,000 that was requested.

So you can, you can do 400, then it takes care of us, right?

"Ethridge, Kyle"

Actually, I think we're only 400 shy at this point, because I added a 1000 then it will just. Oh, okay. Sorry. Yeah. Perfect.

"Blackwell, Rick"

If you can do for him, right? If someone's going to add you as 400 we're good.

"Fox, Mark"

400 dollars from district 13.

"Peden, James"

I make that in a form of a motion.

"Triplett, Kevin"

And I'll 2nd that.

"Blackwell, Rick"

That's very good. Okay. Now we have the amendment before us. Questions or concerns all those in favor say, aye. Any opposed?

"Blackwell, Rick"

Now we have the amended ordinance before us?

Questions or concerns saying they wanted a queue. That's an ordinance comfortable. Call vote. Please help in the voting. Yup. There we go.

"Franklin, Lisa"

Committee member Mulvihill?

"Mulvihill, Pat"

Yes.

"Franklin, Lisa"

Vice chair Reed?

"Reed, Scott."

Yes.

"Franklin, Lisa"

Mr. Chair, you have 7 yes votes.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Sounds very good. Thank you. I don't pass this on. Go to our business because the amendment, um, and this has where I apologize it kind of snap at you there with. That's what I said. I apologize.

"Ethridge, Kyle"

I'm sorry for the misunderstanding. That's perfect.

"Blackwell, Rick"

We're all good. 6 items, 6 is an ordinance appropriate in 1000 from neighbor development funds in the following manner. 1000 dollars from district 9 to the office of management and budget to local, independent business alliance for the 2022 by local fare.

"Peden, James"

Move approval Peden.

"Triplett, Kevin"

2nd Triplett.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Item moves before us here we go again, Ms. Ethridge you're up.

"Ethridge, Kyle"

Thank you. So, this is funding for the annual by local fare, which is scheduled on Saturday, July 30th from noon to 6 PM at Louisville water tower park, which is located at 3005 River Road. This event promotes locally owned and independent businesses. The event is free and open to the public. Funds will be used for rentals, bathrooms, trash and recycling, shirts, food and drinks, printing, licenses, bike, parking, advertisements, security, and ambulance and EMT services. We'd also like to amend to add the following sponsors. And bear with me, this one is a longer list: Counsel woman Shanklin for 500 dollars, District 6 Councilman James president James for 350 dollars. District 12 councilman BLACKWELL for 350 dollars. District 17 councilman Winkler for 350 dollars. District 20 councilman Benson for 300 dollars. District 21 councilwoman George for 450 dollars. District 3 councilman Dorsey for 250 dollars. District 25 Councilwoman Holton for 350 dollars district, 10 councilmen Mulvihill for 850 dollars. District 7 councilwoman McCraney for 475 dollars and district 1, councilwoman Bowens for 350 dollars. Believe the total of the additions or 4,575 dollars.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Oh, there's plenty of room because it. Request is \$10,500, correct?

"Ethridge, Kyle"

Yes, yes.

"Fox, Mark"

Yes, I do you want to add to that amendment 500 dollars from district 13. Thank you Mr chair.

"Triplett, Kevin"

And Mr. Chair, I would like to further that amendment 500 dollars from district 15 as well.

"Peden, James "

I make all of those in the form of motion.

"Triplett, Kevin"

2nd.

"Blackwell, Rick"

All right amendment is before us, what is the total the amendment.

"Ethridge, Kyle"

I believe the total on the new total would be 5 of the amendment. Yeah, the amendment is adding 5,775 dollars.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Okay. And then total 6,000 when we get to the total? Yes. Okay. All right. Very good. So all in favor amendment, say, aye. Any opposed? Yes. Now we have the amended ordinance before us calling for please open a voting.

"Franklin, Lisa"

Committee member Mulvihill.

"Pat Mulvihill"

Yes.

"Franklin, Lisa"

Vice Chair Reed?

"Reed, Scott"

Yes.

"Franklin, Lisa"

Mr. chair you have 7 yes votes.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Good, I don't know if it passes and will go to the old business because of the amendment. And probably some others who would want to add on. Thank you, item 7, as an ordinance amending ordinance number, 87 series, 2021 and ordinance 88 series 2021 relating to fiscal year 2021 2022, operating and capital budgets, respectively, by transferring 125,000 from district 11 neighborhood development fund to the district living capital history, infrastructure fund.

"Peden, James"

New approval, Peden.

Triplett, Kevin"

2nd, Triplett.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Thank you. Item goes before us, Councilman Kramer.

"Kramer, Kevin"

Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you colleagues for indulging me. It's straightforward. We're going to move from. I'm asking that you allow us to move 125,000 dollars from the neighborhood development funds that have not been expended over to capital infrastructure. We are meeting with public works in the next couple of weeks to look at which sidewalks and which road improvements make the most sense we've gotten obviously, as the rest of you, and we've gotten several calls about sidewalks and concerns about trip hazards we recognize that through the budget, certain fours and fives will be taking care of but we also know that while they're out there, it might make more sense to go ahead and fix some threes and some fours, they got reported later. So, we're going to meet with public works and say, you know, how can we really stretch our dollars and get more sidewalk paving, taking care of and likewise with roads, if they're out there doing repaving in certain areas, that makes sense to go ahead and extend that that paving a little bit further. We just felt like while they were out in the district, it would make sense to get as much finished as we could and so we're moving this 125,000 over before that meeting so we have a sense of what it is. Thank you for your support. I should say, obviously, as the projects are identified, we will be coming back before you to let, you know, how we intend to allocate these funds.

"Blackwell, Rick"

All right very good questions and concerns, seeing none this as an ordinance, roll call, please open the voting.

"Franklin, Lisa"

Committee member Mulvihill?

"Pat Mulvihill"

Yes.

"Franklin, Lisa"

Vice Chair Reed?

"Reed, Scott"

Yes.

"Franklin, Lisa"

Mr. chair you have 7 yes votes.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Good, thank you. Item Passes. We'll go to consent.

"Kramer, Kevin"

I guess I should have asked before that if anybody wanted to add on? I mean, you show up in adding on today.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Would you like me to put it on old business that is that a possibility?

"Kramer, Kevin"

Thank you much. I appreciate the offer. I think we're good.

"Blackwell, Rick"

We're not coming back on Thursday. Thank you. Colleagues.

"Peden, James "

Mr. Chair before we get that far can if we can hold that item 8 please.

"Blackwell, Rick"

Yes, absolutely. So we have nothing further to come before us, entertain a motion to adjourn. That objection we are adjourned, thank you.