Captioning Transcript of Committee of the Whole Meeting - September 22, 2022

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Good evening I'd like to call the regular meeting of the committee of the whole to order.
Please note that please note that council members.
President James, Bowens, Winkler, Blackwell, and Ackerson have excused absences. My name is Anthony Piagentini. Otherwise known as president pro temp or if you so dare president pro temp.
This meeting is being held I did not.
Yes, uh, this meeting is being held pursuant to 61.826 and Council rule 5.
So, Jeff, laTonya Bell, Cassie Chambers Armstrong,Dan, Shalanna Taylor, Brent Ackerson, who has an excuse absence,Happy birthday.
His job is fun. Um, we have a special get.
It's great to see you. I didn't know you were coming and I just looked down at my script and it says that you are here.
That is a treat so, obviously, I know our special guest this evening tonight, colleagues, we have a guest, and very good friend of mine and brilliant. Overall human being von party.
She is the commissioner of the Kentucky opioid abatement advisory committee otherwise known as oh. Whack if I'm pronouncing this right is here to tell us on how to apply for the opioid abatement, trust, fund, monies, Ms. Priddy.
The podium is.
Yours

Von Priddy
Thank you very much.
Good evening. Everyone.
So, nicely be in front of you I know many of you. Uh, I also my day job, I should say is working at Simmons, college of Kentucky.
I am the vice president of community engagement and advancement.
So, I'm hearing dual rolls because I was selected by, uh, the attorney general's office to represent this, uh, commonweal, not only the commonwealth, but the.
City of so I will be the representative.
For the city of law to make sure.
Our area and the area of global receives these funds as you all may have heard.
Um, attorney general.
Cameron and NASA, Kentucky to receive 478Million dollars.
In a settlement with opiate comp companies, uh, to address.
The epidemic opioid epidemic across our state.
Um, the city and the commonwealth will be able to receive some 239,000,000.
Dollars for this effort for his effort. So my role is to represent those organizations who have already been on the ground, uh, doing the hard work to address.
And prevent and treat the, um.
We call it the scope, the issue of the opiate.
Uh, throughout the state, so we have begun meeting, um, back in June.

To talk about how to disperse this the application for the funding will be placed on the site on October 15th.
With all the requirements for application, and again, these funds will be available to all organizations that have been in the trenches doing this work. So I want to come before this body to make sure the rural area.
And all the organizations will be represented, so I will depend on you.
We will depend on you to make sure people know how to apply for these funds and receive them.
We plan to disperse the funds between January and March of 2023.
So, applications will need to be, uh, completed, uh.
We don't have a deadline yet for the completion, but I will report back, uh, when it's completed, but they do go online October 15th.
So, we asked that you encourage your constituents and your people it is for organizations, only not individual people, but for organizations who approve.
That they have been doing the working are working to get this.
To deal with the issue across the city. So, are there any questions.
Um, yep, it is on a slide. It is.
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President Pro-Tem Piagentini
And do you have something that so a lot of us send out electronic newsletters.
And, in addition to constituents local organizations that we work with that are in our districts so do you have something that you could send to all of us that we could sort of put into those?

Von Priddy
I do, I have given this 1st slide as some information.
This 1 page slide will tell you perfect everything you need.
It lists, when you go to the website, it lists all the commissioners names a list, who's non voting and voting there 2 non voting commissioners and there are 7 voting commissioners.
Everybody has an opportunity to get this information from their constituents. There will be a live town hall.
On November, 1st, for this area, Simmons, college of Kentucky, we will do 160 P. M. that evening. And when you go to the website, you will see the list of all the other places where town halls will take place.
This is the closest this is the only 1 in there will be 1 in the Lexington area. The 1st 1 was this past Monday night in pike.
So, we're going throughout the state to make sure this information is disseminated.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Excellent. Thank you. Councilman Triplett,

Council Member Triplett
I think is a question.
Making Mr. von, thank you for being with us. That's a whole lot of money.
And I think you kind of answered my question, it's for existing organizations already involved, already doing the work.
So, if this body, for example, had an initiative that we were working on, or sitting on ready to unveil, or get up and running, and we presented, like, okay, well,

Here's here's the mission. Here's the executive summary. Here's how the program works.
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Here's the partners and all the things and was ready to go.

Von Priddy
That wouldn't be that would not you have to be in existence for at least. I want to say 12 months. Okay. Fair enough. Well, I wish you the best blog we plan to disperse the funds as rapidly as possible. Again. It is a lot of money, but there is it is a huge problem.
So that money will probably go quickly, but we want to make sure in this area.
Uh, there are some good organizations in town here doing the work, so we want to make sure.
Those funds are dispersed, equally adequately.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Perfect any other questions.
Councilman Reed

Council Member Reed
thank you. Mr. president pro temp. Um.
Thanks for coming do we know what the criteria is going to be to forward? Um.
Disbursements

Von Priddy
we are working on the criteria. We have a meeting October 4th.
And we will have that we're trying to make it simple and not have a 5 page application process, but we do want to make sure people are.
Parent about the work they've been done and accountable we need to look at the back work that's been done into organizations your results and how long you

Council Member Reed
it'd be nice to know that before I put it in my newsletter. So.

Von Priddy
I will get it to you. We have a meeting October 4th and I will make sure this body gets me in.

Council Member Reed
Okay. Thank you. Very much.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Thank you any other questions

Von Priddy
I want, and then make a note that we are a volunteer body. No 1 gets paid. We, we do not receive.
A payment for this,

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
we'll appreciate all the work you're doing von. It's always great to see you tell the family. I said, Hello?
Thank you very much.

Von Priddy
Thank you. All.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Okay, we're now going to go over tonight's agenda Councilwoman Holton Stewart you have a special person attending tonight.

Council Member Holton Stewart
I do I have a page from district 25 that I'll be introducing tonight and so if you have some notes you want to pass around please, please using.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Perfect. Thank you.
Thank you Madam. Do we have addresses to council?

Clerk Harward
Yes, we do. We have 4.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
You communications, man communications from the mayor?

Clerk Harward
Yes, sir. We do 2.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Thank you, uh, the consent excuse me the consent calendar comprises of items 18 to 31 does anyone anyone wish to move any items from consent to old business?
Seeing no requests, we do have 1 piece of special legislation concerning the due date for us to develop a specific plan for spending funds from previous refunded paving and sidewalk capital accounts. We will vote to invoke rule.
7.01 subsection a, allowing us to vote on items introduced at the same meeting when deemed an emergency by the council council endorsing. Did you want to speak to this? Real quick? this real quick

Council Member Dorsey
Yes, thank you. So this will give public works more time to get estimates in, for some of our roads that we have not received estimates.
We did talk about this on committee on committee. Um.
Councilman precaution, TD did raise some concerns about this delaying overall projects but President James did assure us that we should be on time and on track.
This just allows them to continue to get estimates for the projects that they have not yet gotten estimates for.
I frankly am 1 of those districts so this allows us a little bit more time to work with public work so that they get the full estimates for some of our roads that we have or excuse me.

We have requested being paid, so this gives them that extension for 30 days. President James did talk with director Vanessa. What's her last name.
Burns, thank you director Burns, and she did let him know that they will be in compliance within the 30 day period otherwise he would have extended it longer. So we should be good to go on that. We just need to give them this, this grace period to get up to speed.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Thank you,Councilman Hollander

Council Member Hollander
Thank you. I would just also encourage everybody.
Certainly, some of the delay has been at public works in terms of getting estimates for projects but council members also need to really pay attention to their emails on this subject.
And I think and best in some cases are waiting for some information from council members also. So this is something that we put in the budget this year.
Because we have some accounts that are sitting out there. We did, I think.
You know, fair job of encouraging the administration to sweep accounts that were sitting and not being used but we also had some Council accounts that were just designated for sidewalks without saying, what sidewalks or what paving.
And so it really said unless unless those are designated by the council members by X date, we're now extending that date by month.
And public works is going to decide where to spend that money and I don't think most of us want that to happen. So I would just encourage people to watch your emails from all the time in Boston and be responsive. Thank you.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Thank you Councilman Hollander, any other questions.
Uh, that brings us to old business items for discussion old business. Tonight. Item number 1 is from public works.
I don't think councilman George is here for this item, but this is an item that I sponsored so I will be relinquishing the chair to Councilwoman Dorsey
If you need any theme music, you need to get it to the clerk as soon as possible. Uh.
And then saw relinquished to you give the explanation and then we'll switch back after the vote.
Thank you.
We have 2 items from planning and zoning on old business, Councilwoman flood.

Council Member Flood
Hey, Mr. President the 1st item is in Councilwoman Cindy fowler's district.
It was actually sent back to the committee because we were working out some language on some binding elements and we wanted to make sure that she was comfortable with the new language.

That was proffered by the county Attorney's office as it relates to changing use and change. And development plans, and then the 2nd, 1 is in council woman, Chambers armstrongs district and it was a.
The property actually is a.
Is it it has enjoyed nonconforming rights, but they're bringing it into, um, compliance changing it to. It's currently being used in as an office.
And that's what we'll be continued to, to use it for it at this time.
And that's it,

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
thank you councilman flood any questions on the planning and zoning cases.
See, none, uh, we have 1 item from appropriations councilman Reed.

Council Member Reed
Thank you Mr president pro temp. This is on old business because.
Woman chambers Armstrong would probably like to open it up for more contributions. So.
Councilman Chambers Armstrong

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yeah, so this request is for a cargo van for dress for success for a mobile outreach unit.
Um, so they have helped women and every single Council district dozens of women in every single Council district. They actually take the cargo van. They have out and they provide resources services related to job hunting. A lot of us know them for their suiting program, but they also do resume review networking trainings, give people access to tech. They have a big van that goes around.
And does these things that is booked months in advance and so this is a request to help them buy a 2nd band so that they can serve even more people throughout our community, and also expand down to working with high school age girls around leadership and job skills,
so it would appreciate your all support when we get to it.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Terrific Thank you. Any additional questions.
None

Council Member Chambers Armstrong
and I do want to say council and McKinney is also a leading sponsor on this as the CO chair of the women's caucus, and she might wish to say something else. So if you could please recognize counsel on the training Council.

Council Member McCraney
Thank you. Um, what is the president? Pro temp Tim. That's right. And councilman Armstrong chambers. I'm strong.
I don't have much more to say than that, but I do want to encourage everyone to chime in on this and give dollars because this is a very worthwhile.
Uh, endeavor, and if you could see this traveling van, you would be very impressed and you will be very glad that you contributed to the 2nd van and its causes. Thank you so much.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Thank you, Councilman Triplett.

Council Member Triplett
Thank you council I'm already as Co sponsored and contributed, but just occurred to me. The van comes and picks.
Items up correct. And takes them where.

Council Member Chambers Armstrong
Uh, so the van is sort of like a think of it as a traveling closet office. So it's already stocked with clothes. There's a person who's trained in job hunting resume review. They go to different events. People can make appointments.
They go to schools, they go to all kinds of different places so you can request it be present in an event you might be hosting and they also sort of proactively reach out to folks as well.

Council Member Triplett
And if I wanted to make people could make a donation, they just called and the van would come.

Council Member Chambers Armstrong
So, if you would like to donate clothing to dress for success, that's actually a different. So, sometimes, the answer is, yes, sometimes they will take it at the van.
You can also go to their brick and mortar location in new, but I would be happy to send you information about who to get in touch with. They do accept donations of all types of clothes. Those that are not sort of work appropriate work, appropriate, appropriate meaning. They take.
Suits they take scrubs, they take things that you would need for all different types of work environments. Um, other things they actually work with other organizations to make sure that no clothing donation goes to waste. It's a truly phenomenal organization.

President Pro-Tem Piagentini
Great. Thank you. Any other questions right? Couple operational updates. Metro is transitioning to a new financial on time reporting software on October. 3rd.
Employees will continue to use PeopleSoft to record their time until EKG kicks off at a later date. Please be sure to check the information as it is email to you. The National League of cities city summit in Kansas City is November, 17th, and 19th.
If you have any questions, please reach out to Edwin or Jenny before we adjourn. Are there any other questions or items for committee of the whole. the whole
Perfect if there's nothing further no further business to come before the committee without objection we are adjourned. We'll see you at 6 o'clock. Thank you.