

Unedited Captioning Transcript for Government Oversight/Audit and Appointments Committee - February 8, 2023

Good afternoon. This is the regularly scheduled meeting of the government oversight audit and appointments committee. I'm councilwoman Fowler and I am joined by my chair councilman. Kevin Kramer.

I'm also joined in chambers back councilman day and signs.

Dan councilman.

And, um.

Cancel women.

Jennifer chapel, all 3 are members of the committee, and there were also joined back councilman and then online we are joined back.

councilwomen Armstrong councilman Vincent councilman BLACKWELL councilman Reid councilmen.

Councilman Dr Barbara Shanklin and I believe that's it.

So, we've got a short, short.

Agenda today we have 2 appointments and then 1 Atom.

Um, let's see, the Adam number 5 is being hailed.

Um, Adam, number 3 is being withdrawn. So could you read the.

This meeting is presented to Kara 61.806 in council rule 5, a running pool. Thank you.

So, our 1st, order of business is AP 020823 appointment of Brian Smith to the Jefferson town fire protection district board term expires June 30th 2023. do I hear emotion?

th two thousand and twenty three do i hear emotion

Motion to approve. Exactly. Properly moved in the 2nd, is before us and MS Jackson is with this tier today.

Thanks Julia Jackson. Mayor Greenberg office boards and commissions we are asking for the appointment of Brian Schmidt to the Jefferson town fire protection district board.

This is a firefighter elect.

Position and he would be filling a vacancy due to a resignation. And excuse me. Mr. Smith is.

A current firefighter at Jay town, he lives at a district 20. he has a longtime resident of Louisville, Jefferson County. He's been around for about 39 years. We are asking for this.

Appointment to be made the appointments of firefighter legs and property owner elect are only appointed by the mayor when there is a vacancy. So that's the only time that he makes that appointment. Okay.

Thank you. Are there any questions.

From the committee. Okay.

This is a resolution calling for a voice vote all those in favor say, aye aye. Aye.

Any, he knows about, like, son, so this passes and we'll go to the consent calendar.

Adam number 2 is AP. 00823. M. R. appointment of Mark to the Jefferson town fire protection district board term expires June 30th. 2024. do I hear a motion?

Um, 2nd, severe Benson.

Probably moved him before us miss Jackson.

So, we are asking for this appointment, this is for a property owner elect this is to fill a vacancy due to the person that held this seat passed away. And so we are asking for Mr.

to be able to fill this vacancy as a property owner elect.

Mr. is at a district 20 he is employed by the United States Army. He has lived in loyal Jefferson County for 48 years. So we are asking for this appointment.

Thank you for that. Are there any questions from the committee?

Seeing that this is a resolution calling for a voice vote all those in favor say, aye aye aye. Any knows about.

This also will be on the consent calendar.

And then Adam number 4.

Is our dash 19622 resolution pursuant to the capital and operating budget ordinances,

approving the appropriation to fund the following non competitively negotiated professional service contract for a merger review study to be conducted on behalf of the local Metro,

comprehensive review commission created pursuant to chapter 201 of the 2022, Kentucky acts University of global 100,000 dollars motion to unstable. two kentucky acts university of global one hundred thousand dollars motion to unstable

4th, thank you is properly before us. Um.

Councilman, would you like to speak to this?

Yes, thank you, Madam chair.

So we did talk about this a little bit last time as more of a background and heads up if you this just for clarity I will need somebody from the committee to propose the amendment that's in the original attachment.

The dollar amount changed down a few 1000 dollars, and it reflects university level research foundation, ink in the title as well, which is more accurate as well as in the body of the actual.

Resolution.

The, uh, 2nd, document outlines is both the agreement and the scope you have to sort of scroll fairly far down its page.

A page 11 is where attachment a, which outlines the scope is detailed,

but as we discussed, this is related to the bipartisan group that's looking at.

Looking at how to improve 67, right to improve merger and I turned it that way because.

I don't want people thinking, and this has been very clear with the group that this is not a quote review of merger because that would be.

That would insinuate that there is some discussion about undoing merger, which there is not this is more a discussion on how our services.

Uh, across the city done, how does revenue move across the city?

For example, we talked a lot about parks recently, and you know how that hasn't been.

Let's call it equitably managed by the city. Right? This is much larger scale looking at all services and scopes also looking at suburban cities. Right revenue that they generate. Right? How does that work? What are the delineation of services between those suburban cities and Metro government? And how can, and what are the implications of the existing setup of suburban cities?

So, uh, the scope is there. You can see 1 of the questions that came up just to make sure everybody's clear. And we already know that we have data going back to 2001. so their data accumulated all the way back to. We are using at least 1 of the 2 study people here. study people here And the reason it's the sole source agreement is 1 of the original economists that ran the numbers on merger 20 years ago.

Uh, and we're also using in partnership with UK and additional economist. To, uh, provide some additional thoughts and process around evaluating the numbers, but they are looking at the entire 20 years and the scope reflects the fact that.

covid is a funky set of years and those won't he mentions 2019 is probably the last quote, normal year, but, but even accounting for that, looking at what's going on now so glad to answer any additional questions and it's sponsored by the vice chair as well as president Winkler and myself, thank you.

Thank you. Cancel on milestone. cancel on milestone

Thank you Madam chair. Um, I'm pretty sure that since this is that a separate entity, other than the 1 at the University of global that employs me that I would be okay to vote on this.

However, since I haven't received a formal written opinion from our ethics folks, yet I'll be abstaining until I'm able to get that. So just wanted to flag my extension and the reasons for it Thank you.

Thank you councilman vice chair.
Primer,

thank you, Madam chair. I'm going to go ahead and proper those amendments. That custom team.

You mentioned the 1st would be reducing the contract from about 100,000 to 92,532 and the 2nd would be a name change where it would say University of global research foundation. Inc. so, I'll make that in the form of a motion. i'll make that in the form of a motion

Secondary was I'm sorry,

I didn't catch. Who was the 2nd.
Thank you.

Okay. Did you have anything.

I did, yes, thank you Madam chair, uh, question for the sponsor customer for the TD 1 of the things that.

With regard to suburban cities that we've heard with relative to annexation over the past as long as I've been on council is that somehow

it would cost the city money in terms of property taxes. And 1 of the 1 of the things that I'm hopeful that the study will do is really look into that because there are a lot of services.

That the city also does not have to provide.

Uh, EMS service, fire service, uh, police. So I, I would like to just get some sort of assurance that that's something that, uh, the study will encompass.

And thank you. Yeah, if you look so, 1st of all, I can, I can point to a couple areas within the actual agreement, or the scope of work. And then I'll tell you what has been discussed at the actual committee. I'll tell you.

Well, let me start with the committee what I can tell you, we are that is part and parcel of this is.

What is the actual balance of.

Because there is revenue, let's call it re pointing. Right? Whether you want to call it revenue loss or not the revenue that was coming into metro like, for example, the insurance premium tax now goes to that suburban city, as an example. Right?

But to your point, there are also then responsibilities and expenses that also transfer to the city. So that is part and parcel of the discussion as well as who should be doing what?

Because the other complicating factor here is we have different suburban cities doing different things.

Some that have police departments. Some, that don't some that have planning, have zoning rights. Some, that don't. So, that is part of the conversation as well. Right? What's the scope of services and who's doing what?

And then the last thing I'll say about that is, you know, what I do think

is going to be part of it to be.

Clear and transparent will be. Is there such a thing because we have cities that suburban cities are very, very tiny.

Right and I have 1 in my district, it's a series of streets.

Right to be Frank. Um, we have others that are very big. Right? Jamestown shively Middletown as a few examples.

Right and is there, uh, because 1 of the things that the legislation passed by the legislature contemplates is should there be a threshold.

Of which cities should exist. Now, that doesn't mean it's going retroactive in doing anything, but I do think we are looking for transparency on. What does that revenue and expense look like.

And does it change if it's a small medium or large size suburban city but it is looking at all of that and it is accounting for it to your point the.

Differentiation and not just revenue, but also expense. Yes.

I might add that. I had, uh, WH, redistricting, not so much, but I did have some suburban cities.

They were very small, they were really having trouble finding people to fill counsel seats. So I, I think that this is something that, you know, I think it's viable and it could work both ways, you know.

So, I will be yes on this and I'm anxious to see how this progress.

Thank you so we need to vote on the amendment.

So, I think it's, it's a resolution so all those in favor of the change from 100,000 to the 92.

532 say, aye aye aye.

Any any notes about sun so this

I'm not opposed, but I've seen for the reasons previously stated.

Thank you very much. And because of the amendment, this will go to our business.

We have to wait, do I.

Oh, okay, okay. Yeah.

Okay, so again, now, now, this, that was on the amendment now for the whole entire piece.

Um, all those in favor, say, aye, aye any 1 and he knows like San.

Abstain for the reasons previously stated.

Thank you so this again, we'll go to our business.

Thank you Madam chair. Thank you.

I think that is it Yep.

We don't have a number. 5 is being hailed number 3 is being withdrawn so without further a business we are adjourned.

Thank you.

Me. Hello.

Counsel woman power yes, ma'am.

What happened to number 6?

Number 6 is being held yes, then it's being held at the request of the administration. Okay that wasn't stayed in the beginning.

Okay. Thank you.

My bad Thank you.

Okay, bye. Bye.