

**Unedited Captioning Transcript of the Labor and Economic Development Committee Meeting - February 21, 2023.**

Um, Metro, what do we have.

How about how many people? 6.

Or, and then 2 online, hey, uh, Metro TV we need, uh, about a minute. Thanks.

Hello.

Chamber really? What.

Good afternoon. This is a meeting of the labor and economic development committee. I'm the chair. Pat. Mulvihill. I'm joining them a vice chair and new in chambers.

Philip Baker, uh, was here I thought, but did he.

The next step in. Okay maybe not. All right and also online we have councilman Hawkins and councilman ackrason and announcement angle has unexcused absences.

And with that being said, Madam clerk, can you read.

Of the language from the place.

This meeting is being held presented to Kara 61.806 and council rule 5, a red and full.

Sorry oh, and council and purpose is also here. Okay. 1st item. It was tabled from the last committee meeting kind of get a motion on table. 3rd.

It probably moved in 2nd, and this is a resolution approving the granting of local incentives to multi family LLC, and any subsequent for approved affiliates there, pursuant to cara's chapter 154. so, for 32.

Um, who do we have to speak to this? Good afternoon Benjamin Moore director, economic development.

Thank you for being here the last time this came before us, I don't know if you were aware of the issue, but the issue seemed to be whether it qualified for incentives, given the nature of its business.

And I think since then we have heard from the assistant county attorney who can maybe status name,

and put on the record that it is an exception to the rule because it is a headquarters but I will let Mr fower address us. Tell us please who.

You are and then your opinion thanks Thank you. Chair Jason, assistant county attorney.

Reading the definitional section for the statute.

It excludes headquarters operations from the otherwise exclusion of any real estate rental or leasing business from receiving this incentive.

So, it's kind of like a double exclusion, which I didn't catch. I called up the state. We had a productive conversation.

They pointed out the correct definition.

And it does meet the eligibility requirements under the statute.

Okay, thank you. And you talked to the general counsel at the.

I spoke to someone at economic development for the state. Okay. Who did direct me to the correct definition. Okay.

Thank you. So, uh, I don't know if anybody let me look at the queue. I don't see anybody in the queue. I don't think.

And no one's in the queue. Does anybody have any additional questions?

From our previous discussion saying none, this is a resolution calling for a voice vote, all those in favor say, aye aye.

I suppose, uh, decide, and we'll go to the consent calendar. Madam clerk.

And if you could, because I read the 1st, 1, but I normally don't, could you read the 2nd 1 for us?

Thank you item number 2 is our dash 00423aresolution approving the granting of local incentives to urban space, or North America ink in K per nearby Inc and any subsequent assign these are approved affiliates there pursuant to kara's chapter 104, sub chapter,

32 red and full. chapter one hundred and four sub chapter thirty two red and full

Can I get a motion.

About a 2nd, properly moved in 2nd and this item is before us and take it away. Yes, sir Thank you. Benjamin work director of economic development again. Here for for this project. North America is a supplier based here in Louisville.

That's been working with the automotive industry. For many years, actually based in Germany and founded in 865, their success here in loyal has led them to expand as well as the new product line that will support the industry, the electric vehicle industry. So, this is a project that we are quite excited to. are quite excited to

And about 34 dollars 1Million worth of investment and creating 214 new well paying jobs. So we supported this project at our full 1%, occupational tax commitment with the state and they are ready to activate their incentives.

And it says locating in a new facility is that facility, do we have a location where it's going to be and.

How big it's going to be? Sure. Yes, sir. It's 7,001 Greenville highway and council district. 1. if you familiar with the main entrance to report and their offices, it's about across the street from that. So it's a new build for them and they are up and operational.

We actually did their ribbon cutting back in November. in november

Okay, great.

And so, because they're doing electric vehicles, I assume, with Ford here, Toyota, just up the roadway we got a new plan being just south of here, I guess, a new whole new Ford line,

they're going to be potentially a supplier of the parts are the things necessary to make those vehicles that is the hope. Yes, sir. Okay.

Great do 1 final question for me is who is who's their competition? Are they going to build another facility and move into the area potentially as well? I would say unlikely. It's a bit of a niche market right now.

Just given the size of the supply chain. And you're absolutely right to point out. We were perfectly located between Toyota and Georgetown Ford. Obviously here in Louisville and their battery plant with blue oval and a town. But then also the Corvette plan to favor, decided to go electric down in Bowling Green.

So.

In our proximity and our location, I think that we've got a really great opportunity to locate this 1, but also any potential competitors that might want to join the supply chain. But this was still pretty early.

Thank you doing, uh.

What is the particular product that they're going to be supply? These are exhaust components so think sort of like a catalytic converter but in an.

Do you have any other questions we should share have any question please proceed.

All right, let me ask you this. I mean, you said you did a ribbon cutting so, have they open the facility in are these 214 jobs in place at the moment?

Yes, sir, thank you for the question. So the facility is open and operational, and they have completed 80% of their hiring at this point, which allows them to activate their incentives.

Gotcha, my last question is this you said, you were going to, we were funding them as Metro with the full 1%. The paperwork I see has half a percent on it.

Oh, I'm sorry you're correct. I misspoke. We're at a half a percent.

Okay, so we're not, it's not a full 1. it's not the full 1%. It's, it's half percent.

Correct. Thank you. My apologies. Oh, that's all right. I mean, I'm just going by with the paper tells me so I appreciate it. Thank you. Mr. chair.

Thank you seeing no further questions.

For us, this resolution calls for voice vote, all those in favor say, aye aye.

Suppose I just have it. Alright, thank you.

Thank you Adam clerk reading of item 3 please.

Item number 3 is our dash 11 dash 23 a resolution pursuant to the capital and operating budget ordinances,

approving the appropriation to fund the following non competitively negotiated professional service contract for the office of safe and healthy neighborhoods concerning a trauma assistance and management program crossing our communities for children 307,478 dollars, right? At full. four hundred and seventy eight dollars right at full

Can I get a motion place for a 2nd.

Probably moved and seconded this item is before us, and I assume you're here to speak to it if you could introduce yourself to the committee and yesterday good afternoon chairman good afternoon council council members. My name is Paul, the director for the office and safe and healthy neighborhoods.

This contract as stated is a contract for 300, roughly 307,000 dollars. hundred and seven thousand dollars

To utilize, utilize through our Samsung funds that we receive to provide ongoing technical assistance to our federally funded, which is trauma resilient communities grant in 2019.

our agency received a 5,000,005 year grant to implement the trauma resilient communities model within the South and West end of logo.

The model is really based around how to bring organizations together, had them work together better. had them work together better

To provide better quality services in the areas of trauma and mental health to the communities cross into our schools, which is actually better known to us as the center for trauma, resilient communities. They were the ones that designed the model.

So, early on the project, they were chosen to be the ongoing technical assistance when that includes.

Uh, I think for this next couple years, like, 21 days, they come out and provide training to all the agencies they provided all of the initial training and the ongoing training to the agencies to ensure that they're in compliance with the model.

And then they do zoom calls periodically throughout the project period, at least next year, about 27 zoom calls to answer any questions and stuff like that. So, this is the final year of funding for this project. It is. it is

samhsa funds what was that? Sorry? What was the kind of fund.

Excuse me use an acronym. what'd you say? They say office for substance abuse and mental health. It's a federal agency. Sam stefan's.

And this is part of the overall 5Million dollar grant that you received.

5 years ago, or 2019 it was, it was designated 1Million dollars per year for 5 years so we're entering into the 5th and final year with expires I believe the September 30th of this 2023.

I know this is only a portion of those funds, so we have exhausted potentially all the 5Million dollars at the end of this life at this the end of the screen term. Yeah. At the end of this grand term, it ends this year.

23 would have exhausted all funds, however, through our. year twenty three would have exhausted all funds however through our

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That was given to us earlier last year we had we had budgeted an additional year to using funds to keep some of the critical components of this project and play for the next 2 years.

So, when these federal funds, and the funds will kick in until December 24th.

Okay, so potentially parts of this program will be open for an additional 2 years then after this year correct? So it will be 25.

Our funds have to be expanded by for our fraud programs by December 2024 so in additional year I apologize. Yes. Okay. Thank you.

I just wanted to there's no guarantee that this component would be 1 of those that are funding. This is a technical assistance. We would assume that after 5 years enough training was put in place.

Okay, great Thank you. Council and you might have answered my question. This is already part and parcel of an existing program that we're extending.

Right, correct correct. Okay. It it wasn't clear to me, as I was reading through the justification, it says very nice things about the program.

But but as far as justification for big sole source, that would include things like, hey, you know, we're already doing this with this organization would make sense to bid it out. And I just wanted to make sure that was clear. So, thank you. We're good.

Counseling batch, thank you. Sure. Um, just so I'm new to this. Um, and I want to ask the question in regards to this. So the 5Million dollars.

Minus this what you've are requesting today what was that spent on? Exactly what training or was it.

To the to the members that work for the organization, or was it.

Going to the victims themselves in their rehabilitation I'm not aware of the exact dollar amounts, but the total amount of the project was dividied as far as personnel that went to ocean.

We had 2 positions that were funded for the last couple of years through through this grant. Most of the majority of funding went to either the technical assistance. Per year on this.

We went to there was an evaluation component, which was University of Louisville, got some dollars for the evaluation component. And then there were several organizations in the 7 counties.

A couple others that got direct funding for services, actually, mental health and trauma services that they were required to provide to so many people within the community during each year.

Okay, how much will your do you know your request for the funds?

Well, we already submitted a request for and I think part of that package came in, under our mental health request was somewhere around 8Million dollars. I believe I have to go back and check that.

But part of that package was to enhance ensure that some of the key components of the. the

Prc model itself that was already implemented would continue it for another year.

And because I'm not super familiar again with your organization. So can you tell me exactly how you're.

What you do for your trauma care and what your.

So office for safe and healthy neighborhoods, our focus is primarily right now is on reducing gun violence, providing intervention services to those individuals that are either involved in gun violence or impacted by gun violence.

And a lot of the impact of that is the trauma that's placed on victims, direct victims of gun violence, and the trauma faced by youth and families and children in the community. They're exposed to ongoing violence in their community.

So a lot of the programs that refunded under, this were specifically around sort of racial trauma therapy specifically.

Trauma therapies related to exposure to violence in the community.

And the impact that of positive results are.

What the impact is, what we do know is that if kids are experiencing these traumas and they're left untreated, and we'll continue to manifest itself and behavioral problems, whether at school, so you would have seen an increase of incidents at schools, substance, abuse, issues,

environment and violence. So, the ultimate goal was to provide services to these youth and families to prevent that from happening to ensure a lot of times asking for help, especially in some of our committees specifically asking for help.

For exposure to violence in some of our Western community I mean, our Western communities and South and communities, there's a stigma attached to that.

So, a lot of families don't ask for help. So, these programs specifically designed to go out and educate and engage communities of why they need to be asking for help and why they should be receiving certain types of trauma therapies related to their exposure to violence.

So, I'm in the South in so how do we go about.

Who do we contact to get your your assistance in that regard? So we have a couple of projects in place that talk about how you can contact us. 1, is obviously our website has information and who you can contact we also

It was a different set of funds a billboard campaign throughout the city, where, I don't know if you've seen them, they're billboards about 5 or 6 billboards located throughout the city talking about mental health and the importance of asking for help and the number on there to call we also implemented a.

Sort of, I forget the name of it, it's like a 1800numberthat they can call that we give out a community events we try to go to as many community events across the city as possible. We'll set up tables. We

educate people if they're looking for services, they call that number and we'll connect them to 1 of those organizations.

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Thank you councilman Baker Thank you chair. I just have a comment in a question I want to thank you for the work that your office is doing. I'm a family resource coordinator and so I know all too.

Well, what you guys are doing my question though. I do with the with increasing public safety concerns.

And when you submit your request for funds, would that be the same lesser or more.

It'd be clear we did, we already submit our request for funds last year, so when was allocated. So, those monies were already allocated for us. So they are allocated to specific programs that some are in place right now and some will continue these programs in place.

So, we're not expecting to come back before council to ask for any more funds. We were already awarded. Those funds critical to that, though, is I know there's an ongoing analysis of funds being spent.

So, you may look at our mental health funds right now from, and you may say, hey.

ocean's not utilizing these funds. I would stress that these funds were specifically budgeted to carry over some of these programs. So while those funds may not be encumbered right now they are budgeted to help these programs expand and stay in place in the future.

Thank you council in batch Thank you. Chair. Um, is there an.

A breakdown of what the funds are spent on is that something you can provide to us? I can provide that to you. Yes, sir.

I can get that to you by end of this week. Thank you.

I don't see any further questions I just want. Sorry sorry before we go.

Counseling counseling Hawkins do you have a question? Yes, I do.

Please proceed. Okay. Well, I've been trying to contact her office. I'm working on a project with South week, and I've been unsuccessful with being able to speak to someone or having any 1 contact district. 1.

About a project that I've been working on, and I wanted to implement a few guys. You guys have great services and I particularly 1 and 3 gentlemen that you guys have in your program to work with South week.

So, how would I be able to I know you said that email is on the website, but can you give me a direct contact? So I can be.



Successful with contacting who I need to speak with to implement you guys in.

A program that I'm working with working with southwick on.

Yes, councilman Hawkins I think the easiest way for me to do that is I will email you my personal cell phone number. You give me a call and I will get you what you need.

Okay, thank you. Thank you. Okay.

Down swing back again, just 1 request for people who are watching. Do you mind? Just giving a.

62nd commercial about what your office does, and, um.

How they can reach you, and the support that you're doing I'd be greatly appreciated yeah.

The office for safe and healthy neighborhoods as of current right now, our primary focus is helping to reduce gun violence around the city and primarily 2 areas,

intervention and prevention and intervention side or the peace program is really focused on looking at those individuals that are driving the violence, we provide intervention services as well as what we call violence,

interruptions services where we contract but 5 or 6 different organizations in the community that are out there, 24 hours a day, trying to mitigate some. some

The conflicts between groups before they explode into shootings, and also has a hospital based component as well as that. We also focus heavy division on trauma services. So, part of our prevention side is the trauma services.

We also do community engagement and mobilization, but we have programs that we work with right now. 6 different communities where we have community violence teams that were put together.

Um, that develop localized owned solutions to violence within their neighborhoods.

And we also inherited, or took over the office of youth development. Last year was integrated into ocean and that's primarily youth prevention programs.

Thank you. Thank you. Same. No further questions. This is a resolution calling for a voice vote all in favor. Say, aye. Aye, those opposed yeah, I have it.

I'm sure will send this to the consent calendar. Can I ask for clarification on a question?

Sure on the funding, when you requesting counseling with requesting funding for what the samhsa funds were spent on, are the funds or both.

If you can send over both, that'd be great that we'll do that. Thank you.

Thank you, thank you for joining us Mr. Callahan saying no further business before us.

Um, we will be adjourned, thank you.