

Louisville Metro Review Commission 10/14/22
38 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:17:30.209 --> 00:17:35.669
Okay, call to order the October 14th meeting.
39 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:17:35.669 --> 00:17:40.499
We are going to take roll call today because I anticipate that we might.
40 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:17:40.499 --> 00:17:44.129
Vote on a contract, so I guess we'll start off with.
41 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:17:44.129 --> 00:17:48.719
With, uh, with taking Maryann Butler.
42 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:17:48.719 --> 00:17:51.779
Here David James.
43 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:17:51.779 --> 00:17:58.649
Your Anthony JJ Corey Arthur. Julie rocky ATMs.
44 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:17:58.649 --> 00:18:02.339
Mike name is.
45 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:18:03.359 --> 00:18:09.329
Gerald Neil can Fleming.
46 "pamela Stevenson" (3761061632)
00:18:09.329 --> 00:18:12.839
Pamela's Stevenson present.
47 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:18:12.659 --> 00:18:15.989
Funny John president.
48 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:18:12.839 --> 00:18:15.989
Funny John present.
49 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:18:15.989 --> 00:18:20.339
Shoo, Sean, what is your last name sir?
50 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:18:20.339 --> 00:18:23.459
See, here, 3 spot.
51 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:18:23.459 --> 00:18:27.719
He's not here he's not here. Very good. Earl Jones.
52 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:18:27.719 --> 00:18:30.929
Scott schoenberger.
53 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:18:30.929 --> 00:18:35.039
Present and Shelby Somerville.
54 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:18:35.039 --> 00:18:41.219
Present Mr. chair you have 12 what? Present in a quorum.
55 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:18:41.219 --> 00:18:48.179

Okay, we have a quorum to conduct business. We will just to let everybody know the order in which we're going to proceed today. We're going to hear from.

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00:18:41.249 --> 00:18:48.179

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Abramson some remarks about the history of merger and how it didn't pass and how it passed and what is understanding that is and then we're going to hear from Mr. Mr.

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00:19:00.204 --> 00:19:09.414

Paul Coombs and his team which we've asked to come today. Thank you for being here today. And then we very well may vote on a contract.

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00:19:09.744 --> 00:19:18.114

There is a document that was should've been on your in your area when you sat down to talk about the general scope, which I think Mr. will go into. And so.

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00:19:18.624 --> 00:19:18.984

Mr.

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President James and representative flooding and then we will, we will, I will remind everybody to get your committee preferences in because we intend to the point everyone to a committee as we discussed last meeting Coco chairman,

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and I will announce that next week or excuse me next month.

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00:19:37.049 --> 00:19:44.849

So those are the 3 things we'll take up today and then we'll open it after that after that we'll open it to the form. I want to remind everyone when they speak. And this includes you mayor.

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Because of the transcript to say your name before you start speaking, everybody knows who you are obviously, but just make sure that the Transcriber, which is automatic doesn't. So with that, I will turn it over to Jerry.

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00:19:58.739 --> 00:20:02.489

Thank you Mr chairman. My name is Jerry Abramson.

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00:20:02.489 --> 00:20:05.579

And I have with me, Tina, heaven.

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00:20:05.579 --> 00:20:13.949

To my right, Tina has 40 year 40 years of local government experience. She was counsel to the county judge at 1 time.

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00:20:13.949 --> 00:20:17.729

She was counseled to the 82 and 83 committees.

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00:20:17.729 --> 00:20:22.979

That develop merger votes. She was counseled to me.

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00:20:22.979 --> 00:20:26.909

In the new city wants the city and county merged.

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00:20:26.934 --> 00:20:32.934

She was director in the old city, she was law director, and then ultimately became deputy mayor in the new city.

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00:20:32.934 --> 00:20:47.604

So Tina has if there are questions that really focus on some of the legalities, or how we did certain things, Tina, was there involved both at the county side at the beginning and then the new city side afterwards,

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00:20:49.044 --> 00:20:54.834

let me see if I can walk us all quickly through the history of what happened back in the day.

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00:20:56.909 --> 00:21:07.704

60 s, there was a very aggressive movement in some cities to consolidate their city and county. Indianapolis. Jacksonville Nashville looked at it.

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Louisville was talking about merging back in 1947 for the 1st time, and then we ultimately voted on it in 56 and we voted on it again. And in 82, and we voted on it again, in 838,283 was about a 1400 vote loss in.

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eighty three eighty two eighty three was about a fourteen hundred vote loss in

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00:21:26.909 --> 00:21:30.989

2, and everybody said, let's put it back on on the ballot.

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Let's we think we can get it done and in 83.

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00:21:35.249 --> 00:21:49.794

It went from a 14 or 1500 vote separation to a 2500 vote separation it's going in the wrong way. So that was the end of the votes that we had had. So, 56, it lost 82. it lost 83. it lost now in the year 2000, when we began looking at doing it again.

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two thousand when we began looking at doing it again

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00:21:53.699 --> 00:22:00.509

Let me just frame up for you, the city versus the county. The city was about 60 square miles.

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In in that size, the county was about 386 square miles 60 of which was the old city the structure of government we had a mayor, a strong mayor form of government. We had 12 aldermen.

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Each 1 represented a ward in the city of global in the county of Jefferson, there was a county judge, and there were 3 county commissioners and basically, it was they were pie shaped. If you started from the county courthouse, and you went East, that was a.

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00:22:28.794 --> 00:22:31.914

and you went in the middle of the community was be, and then if you.

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00:22:32.159 --> 00:22:47.094

To the west of the community, it was C, the population in the old city in the year 2000 was about 260,000 the population in the community at the global Jefferson County in large was about 700. in large was about seven hundred

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1000, we had an income level, the average income level inside the city was 28,000 dollars. The average income level outside the city was about 39. 5.

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Um, in terms of minorities, African American community was about 30% inside the city.

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00:23:06.629 --> 00:23:14.939

And the city county county wide, it was about 19, um, in terms of at at that time we had about.

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00:23:14.939 --> 00:23:19.619

90+cities in Jefferson County I think we have about 80+now.

91 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:23:19.619 --> 00:23:26.459

At that time, we had about 21 fire districts, and I think we're down to about 8 or 9 today.

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00:23:26.459 --> 00:23:33.089

The arguments that were brought up for merger at that time, was the focus on the ineffective delivery of service.

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Um, and give you a perfect example if, you know, hikes point.

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00:23:36.809 --> 00:23:45.449

There's the mcman shopping center out there the middle of the parking lot of the McMann shopping center was the dividing line between the old city and the old county.

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00:23:45.449 --> 00:23:49.649

So, if you had an accident in a car, and in the parking lot.

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00:23:49.649 --> 00:23:53.579

And you called 901, they would say city or county.

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00:23:53.579 --> 00:24:06.239

And you would say, I don't really know, and they would say, well, are you on the East side of the parking lot, or the West side? And they said, well, it's nighttime. I'm not sure where the sun is setting. I mean, it was those kinds of inefficient.

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00:24:06.239 --> 00:24:12.269

Situations or the other 1 that always came up was there would be a road that the city of global would pave.

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00:24:12.269 --> 00:24:18.299

And we would bring out our equipment and we would pave the road to this, this imaginary border.

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00:24:18.299 --> 00:24:22.589

Where we hit the county, and then we would shut down our equipment, take it all back.

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00:24:22.589 --> 00:24:34.919

Call the county, say it's up to you, they show up with their equipment and they would finish the road out into the suburban area. So, inefficiency was was a real issue. Ineffectiveness.

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Inefficiency duplicate of services the county had as its responsibility social services.

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00:24:42.059 --> 00:24:54.899

The city had an awful lot of people who needed social services and so city government with the alderman, and the mayor felt we needed a social service department and we found I could go through several of those kinds of situations where.

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00:24:54.899 --> 00:25:00.149

There were duplicative departments doing the same thing, creating a.

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00:25:00.149 --> 00:25:04.829

I think confusion and then there was a lack of unified leadership.

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00:25:05.364 --> 00:25:18.174

If I can take you back to that period around 2000 twice, we had potential NBA teams looking at Louisville and twice in both situations the city was on 1 side of being for an NBA team,

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00:25:18.174 --> 00:25:29.754

the county was on the other side being for, or against an NBA team, and each time in talking with the owners of the team that were looking to relocate 1, went to New Orleans.

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00:25:29.754 --> 00:25:34.734

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00:25:18.779 --> 00:25:27.419

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00:25:27.419 --> 00:25:40.314

That we're looking to relocate 1, went to New Orleans 1 with, I think, to Charlotte, they just simply said the community gets their act together. Let us know we'll come back and look but until then you guys, you know, you're not sure what's going on.

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00:25:41.484 --> 00:25:49.014

And there was a lack of accountability in city and county government, everything that went wrong as mayor. I blamed it on the county judge.

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00:25:34.829 --> 00:25:49.349

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00:25:49.349 --> 00:25:57.509

And everything that went wrong is county judge, he blamed it on me, or she blamed it on me. And so nobody knew who was screwing up.

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Because everybody was pointing the finger across 6 street back and forth as to, as to what was what was the real deal and then lack of accountability also, especially in the city and also in the county.

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00:26:10.769 --> 00:26:20.459

The elections were held, follow me on this. If you were the 1st Ward, alderman of the city 12 alderman.

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00:26:20.459 --> 00:26:25.799

In the primary election you ran in the 1st world.

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00:26:25.799 --> 00:26:29.669

In the general election, you ran city Y.

118 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:26:29.669 --> 00:26:33.059

So, what does that mean? Well, I'll give you a perfect example.

119 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:26:33.059 --> 00:26:38.069
There was a fellow in the 1st, 1 of the city of law, which is basically where I live in Christian hill.

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00:26:38.069 --> 00:26:41.489
His name was Bill Stanbury he was a Democrat.

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00:26:41.489 --> 00:26:47.819
He ran against a Republican for 1st ward alderman by the name of John Yarmouth.

122 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:26:47.819 --> 00:26:52.799
We've heard that name John Yarmouth 1.

123 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:26:52.799 --> 00:26:56.939
The 1st ward popular vote.

124 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:26:56.939 --> 00:27:01.769
But lost city wife in the general election.

125 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:01.769 --> 00:27:10.979
So, Yarmouth, 1, the primary, only people in the 1st ward voted stands very 1. the primary only people in the 1st ward voted, but when it came time to vote.

126 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:10.979 --> 00:27:16.529
In the general, you had to run citywide so every person in the city got to vote for 12 older.

127 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:16.529 --> 00:27:26.729
Not just their own, so that was a real problem in terms of. And the same thing was in a district, the district and C district in the old county days, they ran in the primary.

128 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:26.729 --> 00:27:30.299
With their, uh, people that lived in a district.

129 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:30.299 --> 00:27:34.709
But in the general election, a B and C voted for a.

130 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:34.709 --> 00:27:38.669
And B, a. C voted for B.

131 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:38.669 --> 00:27:43.319
So you had people that were winning elections that their own neighborhood didn't want to be.

132 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:38.699 --> 00:27:43.319
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133 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:43.319 --> 00:27:47.129
Their representatives, so all that was going on. Okay. So.

134 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:47.129 --> 00:27:52.019
Why did it fail? Why did it fail in 568,283?

135 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:52.019 --> 00:27:56.789
Well, we decided that it failed because number 1, it was too specific.

136 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:52.079 --> 00:27:56.789
Well, we decided that it failed because number 1, it was too specific.

137 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:27:56.789 --> 00:28:00.299
Couple of the times it said, do away with all the suburban cities.

138 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:28:00.299 --> 00:28:04.319
That wasn't going to make it it was too specific. The 2nd, 1 was.

139 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:28:04.319 --> 00:28:10.109
Suburban mayors were very nervous about just exactly what those communities, how they would be treated.

140 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:28:10.109 --> 00:28:15.779
They were concerned labor unions at the time the city of local head, labor unions.

141 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:28:15.779 --> 00:28:30.689
And the county of Jefferson did not that was ultimately changed prior to the 2000 election. But that was an issue as to as to why the 568,283 failed. Everybody was worried about taxes.

142 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:28:30.689 --> 00:28:40.529
If they merged, though, the tax is going to go up. So people were voting in that regard race issue. There were 30% African Americans inside the city. There was.

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00:28:40.529 --> 00:28:45.779
19 community wide that came into play and Democrats versus Republicans.

144 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:28:45.779 --> 00:28:48.809
Because there were more Republicans outside the city.

145 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:28:48.809 --> 00:28:55.079
Inside the city, and the concern was who was going to which political party was going to get the benefit.

146 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:28:55.079 --> 00:29:05.429
If in fact, there was a merger, so when we lost in 83, I said, 568,283, the state legislature.

147 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:05.429 --> 00:29:09.179
Led by a lot of folks out in southwest Jefferson County.

148 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:09.179 --> 00:29:14.129
Got the right for our community to vote.

149 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:29:14.129 --> 00:29:17.159
For merger ever again, taken away from us.
150 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:17.159 --> 00:29:21.479
So, a statue was passing city and county of Jefferson, you can never vote.
151 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:21.479 --> 00:29:25.499
On a merger of city and county government so that was in.
152 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:25.499 --> 00:29:31.769
Right after our final loss in 83 in 86 we got a new mayor that was me.
153 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:31.769 --> 00:29:37.319
And we got a new county judge, and all of a sudden people were saying, well, we need to do something.
154 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:37.319 --> 00:29:40.439
So, we began the county judge and I.
155 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:40.439 --> 00:29:45.599
Meeting met 20 times. Tina was there representing the county at the time?
156 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:45.599 --> 00:29:49.199
About what we could do that would be a hybrid.
157 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:49.199 --> 00:29:53.609
What could we pass if the fiscal court, which was the county government.
158 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:53.609 --> 00:29:56.909
And the board of aldermen, which was the city government could vote on it.
159 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:29:56.909 --> 00:30:02.669
What could we do to sort of bring peace to the valley and let everybody relax a little bit.
160 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:30:02.669 --> 00:30:05.879
Well, they can't after 20 meetings.
161 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:30:05.879 --> 00:30:11.879
20 meetings we came up with what we called, the Jefferson County.
162 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:30:11.849 --> 00:30:16.559
Compact it had a real long name, and we got off the source out.
163 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:30:11.879 --> 00:30:16.589
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164 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:30:16.559 --> 00:30:21.479
And found, what could you call something and we decided instead of calling it an agreement.
165 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:30:16.589 --> 00:30:21.479

And found, what could you call something and we decided instead of calling it an agreement.

166 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:30:21.479 --> 00:30:27.749

We called it the compact and the Compaq, which was passed by fiscal court in the county passed by.

167 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:30:27.749 --> 00:30:36.659

The board of vote and passed by the legislature to give us the opportunity gave us the chance to 1 share economic development growth.

168 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:30:36.659 --> 00:30:41.309

You know, there was a time where a, a decision maker would get off an airplane.

169 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

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And I is mare would meet them and say, welcome to.

170 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:30:44.429 --> 00:30:56.939

Please locate inside the 60 square miles called global, because we get your occupation tax, and the county judgments say, welcome to Jefferson County. Please locate outside the 60 square miles.

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00:30:56.939 --> 00:31:00.809

Because we get your occupation text, it was the same occupation.

172 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:00.809 --> 00:31:07.529

For the city of the county, and a lot of times the decision maker would say, thank you very much call me when you got your act together.

173 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:07.529 --> 00:31:12.209

Well, so what we decided in the Compaq was, we would pull our resources.

174 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:12.209 --> 00:31:17.159

We would have 1 economic development office. We would share taxes.

175 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:12.239 --> 00:31:17.129

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176 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:17.129 --> 00:31:28.524

Uh, when we worked a whole formula out and provide an opportunity where, when a potential decision maker for a new business came to local, we could lay out an array of options.

179 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:28.524 --> 00:31:34.614

You want to be downtown we got to downtown, you want to be in the suburbs we got a suburbs you want to be in an industrial park we got industrial parks.

178 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:17.159 --> 00:31:28.524

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180 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:34.859 --> 00:31:43.049

Please make a selection that's appropriate for you. That was number 1. the 2nd thing we did was we froze annexation.

181 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:43.049 --> 00:31:46.859

Years back someone in this room as an alderman.

182 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:46.859 --> 00:31:49.919

Proposed to annex everything that wasn't.

183 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:49.919 --> 00:31:54.659

Already a part of the city of global, but had a connection.

184 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:31:54.659 --> 00:32:01.139

To the city of law you had to, you had to physically have geography adjacent to where the city of global was.

185 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:32:01.139 --> 00:32:05.849

And you can imagine when that annexation was proposed for the rest of the county.

186 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:32:05.849 --> 00:32:08.909

The county and the suburban cities went bonkers.

187 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:32:08.909 --> 00:32:13.469

And what we decided in this Compaq was we would set that aside.

188 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:32:13.469 --> 00:32:19.199

We would stop all the litigation. We would, we would put it up on the shelf for 12 years.

189 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:32:19.199 --> 00:32:28.199

And we would take a deep breath since we lost in 82 for merger 83 for merger, the compact going to share economic development we're going to stop annexing.

190 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:32:28.199 --> 00:32:32.849

And then ultimately, we had a whole bunch of agencies.

191 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:32:32.849 --> 00:32:37.379

That were called city county agencies like the zoo.

192 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:32:37.259 --> 00:32:43.889

Or the board of health, or the library, or the, uh.

193 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:32:37.379 --> 00:32:43.889

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194 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:32:43.889 --> 00:32:47.549

Air pollution control, or we had all these agencies.

195 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:32:47.549 --> 00:32:52.079

And what they would do is they would whip solve the county in the city during budget time.

196 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:32:52.079 --> 00:32:56.939
They come to us and say, well, the county gave us X number dollars. So you got to match at 50, 50.

197 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:32:56.939 --> 00:33:00.779
Or they'd come to the county and say, well, the city's going to give us X dollars.

198 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:00.779 --> 00:33:10.949
For the Department of emergency services, or for the air pollution control, and you got to do it. So nobody was watching these organizations and they had significant budgets.

199 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:10.949 --> 00:33:15.299
So we said, let's divide them up city. You take a group of them.

200 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:15.299 --> 00:33:19.079
The county you take a group when you fund them a 100.

201 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:19.079 --> 00:33:22.349
So the city took on, for example, human relations.

202 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:22.349 --> 00:33:26.309
So, we funded it 100% and we took on the zoo.

203 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:26.279 --> 00:33:31.379
We funded it a 100 the county took on air pollution control and things.

204 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:26.309 --> 00:33:31.379
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205 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:31.379 --> 00:33:37.769
The the Yep. Parks so we developed an approach.

206 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:37.769 --> 00:33:41.519
That would not raise the cost to either side.

207 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:41.519 --> 00:33:46.019
But at least give us management authority to watch their budgets.

208 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:46.019 --> 00:33:51.479
And that was basically the game plan economic development, shared the taxes of new business.

209 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:51.479 --> 00:33:54.989
Stop the annexation and divide up these organizations.

210 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:54.989 --> 00:33:58.019
That were sort of independent contractors out there.

211 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:33:58.019 --> 00:34:03.149

Let's put them under some government responsibility that will take time to review.

212 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:03.149 --> 00:34:08.549

That was past and was renewed in 1998.

213 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:03.179 --> 00:34:08.549

That was past and was renewed in 1998.

214 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:08.549 --> 00:34:14.399

For another 10 years, so we did it for 12 years and renewed it in 998.

215 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:14.399 --> 00:34:19.259

But the problem was that we still had the same issues. We had 2 CEOs.

216 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:19.229 --> 00:34:25.979

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217 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:19.259 --> 00:34:25.979

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218 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:25.979 --> 00:34:30.449

Especially when we went to Frankfurt, you know, the county was saying this, the city was saying this.

219 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:30.449 --> 00:34:36.899

Nobody really knew what the community wanted, and we also had staff fighting among themselves all the time.

220 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:36.899 --> 00:34:43.889

As you would imagine when you have 2 CEOs, the mayor staff was trying to 1 up the county judge's staff, the county judge's staff.

221 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:43.889 --> 00:34:47.699

Who speaks 1st, that the ribbon cutting who gets the biggest.

222 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:47.639 --> 00:34:59.639

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00:34:47.699 --> 00:34:59.639

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224 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:34:59.639 --> 00:35:03.719

998 community said, let's try it again.

225 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:35:03.719 --> 00:35:11.309

So this time Tina says to me, we to go to Frankfurt and to ultimately get them to give us the right to vote.

226 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:35:11.309 --> 00:35:19.079
We need to get all the state legislators from global Jefferson County all the state senators, global Jeff scanning all the county officials.

227 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:35:19.079 --> 00:35:22.529
That's the county clerk, the count, you name it we had him.

228 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:35:22.529 --> 00:35:28.529
All the city officials, and I think we had 10 or 12 suburban mayors.

229 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:35:22.589 --> 00:35:28.529
All of the city officials, and I think we had 10 or 12 suburban mayors.

230 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:35:28.529 --> 00:35:34.859
On this task force to develop what we wanted for the future of our hometown.

231 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:35:35.304 --> 00:35:45.174
And we met, where are we going to? We're going to create a strong mere form of government, a weak mirror form of government. Where are we going to have a city manager where we got how many districts where are we going to have?

232 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:35:45.204 --> 00:35:56.334
Who was going to pick the design of the districts how many people should be in each district so we went through all of those discussions. We had some pretty strong arguments as you would expect.

233 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:35:56.489 --> 00:36:01.199
And ultimately, we came out with a game plan that we put on the ballot.

234 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:36:01.199 --> 00:36:07.589
Thanks to the legislature then giving us the right to have the opportunity to vote. 1st thing we said is.

235 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:36:07.589 --> 00:36:12.959
The only the only a merger that was going to occur.

236 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:36:12.959 --> 00:36:16.829
Was the 2 executive branches and the 2 legislative branches.

237 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:36:16.829 --> 00:36:23.129
So there would the city of Lowell, mayor and the county of judge, the county of Jefferson judge would merge.

238 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:36:23.129 --> 00:36:28.619
And the board of aldermen and the legislative fiscal court county commissioners would merge.

239 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:36:28.619 --> 00:36:33.959
Now, what about EMS? What about police department? What about all these other things? And the answer was.

240 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:36:33.959 --> 00:36:39.239

We're going to put together 26 we didn't know at that time, but we're going to have a metro Council.

241 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:36:39.239 --> 00:36:49.979

Which ultimately turned out to be 26, they're going to live in their neighborhood where the people vote for them, or against them and they'll decide once they come in together.

242 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:36:49.979 --> 00:37:01.409

Should we merge finance? Should we merge CMS? Should we merge police et cetera? So that's the 1st thing we decided the 2nd thing we decided was we wanted a strong mere form of government.

243 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:37:01.409 --> 00:37:08.069

And we wanted to have as many districts as we could that would be fashioned.

244 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:37:08.069 --> 00:37:12.989

You remember, I told you, there were 3 county commissioners each 1 represented, like, 250,000 people.

245 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:37:12.989 --> 00:37:17.699

They had 12 aldermen. Each 1 represents about 45,000 people give or take.

246 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:37:17.699 --> 00:37:23.339

So we thought the 40, 40 45,000 give or take was a right number.

247 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:37:23.339 --> 00:37:32.519

And so we then divided that by 750,000, or how many there was in Jefferson County and that gave us 26 council members.

248 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:37:32.519 --> 00:37:36.449

Then there was a charge that said no tax change whatsoever.

249 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:37:36.449 --> 00:37:40.049

You pay your county tax if you live in the county right now.

250 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:37:40.734 --> 00:37:55.734

It's now going to be called the metro tax, and it will go for the same things that went forward before the old county police kind of EMS corrections, social services. That's what it went forward. That's what it will go forward. There was no service change whatsoever.

251 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:37:55.979 --> 00:37:59.999

You want more services, you pay more taxes.

252 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:37:59.999 --> 00:38:10.109

The week the 1st month I came in as the new mayor of the new city I got calls from people all over the suburban areas saying, well, we're a part of global now. So when you going to pick our garbage.

253 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:38:10.109 --> 00:38:14.640

So, we'll pick it up whenever you want to pick it up, just get you people to vote for a taxing district.

254 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:38:14.640 --> 00:38:20.580

And pay for the tax in pay more taxes. We'll be more than happy to pick up your garbage.

255 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:38:20.580 --> 00:38:34.890

So, we had a lot of a lot of people that were confused, and we had to go back through that often. We left all 90 cities. I think there's only 87 right now, but we left all 90 cities alone and literally wrote in that said.

256 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:38:34.890 --> 00:38:41.940

You can't go out of business, unless you want to go out of business. The metro council can't put a city out of business. If the city comes.

257 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:38:41.940 --> 00:38:46.500

Yes, say Matthews walks in says we want to go out of business then the metro council can vote.

258 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:38:46.500 --> 00:38:51.300

And the same thing with the fire districts, people love their fire departments, left them alone.

259 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:38:51.300 --> 00:38:59.910

Yeah, the urban fire department, and you had at that time about 21, 5 to 6, which I think have consolidated now it's about 8 or 9.

260 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:38:59.910 --> 00:39:03.210

Uh, how do we, how do we design the districts.

261 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:39:03.210 --> 00:39:08.190

The 26 districts well, we went to the University of.

262 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:39:08.190 --> 00:39:13.380

And we asked the head of the geography department a guy named Jacob, make it recipes.

263 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:39:13.380 --> 00:39:20.310

And his graduate students in geography, to design this district with several things in mind.

264 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:39:20.310 --> 00:39:23.730

1, we won't be sure that we could.

265 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:39:23.730 --> 00:39:33.240

Feel comfortable minorities would be represented among the 26 in the percentages that they were in fact, existed in the community.

266 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:39:33.240 --> 00:39:43.080

So, we wanted the council to reflect what, in fact, the community make up was we also wanted suburban cities to be kept together as best. They could.

267 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:39:43.080 --> 00:39:46.320
So that, that you wouldn't be dividing up a city with.

268 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:39:46.320 --> 00:39:49.410
You know, most of our cities are 8 or 10 or 15 blocks.

269 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:39:49.410 --> 00:39:57.180
J. town probably got 2, maybe 3 council members, but we wanted them to be as, as, as close.

270 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:39:57.180 --> 00:40:01.680
We want them to be to be connected and not divided.

271 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:01.680 --> 00:40:06.270
And, um, and then what happened was.

272 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:06.270 --> 00:40:12.240
They, the geography students took a took a created a draft.

273 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:12.240 --> 00:40:19.320
Put it out, we had public hearings. People said we should go through more blocks this way. We think you missed it on this 1.

274 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:19.320 --> 00:40:22.650
And they made changes and they made changes and finally.

275 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:22.650 --> 00:40:29.220
The consensus was, here's the 26 districts and here's the geography that they represent.

276 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:29.220 --> 00:40:34.080
The only and again, the only merger that was occurring.

277 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:33.960 --> 00:40:37.050
Was the city of law and Jefferson County.

278 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:34.080 --> 00:40:43.320
Was the city of Louisville and Jefferson County all the suburban cities continued, and also there was language in it that said that, you know, if you want a special taxing district.

279 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:37.050 --> 00:40:43.320
All the suburban cities continued, and also there was language in it that said that, you know, if you want a special taxing district.

280 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:43.320 --> 00:40:50.040
In your area, you can do that if you're so inclined, I'll give you a perfect example of how we tried to do that.

281 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:50.040 --> 00:40:54.630
And the 1st year or so I was mayor, you know, there was a suburban.

282 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:40:54.630 --> 00:41:00.810

Neighborhood out in park that had garbage pick up every day.
283 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:00.810 --> 00:41:04.200
Because they were in the unincorporated area of the community.
284 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:04.200 --> 00:41:08.580
And 1 house had a contract with X Y, Z and the next house.
285 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:04.230 --> 00:41:08.580
And 1 house had a contract with X Y, Z and the next house.
286 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:08.580 --> 00:41:16.470
Waste Management, the next house had whatever and by the time it was over
every day of the week there was a garbage can out on the street.
287 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:16.470 --> 00:41:22.320
So, we went to them under the statute that said, you know, you can set up
a taxing district if you want.
288 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:22.320 --> 00:41:27.210
And we said, set up this district, we'll put the contract out for bid.
289 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:27.210 --> 00:41:35.190
You'll get 1 holler, it'll be cheaper we think, because right now you've
got 51 guy 1 company's going to do it all.
290 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:35.190 --> 00:41:40.500
We think you'll be much much cheaper and you only have garbage on the
street 1 day a week.
291 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:40.500 --> 00:41:45.480
And they said, thank you very much for your thoughts, and we appreciate
your efforts.
292 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:45.480 --> 00:41:49.650
But we're happy just the way we are so I didn't take advantage of it.
293 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:49.590 --> 00:41:58.020
Um, so the message that we that we sent out as we ran, the campaign was
unity.
294 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:49.650 --> 00:41:58.020
Um, so the message that we that we sent out as we ran, the campaign was
unity.
295 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:41:58.020 --> 00:42:01.860
1, public voice accountability, you'll know who screwed up.
296 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:01.860 --> 00:42:05.370
And you can hold them accountable. No tax change.
297 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:05.370 --> 00:42:11.430
And you'll have better services. Well, what do I mean, by that county had
an EMS district as an example.

298 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:11.430 --> 00:42:17.010
County had EMS districts city, had EMS districts when you got to this.

299 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:17.010 --> 00:42:24.240
Imaginary boundary then all of a sudden it was another EMS ambulance from other government that ended up showing up.

300 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:24.240 --> 00:42:33.240
And so our argument was, we will do away with the boundaries, and we will be able to position EMS community wide. So that.

301 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:33.240 --> 00:42:38.700
At nighttime, There'll be more likely to be out to the suburbs where people are at night.

302 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:38.700 --> 00:42:42.330
With their families and a date time, they would be more near.

303 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:42.330 --> 00:42:46.290
The office buildings and industrial parks where, in fact, most people are working.

304 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:46.290 --> 00:42:49.950
Same thing with the police, we said, you know, we've got these.

305 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:49.950 --> 00:42:54.780
We've got these artificial boundaries, and if we take the boundaries down.

306 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:54.720 --> 00:42:58.860
Will be able, and in fact, we did put 100 more policemen on the street.

307 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:54.780 --> 00:42:58.860
Will be able, and in fact, we did put 100 more policemen on the street.

308 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:42:58.860 --> 00:43:03.120
As a result of not needing as many kernels and generals and admirals and.

309 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:43:03.120 --> 00:43:12.090
All those kinds of people, and we were able to get them into and onto the street. So we said, give us that opportunity in the final thing that, that we said.

310 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:43:12.090 --> 00:43:16.110
Will bring better services is consolidating a consolidated way.

311 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:43:12.120 --> 00:43:16.110
Was we'll bring better services is consolidating a consolidated way.

312 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:43:16.110 --> 00:43:19.230
Using the West Nile.

313 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:43:19.230 --> 00:43:24.870

Virus, if you remember the mosquito issue was a big issue back in that period of time.

314 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:43:24.870 --> 00:43:31.050

And in the city, we taught our solid waste management people, and all of our public works people.

315 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:43:31.050 --> 00:43:36.390

How to use these little pellets that they would carry in a little bag so, if they were out doing a job.

316 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:43:36.390 --> 00:43:42.840

And they saw standing water, they threw the pellet into the standing water and it killed whatever larvey might be there.

317 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:43:42.840 --> 00:43:49.590

Well, and we said to the people in the county, you don't have anybody doing mosquito control let us.

318 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:43:49.530 --> 00:43:57.630

Take these folks, and then teach your folks when the new merger comes about and we'll have 15,250 people.

319 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:43:49.590 --> 00:43:57.630

Take these folks, and then teach your folks when the new merger comes about and we'll have 15,250 people.

320 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:43:57.630 --> 00:44:05.970

Trying to respond to this West Nile concern that was was really an important issue. So we ran a campaign. It was a real campaign.

321 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:44:05.970 --> 00:44:09.510

We had phone banks we had direct mail. We had.

322 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:44:09.480 --> 00:44:14.190

I made speeches all over the community, Mitch McConnell and I.

323 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:44:09.510 --> 00:44:14.190

I made speeches all over the community, Mitch McConnell and I.

324 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:44:14.190 --> 00:44:19.500

County Judge Jackson and mayor Armstrong may he rest in peace?

325 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:44:19.500 --> 00:44:22.530

Were the 4 Co chairs of running the campaign?

326 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:44:22.530 --> 00:44:27.900

Mcconnell had had tried it, I guess he was kind of judge and 82.

327 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:44:27.900 --> 00:44:32.490

And had failed that he very much wanted to be involved. So the 4 of us worked on it.

328 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:44:32.490 --> 00:44:43.410

Every living mayor, every living county judge in, in America, in global were for it every county judge every.

329 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:44:43.410 --> 00:44:48.360

Living mayor, we also had opportunities to.

330 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:44:48.360 --> 00:44:53.190

To get as many people in the business community, they raised the money for us.

331 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:44:53.190 --> 00:45:08.095

We put a campaign together, both Democrats and Republicans, as you can imagine with Senator McConnell and myself and there we went. So we won the vote was 54 to 46, both inside the city and outside the city.

Interestingly enough.

332 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:45:08.095 --> 00:45:09.025

interestingly enough

333 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:45:09.270 --> 00:45:12.780

5,446.

334 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:45:12.780 --> 00:45:20.400

And so what happened in the 1st, couple of years? Well, this is the conclusion Mr. chairman. I don't want you to get.

335 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:45:20.400 --> 00:45:28.650

Antsy what happened the 1st, couple of years? Well, with merging the mayor and the county judge, we saved 700,000 dollars a year.

336 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:45:28.650 --> 00:45:35.490

Just because we only had 1 executive office. We didn't have 2. we saved 800,000 dollars a year in our banking.

337 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:45:35.490 --> 00:45:45.630

Because we got a heck of a deal with a, with a larger account from the competition among the banks. We save 2Million dollars a year on lease payments.

338 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:45:45.630 --> 00:45:50.970

Because in the old days, the city didn't have any space left so we releasing the county didn't have any office.

339 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:45:50.970 --> 00:45:54.000

Business left, they were releasing when we put everything together.

340 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:45:54.000 --> 00:45:57.720

And we decreased our employees by 20%.

341 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:45:57.805 --> 00:46:08.575

Over time didn't lay anybody off. We ended up saving the lease payments. We no longer had to use. We saved 6Million dollars on our vehicle purchasing and fleet management.

342 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:46:08.575 --> 00:46:13.734
We saved we, we took metro call, which was available inside the city.
city
343 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:46:14.010 --> 00:46:21.630
It was called city call when I started, it made it metro call so people
could call 311 and be able to get assistance.
344 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:46:21.630 --> 00:46:25.710
We, we work with the suburban fire departments.
345 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:46:25.710 --> 00:46:40.435
For the 1st time, the leadership of the suburban fire department met with
with us, and the chief of the city old city, urban fire department, and
looked at ways to better comprehensively, provide coverage throughout the
community.
346 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:46:40.465 --> 00:46:41.275
For example.
347 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:46:41.520 --> 00:46:46.470
Um, out in the, I think it was the Oklahoma fire department.
348 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:46:46.470 --> 00:46:49.560
There was concern that there had been flash.
349 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:46:49.560 --> 00:46:53.880
Flooding in some of the streams and they needed.
350 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:46:53.880 --> 00:46:57.240
I wrote it down. What do they caught? Swift.
351 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:46:57.240 --> 00:47:02.100
Swift boat swift boat recovery.
352 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:00.990 --> 00:47:04.710
Recovery votes whatever it is good. It was.
353 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:02.100 --> 00:47:06.210
Boats whatever it was anyway, we put it in the budget.
354 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:04.710 --> 00:47:10.230
Anyway, we put it in the budget and we paid for that out of capital so
that then we put.
355 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:06.210 --> 00:47:10.230
And we paid for that out of capital so that then we put.
356 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:10.230 --> 00:47:13.890
1, out at Oklahoma, and we put 1 somewhere out in the center part.
357 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:13.890 --> 00:47:17.490
And then somewhere in the Far East to be able to have these swift boat.
358 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:47:17.490 --> 00:47:24.990
Facilities available, we got the highest rating of this community is ever received from moody's on Wall Street.

359 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:24.990 --> 00:47:32.400
Based on the financial strength of putting the 2 together, we were able to put a 100 more police officers on the street.

360 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:32.400 --> 00:47:39.570
Which was at that time very, very well received and I suspect would be today again and.

361 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:39.570 --> 00:47:50.760
We went so we rolled out the government, the image, the symbol of my administration in that 1st, year of merger was.

362 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:50.760 --> 00:47:54.840
The duck, because we wanted people to think we were just.

363 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:54.840 --> 00:47:59.700
Smoothly running, right on top of that lake, but buddy, we were paddling like hell.

364 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:47:59.700 --> 00:48:03.690
To keep everything afloat and ultimately gave us the opportunity to.

365 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:48:03.690 --> 00:48:10.950
Bring the government to where it is today. So maybe it wasn't as short as it should have been, but I wanted to be sure you understood how things went.

366 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:48:10.950 --> 00:48:14.670
Thank you Mary, anyone have any questions.

367 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:48:15.055 --> 00:48:27.055
Calcium calcium a metric Council district, 19 maybe not a question for the mayor, but maybe more of a statement of something we need to pull up. Because I think 1 of the questions I know we had talked about this in.

368 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:48:27.085 --> 00:48:32.215
Some of our original meetings is, what was the agreement on who was supposed to do? What.

369 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:48:32.515 --> 00:48:38.365
Right because now, I mean, they're still metro council members from the original council still on council right?

370 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:48:38.395 --> 00:48:49.555
So we've spoken to them, but and some of the suburban mayors, mayor, John, and others who remember, and were part of those discussions going way back. Right?

371 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:48:49.825 --> 00:49:02.455

But I would tell you, my experience being somebody who didn't live here through it and asking those questions a lot of times I get conflicting answers, you know, some people remember it. Oh, no. You know, Metro was supposed to do X Y, and Z. and then you'll speak to somebody.

372 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:02.490 --> 00:49:06.090

Oh, no, no, no that wasn't the agreement. It was this so I.

373 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:06.090 --> 00:49:10.500

You mentioned, and I just want to be super clear about, I think what you said.

374 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:10.500 --> 00:49:24.445

Which was the broad brush strokes of merger were very high level and the detail of who was doing, what was going to be done by that 1st counsel the 1st, 26. so it's probably behooves us.

377 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:24.445 --> 00:49:31.555

There's got to be a series of ordinances and ordinance. Okay. Ordinance number 1 at the 1st meeting ever. ever

376 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:10.560 --> 00:49:24.445

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378 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:31.710 --> 00:49:36.840

Cause the merger of everything. Okay but let me let me let me answer your question with specific examples.

379 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:36.750 --> 00:49:41.970

You're exactly right. Things were evolving. And I'll I'll give you 2 examples.

380 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:36.840 --> 00:49:42.000

Exactly right things were evolving and I'll give you 2 examples.

381 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:41.970 --> 00:49:47.250

About 4 or 5 months into the new government. I get a call from a suburban mayor.

382 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:42.000 --> 00:49:47.250

About 4 or 5 months into the new government. I get a call from a suburban mayor.

383 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:47.250 --> 00:49:50.850

Saying there is a deer dead on a road.

384 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:50.850 --> 00:49:55.110

And I said, well, you know, this mayor will, we'll pick it up.

385 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:49:55.110 --> 00:50:00.030

So, I called, I think it was the works department. It might've been salaries, but I think it was a husband works.

386 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:00.030 --> 00:50:03.420
Because the director of our works department was the county.

387 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:03.420 --> 00:50:07.080
Former county director of works Republican guy.

388 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:07.080 --> 00:50:13.950
Interesting enough, and I said so and so called me and got a deer out there we got to go pick it up and say, we don't pick them up.

389 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:13.950 --> 00:50:19.380
Inside suburban communities so what do you mean? Don't pick him up and he said, we just don't pick them up.

390 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:19.380 --> 00:50:22.740
If there's something going on, inside a suburban community, that's up to them.

391 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:22.740 --> 00:50:26.790
I said, well, they pay this metro tax. We should pick it up.

392 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:26.790 --> 00:50:31.560
So he said Mary, would you like us to pick it up? And I said, yeah, like you to pick it up. So I got picked up.

393 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:31.560 --> 00:50:42.870
2nd example, say, Matthews, I don't remember how they called me, but the mayor called I think it was Bernie bowling at the time, and he said we want to do a downtown development.

394 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:42.840 --> 00:50:50.520
Plan and part of our when you go up Lexington road Frankfurt Avenue, it's in the old city, but at some point you hit.

395 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:42.870 --> 00:50:50.520
Plan and part of our when you go up Lexington road Frankfurt Avenue, it's in the old city, but at some point you hit.

396 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:50.520 --> 00:50:57.720
The county and St Matthews, and he said, would you all be willing to your economic development funds to join with us?

397 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:50:57.720 --> 00:51:04.740
In the plan, so I called the economic people say we don't we don't do anything in suburban cities.

398 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:51:04.740 --> 00:51:10.950
We're county government, we don't do anything in suburban cities and I said, but they pay this tax. Why don't you do it?

399 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:51:10.950 --> 00:51:16.230
And so we put up 25,000 dollars to match, say, Matthews 25,000 dollars.

400 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:51:16.230 --> 00:51:26.430

To do a 50,000 dollar, they were having all sorts of accidents along the vogue theater lesson road, et cetera, and they restructured and laid that out. So they answer your question is.

401 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:51:26.430 --> 00:51:36.870

Things evolved every, every every item didn't have its t's crossed and i's dotted, but people of good faith trying to make the thing work.

402 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:51:36.870 --> 00:51:49.680

Just work through it, and those are just 2 examples. I remember. That's great. Mr. mayor, thank you for that. And even very recently we entered we had this issue with.

403 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:51:49.915 --> 00:51:55.975

vulval fire and suburban fire now. Ems crosses very commonly. Right that's that's not an issue.

404 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:51:56.215 --> 00:52:08.395

But the fire departments really had this hard line, and it became an issue and to at least 2 circumstances, just in the last couple years, where the closer responding fire department would have been the opposite side. Right?

405 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:52:08.755 --> 00:52:19.585

And we've just now created an agreement that now solves that right? So, to your point, even more evolution recently but, yeah, I think it'd be still interesting to go back to grab the original.

406 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:52:19.800 --> 00:52:30.240

Ordinance 1, and then to your point, maybe even try to document some of those evolutions. Because again, I would say as somebody who represents some suburban cities.

407 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:52:30.240 --> 00:52:33.840

It has to this day, been an issue of.

408 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:52:33.840 --> 00:52:44.995

Understanding of that evolution and where the line is who should be doing what, you know, because to be fair to bear Fisher. As an example here.

409 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:52:45.205 --> 00:52:55.495

I don't want to get all over him in his administration for something that really it's understood. The suburban city is doing and vice versa. So, but thank you. I really appreciate the context we found.

410 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:52:55.795 --> 00:53:01.645

We found that in the county they had not invested as the city had in our park system as an example.

411 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:53:01.740 --> 00:53:05.970

And so we really got aggressive. We built the new golf course.

412 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:53:05.970 --> 00:53:10.710

Pro shop at.

413 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:53:10.710 --> 00:53:18.030

Out right outside of we, we built 1 out of the long run. We went out Dixie highway to sun Valley.

414 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:53:18.030 --> 00:53:31.470

Which had a horrendous 9 hole golf course and we added 9 holes. We, you know, I remember going with a friend from fair to and we were driving by and there was a park that had 2 tennis courts. Both nets were down.

415 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:53:31.470 --> 00:53:36.450

And I said to him, how long are those? That's been down? He's, they've been down for months.

416 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:53:36.450 --> 00:53:40.410

And I said, you know, if a net was down in Tyler park.

417 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:53:40.410 --> 00:53:49.830

Those nets would have been put up because people wouldn't have accepted it. We found that a lot of folks outside the old city.

418 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:53:49.830 --> 00:53:52.830

Just had gotten to the point of accepting things that.

419 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:53:52.830 --> 00:54:00.060

That weren't, I'll give you another example. I got a call from councilman Henderson.

420 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:54:00.060 --> 00:54:04.560

Who's I'm sitting in, I think, and from Valley station.

421 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:54:04.560 --> 00:54:07.710

And he comes in to see me, and he says.

422 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:54:07.710 --> 00:54:12.120

How how come it takes so long to get a junk car picked up.

423 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:54:12.120 --> 00:54:15.420

An abandoned car out here in Valley station.

424 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:54:15.420 --> 00:54:20.970

I said, what do you mean? He said, well, I talked to 1 of the council members who used to be an older men.

425 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:54:20.970 --> 00:54:28.290

And in the old city level, we would pick up an abandoned car and 48 hours. That was our rule of thumb. I'm sure sometimes we didn't make it.

426 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:54:28.290 --> 00:54:33.480

But that was our rule of thumb I said, he said it's taking me 2 months.

427 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:54:33.480 --> 00:54:41.280

To get it picked up, I said, 1st thing, we're only in this government for 2 months so, give me a break. And secondly, I said, and this was the real kicker.

428 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:54:41.280 --> 00:54:45.720

How long did it take you to get an abandoned car? Picked up in the old county.

429 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:54:45.720 --> 00:54:48.720

And Henderson looked at me and he said, well, they never picked them up.

430 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:54:48.720 --> 00:55:01.380

So so, give me a break let me, let me get into this flow and we're going to try to make it work because picking up abandoned cars, whether you're in a suburban city, urban service district, or in unincorporated area.

431 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:01.380 --> 00:55:04.440

It all be the same we ought to be able to do it the same way.

432 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:04.440 --> 00:55:08.820

Those were the kinds of things that we dealt with that were tough.

433 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:08.820 --> 00:55:12.090

But took time to get into the flow.

434 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:17.730 --> 00:55:23.010

All right, thank you, man. Like you said, 1 thing that was oh, I'm sorry I didn't see.

435 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:23.010 --> 00:55:27.540

Thank you Mary and Butler may or you talked about.

436 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:27.540 --> 00:55:33.000

Merged in the city in the county and back when it was city of Louisville.

437 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:33.000 --> 00:55:36.690

They used to get tons of dollars.

438 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:36.690 --> 00:55:40.080

Counting got some when you merged.

439 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:40.080 --> 00:55:43.470

How did that change and.

440 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:43.470 --> 00:55:50.670

How did how did it change population wise with the senses and that sort of thing? Because that's what all those federal dollars.

441 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:50.670 --> 00:55:56.280

Are based on Yeah, you know, we had a big argument with the Census Bureau.

442 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:55:56.280 --> 00:56:01.740

Because we counted everybody that voted for, or against me.

443 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:56:01.740 --> 00:56:05.070
As a citizen, so if you lived in.

444 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:56:05.070 --> 00:56:10.650
You know, prospect, or you lived in town, or you lived in St Matthews.

445 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:56:10.650 --> 00:56:15.360
You voted for a council member and you voted for, or against the mayor.

446 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:56:15.360 --> 00:56:21.060
So we thought they were all in our city and that gave us the population of 750,000.

447 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:56:21.060 --> 00:56:35.520
And that gave us the 16th largest city in America. And that was 1 of the things we sold that we'd be in the top 20 list when decision makers business people were looking to locate. They wanted to be in a community that wasn't too large. But we're still large enough to have a sophisticated.

448 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:56:35.520 --> 00:56:40.350
School system and arts community and athletics and universities, et cetera.

449 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:56:40.350 --> 00:56:48.780
And so the Census Bureau came in and said all the suburban cities are taken out.

450 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:56:48.780 --> 00:56:53.910
Of the new city of law, and we argued vociferously.

451 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:56:53.910 --> 00:56:58.530
And we lost, so, uh, some of those.

452 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:56:58.530 --> 00:57:05.070
Larger cities, probably 3 or 4 of them probably get a little bit of we get what the county got and what the city got.

453 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:57:05.070 --> 00:57:09.630
But we were hopeful that we would be a community of 700.

454 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:57:09.630 --> 00:57:13.440
And be able to argue every time a grant came out.

455 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:57:13.440 --> 00:57:17.370
That we would be in a situation to receive a larger amount of money.

456 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:57:17.370 --> 00:57:23.730
In fact, they rolled back, you know, I don't know. Maybe 100,000. I'm not sure what the.

457 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:57:23.730 --> 00:57:27.090
What the numbers are right now, but the suburban communities.

458 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:57:27.090 --> 00:57:31.560
Um, but that was that was how that worked is that way. You remember Tina.

459 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:57:31.560 --> 00:57:36.780
Yeah, thank you. Marianne.

460 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:57:36.780 --> 00:57:46.620
The other question is, you mentioned several cities that have mergers well, before us, Nashville and Annapolis, others do you know of any of those communities?

461 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:57:46.620 --> 00:57:53.160
That still have suburban cities in them and, or are entertaining. The thought.

462 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:57:53.160 --> 00:58:01.500
Additional cities within their merged area, you know, Indianapolis is a is a unique situation.

463 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:58:01.500 --> 00:58:06.180
And I'll tell you how unique it was. The 1st year I was mayor.

464 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:58:06.180 --> 00:58:10.980
I set up a leadership global alumni luncheon where I would bring a mayor.

465 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:58:10.980 --> 00:58:18.660
And he or she would speak about whatever the issue of the day was and we did it for the 1st time and we brought the mayor of Indianapolis.

466 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:58:18.660 --> 00:58:22.710
And I'm sitting with him at lunch, and we're talking before he speaks.

467 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:58:22.710 --> 00:58:26.700
And he tells me that we, we Indianapolis.

468 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:58:26.700 --> 00:58:31.050
He said he said, I'd love what you've done with the police department. I said, what do you mean?

469 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:58:31.050 --> 00:58:34.080
He said we never merged our police department.

470 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:58:34.080 --> 00:58:39.600
So, what are you mean? He said the county sheriff handles the county police policing and the city.

471 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:58:39.600 --> 00:58:45.630
Police Chief handles the city police he said, I think I'm going to go back and try to change it. Now this is.

472 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:58:45.630 --> 00:58:50.070
25 years later, which he did get changed by the way.

473 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

00:58:50.070 --> 00:58:53.310
Indianapolis has about 10 or 12 cities.
474 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:58:53.310 --> 00:59:01.320
In fact, I looked it up because you had asked me if I knew of any cities like speedway that has like, 15,000 people.
475 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:59:01.320 --> 00:59:05.430
Cities like Lawrence, Indiana, which is in Marion County.
476 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:59:05.430 --> 00:59:16.620
Which is 50,000 people so there is about 10 or 12 of those cities, but they, they don't vote for the, for the urban government.
477 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:59:16.620 --> 00:59:21.660
Mayor, they run their own thing, do their own, I think. No, you don't think so?
478 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:59:21.660 --> 00:59:26.670
I think I think that's right to answer. Your question is, I don't know of any that had been created.
479 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:59:26.670 --> 00:59:34.410
Suburban cities, if anything they would, if you're doing it, right people would feel comfortable. And you would say, I don't want to pay any more taxes.
480 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:59:34.410 --> 00:59:38.610
You know, in the old city of global, we call them neighborhoods.
481 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:59:38.610 --> 00:59:53.250
And in my neighborhood association, we pay 50 dollars a year, and we get flowers, Frankfurt Avenue or something. I mean, you know, if you're getting good services, then you shouldn't have to and you should be getting good services.
482 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:59:53.250 --> 00:59:57.060
So, the jacksonville's only jacksonville's, the largest.
483 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
00:59:57.060 --> 01:00:00.240
Geographic city in the in America.
484 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:00:00.240 --> 01:00:06.960
Jacksonville Jackson will pass 1 of these things that you guys in, the legislature.
485 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:00:06.960 --> 01:00:19.500
Have you had to give us the right to do, which is the lift program they they put on the bout. This is the program where you have so many capital projects, and the people vote on it.
486 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:00:19.500 --> 01:00:24.720
And they put a tax on themselves for 20 years, and when the bonds are over, the tax goes away.

487 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:00:24.720 --> 01:00:29.520
Jacksonville, when they were looking to build an NFL stadium.

488 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:00:29.520 --> 01:00:33.780
They put on the ballot NFL stadium, a new downtown library.

489 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:00:33.780 --> 01:00:40.350
A new suburban baseball complex, and then they made a commitment.

490 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:00:40.350 --> 01:00:43.650
To pave every road in the city.

491 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:00:43.650 --> 01:00:49.470
If you vote for this tax, and of course, once you put it that way.

492 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:00:49.470 --> 01:00:55.050
They voted for it, but it's the biggest geographic city in America when they merged.

493 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:00:55.050 --> 01:00:59.790
Nashville, obviously there's a long, long time ago. I know of no city inside.

494 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:00:59.790 --> 01:01:03.810
Nashville, but Indianapolis is a peculiar situation and.

495 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:03.810 --> 01:01:07.290
You know, the other interesting thing is the names of these communities.

496 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:07.290 --> 01:01:11.610
Indianapolis is Indianapolis. Marion.

497 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:11.610 --> 01:01:15.780
Most people call it. Indianapolis.

498 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:15.780 --> 01:01:20.940
In Nashville, it's Nashville Davidson.

499 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:20.940 --> 01:01:24.240
Metro government, most people call it. Nashville.

500 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:24.240 --> 01:01:27.360
But for some reason, in.

501 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:27.360 --> 01:01:31.260
Where Louisville, Jefferson County, Metro and.

502 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:31.260 --> 01:01:35.250
People call it global Metro. I've never understood that.

503 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:35.250 --> 01:01:40.200
Because there is no such thing as a metro mayor. If you look at the statute, there's a mayor.

504 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:40.200 --> 01:01:44.640
There is a metro counsel, but there is a mayor.

505 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:44.640 --> 01:01:50.130
Not a Metro here, so hopefully someday people will call us Louisville.

506 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:50.130 --> 01:01:54.120
Uh, and I'll tell you why it started local Metro.

507 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:01:54.120 --> 01:02:03.840
As we made a conscious effort to not to ensure that suburban to the county would not think it was a city takeover.

508 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:02:04.920 --> 01:02:10.620
If you just call it the little, you know, it would seem like global absorb Jefferson County.

509 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:02:10.620 --> 01:02:16.560
So we decided we would start referring to it for a while as global Metro. Remember.

510 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:02:16.560 --> 01:02:21.030
And we said to the media, you know, we're going to call it local Metro.

511 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:02:21.030 --> 01:02:27.030
But over time, nobody calls it nobody in Lexington, it's called.

512 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:02:27.030 --> 01:02:32.550
Lexington urban county government? Yep, they call it. Lexington.

513 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:02:32.550 --> 01:02:39.330
So, that's why we called it local Metro, because words matter. And we thought that would be that would give people in the.

514 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:02:39.535 --> 01:02:49.495
Outside of the community, a comfort level Thank you. Ma'am. I think that was a good rendition. I would note that I've only said I live in low.

515 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:02:49.525 --> 01:03:03.445
I've never been I live in little Metro and I've never lived inside the well, I guess I have for a few years, lived inside the old city limits, got a comment. And then a couple of comments 1 is, I remember voting for this in 2000. I was a young man. man

516 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:03:03.690 --> 01:03:07.020
It was in college and I voted for it for 1 reason.

517 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:03:07.020 --> 01:03:15.300
I didn't want Lexington to be bigger than mobile and you come out. That's a significant reason. We played that as strong as we could.

518 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:03:15.300 --> 01:03:18.300
That Lexington, although they were merged.

519 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:03:18.300 --> 01:03:23.160
What in the next census look like that little, which was not merged.

520 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:03:23.160 --> 01:03:27.030
Would become the 2nd, largest city there was an apples and apples.

521 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:03:27.030 --> 01:03:38.995
But still, and there were people that voted just like you did simply for that reason, I was a young man, I didn't know the ins and outs who was going to reply or respond on a police. But that's the reason that I voted for it.

522 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:03:38.995 --> 01:03:45.775
And I lived in in the South, and then I would note that I think you hit on a few things that I think.

523 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:03:46.200 --> 01:03:53.490
I think most of us here, I think all of us here are very proud of doable. I know I am, I live in Louisville, but you mentioned.

524 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:03:53.490 --> 01:04:01.140
People of good faith figured it out. The people who I represent don't think that there's a person in good faith in the mayor's office. Today. If you were mayor.

525 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:04:01.140 --> 01:04:08.340
I think we'd be having a very different conversation. Hopefully our next mayor is a person of good faith who plows our snow.

526 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:04:08.340 --> 01:04:15.150
Quickly like, he does other places who sends different different services out to us, which he's not today.

527 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:04:15.150 --> 01:04:18.150
Also, you merge the city.

528 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:04:18.150 --> 01:04:22.650
Police, but it's not really merged anymore. L. P. D. is.

529 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:04:22.650 --> 01:04:26.340
But if I get in a car wreck in Middletown is not responding.

530 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:04:26.340 --> 01:04:29.730
If someone has a burglary and Douglas hills.

531 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:04:29.755 --> 01:04:36.625
Mpd may respond, but they're probably not going to. It's probably going to be Middletown or Jay town or Anchorage police. Now, Lyndon has its own police department.

532 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:04:36.925 --> 01:04:46.255
We police ourselves because didn't not because of not because the great officers, but because of leadership at city hall also,

533 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:04:46.255 --> 01:04:56.695

with respect to if you go out and she'll be the road today down a Shelbyville road today and you get it and you get have a heart attack or something will never respond.

534 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:04:56.970 --> 01:05:11.275

It will always be Anchorage Middletown always we will respond inside Louisville, but they don't respond outside to us. Even though they have county wild jurisdiction. Those are the reasons. That's a that's a logistical issue. Not a not a legal issue.

535 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:05:11.635 --> 01:05:12.895

Those are the reasons that.

536 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:05:13.110 --> 01:05:19.950

That we are having this conversation and you say if things are done, right? You don't need these new cities.

537 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:05:19.950 --> 01:05:32.430

Things aren't being done right now. Hopefully, we can go away where we don't have more corporations of cities or any annexations and we do things like taxing districts, which I hope all we all talk about but.

538 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:05:32.430 --> 01:05:36.390

The glory days of the early 2000 s are not here. Now.

539 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:05:36.390 --> 01:05:48.085

And my constituents, which is where the lion's share of the growth is, in this county, are not being served by city hall the way that they think they ought to be started with the taxes that they're being paid. That's the reason we're here.

540 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:05:48.985 --> 01:06:03.535

So, I wanted to comment on a few things that you that you had mentioned the good faith, if it's being done. Right? And then the merger issue and we are, I think I'm very proud of. I think everybody else is as well, but it's not all unicorns. And rainbows.

541 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:06:03.750 --> 01:06:06.840

Anybody else have any comment or any questions.

542 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:06:07.255 --> 01:06:19.975

Yes, sir Thank you. Just a couple of questions counsel. Cory are the district 4 in reviewing the National legal cities, consolidated cities and counties. It looks like Jacksonville, Florida doesn't allow new cities.

543 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:06:19.975 --> 01:06:32.125

The same goes for Lexington, Kentucky, New Orleans, Louisiana. Nashville. Do you remember when merger occurred in the early 2 thousand's, if you anticipated or if anyone in your administration anticipated new cities being created.

544 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:06:33.150 --> 01:06:36.150

It was just the opposite opposite council member.

545 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:06:36.150 --> 01:06:41.550

The feeling was, is that that we would not have any.

546 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:06:41.550 --> 01:06:46.320

Additional cities, and in fact, as has occurred with the fire districts.

547 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:06:46.320 --> 01:06:53.430

We would have fewer over time that would, you know, I grew up in a 55 block city.

548 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:06:53.430 --> 01:06:59.520

You know why so over time the thought was, you would see many of those.

549 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:06:59.520 --> 01:07:10.260

Because they couldn't get people to run for the Council, and they couldn't get people to be mayor that they would begin to consolidate with others. But there was it was just the opposite. There was no thinking it was just.

550 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:07:10.260 --> 01:07:16.410

We did not expect any additional cities and it, we're hopeful that there would be fewer.

551 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:07:16.410 --> 01:07:24.720

But again, that was by choice of the cities, the suburban cities, we couldn't tell them to go out of business.

552 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:07:24.720 --> 01:07:37.945

They had to make that decision themselves and my 2nd question and I totally understand what we just heard about people wanting more services. But to your point, it seems like some of the people themselves might not want to provide those services.

553 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:07:38.155 --> 01:07:49.825

I don't know if you saw earlier this year on August, the courier Journal reported, and nearly half of the small cities, there weren't enough candidates to fill out a full compartment of the city council,

554 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:07:49.825 --> 01:07:54.715

or the city commissions reading on into that article. This isn't a new issue.

555 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:07:55.225 --> 01:08:09.925

So, I'm curious of during your time, during your heyday, if you remember any cities constituents from those cities, who did not have elected officials, filling those positions that called you for help because they weren't unable to operate.

556 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:08:10.260 --> 01:08:20.130

You know, I can't remember any of the specifics, but I just know the anecdotes of my own dad, he rest in peace who they constantly tried to get him to be on the city council.

557 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:08:20.130 --> 01:08:26.910

Of this 5 block city, and he didn't want to deal with dogs who were complaining neighbors complaining about dogs and so.

558 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:08:26.910 --> 01:08:31.200

He, and when I asked him 1 day, why are we in why does this.

559 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:08:31.200 --> 01:08:36.000

Place exist and he said we wanted street lights.

560 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:08:36.000 --> 01:08:39.450

And we wanted garbage once a week.

561 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:08:39.450 --> 01:08:42.480

And we wanted to be able to deduct.

562 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:08:42.480 --> 01:08:46.620

The tax that we paid for garbage.

563 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:08:46.620 --> 01:08:51.450

And for, uh, streetlights, and therefore we created a city.

564 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:08:51.450 --> 01:09:04.530

Which I'm not sure that's a good basis, but that's what he said. Well, I felt this brain if we had a new city for everybody who wanted to streamline our district, it looked kind of crazy. Thank you so much.

565 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:09:04.530 --> 01:09:16.525

We have made it to where, I think it's 6,000 maybe 7,500. I don't remember. So, it can't be those small cities, those very small cities representative for me. Thank you beside the mayor and Senator Adams.

566 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:09:16.525 --> 01:09:30.835

I think we're the only people here in this room, or at the beginning if I'm in fact, I recall, and just to let, you know, councilman, that's always been the case. I was a suburban City mayor as well as a council.

567 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:09:30.835 --> 01:09:34.405

I guess a commissioner and there's always been a. there's always been a

568 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:09:34.530 --> 01:09:44.010

Struggle to fill that out, going back to early 90 s if not 80 to try to fill those things out. So that's always been there. Understand you're coming from. But but that's that's always been there.

569 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:09:44.010 --> 01:09:58.620

The other thing we were going through the merger and the 1st, 6 months, there were a lot of grain pains. We've tried to combine 5,000 ordinances, which is why an easy task to go through that process.

570 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:09:59.035 --> 01:10:13.285

But we were, and I like like the mayors said I supported, like, the chairman. I supported that because I felt that there was need to be having a unified approach in terms of economic development in order to help citizens throughout throughout the county.

571 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:10:13.285 --> 01:10:19.255

And I think it's, I think it's this has come to fruition in terms that we need to look at what.

572 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:10:19.350 --> 01:10:29.005

Is our, are we fulfilling what was promised some time ago right? Or wrong what it is? I think we just got to go through that diligence and so forth. And you're right.

573 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:10:29.005 --> 01:10:40.345

I think I think the mayor said something about ineffective delivery services and that's probably true in both the city and county and so the hope was there to try to go and balance that out and so forth.

574 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:10:40.345 --> 01:10:49.345

So, I appreciate the historical perspective of the mayor gives us a good idea. What's going.

575 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:10:49.350 --> 01:10:57.115

Hold on I know there's a lot of documentations out there is available. Uh, but I'm hopefully that whatever the data shows. Where do we go through that?

576 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:10:57.115 --> 01:11:10.525

We're going to come in a much better position in order to propel Lenovo, because I'm a supporter of law, global been raised here and want to make sure that we're the best we can be and hopefully getting the top 10 and not just the 16 or where we are now,

577 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:11:11.515 --> 01:11:19.285

how are we getting a better position? So I just wanted to just make those quick, quick comments, but I appreciate the mayor sticking with us.

578 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:11:19.375 --> 01:11:32.095

Through those years, um, for life I know that. But then again, I think the mayor did a good job, you know, and trying to call this a lot of things and we may agree to disagree on things, but that's fine. That's part of it.

579 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:11:32.485 --> 01:11:36.835

But I think I think I do appreciate his service and what he did. So thank you very much better.

580 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:11:37.110 --> 01:11:47.640

Mayor, thank you Bonnie John from Douglas fills councilman Arthur. I just let me clarify a little bit about some small cities that.

581 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:11:47.640 --> 01:11:53.880

The article said may not have folks running, um, a lot of times in these small areas.

582 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:11:53.880 --> 01:11:58.290

They wait until after the filing deadline and then they.

583 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:11:58.290 --> 01:12:02.190

Uh, the governor has 30 days to a point.

584 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:12:02.190 --> 01:12:09.570

Um, the council and a mayor of any city, and this is just recently happened with hillview.

585 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:12:09.570 --> 01:12:15.570

He'll view had been didn't have a mayor didn't a council for about 5 years.

586 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:12:15.570 --> 01:12:19.620

They had some folks that got together and it was over trash.

587 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:12:19.620 --> 01:12:23.310

And so they contacted the governor.

588 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:12:23.310 --> 01:12:30.570

And the governor has appointed a mayor in 6 members to be on the hill view Council. So they are a council.

589 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:12:30.570 --> 01:12:38.430

Again, some of their smaller ones, like I said, they either way for the governor, or they don't want to pay the 50 dollars.

590 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:12:38.430 --> 01:12:48.990

Falling for you and, you know, that's absolutely true. So but the other thing about this commission is we may find out that there might be some cities that want to.

591 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:12:50.755 --> 01:12:58.645

And want to join another city or something of that nature, you know, and so I'm looking forward to whatever we can do.

592 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:12:59.575 --> 01:13:07.075

I would've loved it if a deer had been hit and Douglas hills, and Metro are loyal, would have come to get it.

593 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:13:07.075 --> 01:13:18.985

And I think a lot what you're finding is smaller cities, feel like that they're still providing those out your front door services also. Well, thank you. Because you were president of the Jersey county.

594 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:13:18.990 --> 01:13:25.680

The legal cities at 1 time so appreciate all that you did, and all that to help to get this started. Thank you.

595 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:13:27.360 --> 01:13:34.770

Earl Jones here well, 1 observation I would make after hearing this history and some of the other comments.

596 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:13:34.770 --> 01:13:41.640

Is that of course, the legislation actually sets up the.

597 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:13:41.640 --> 01:13:48.780

Possibility for removal, losing its position I think now is number 29 and the census track.

598 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:13:48.780 --> 01:13:52.590

To becoming possibly number 50.

599 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:13:52.590 --> 01:13:55.860

Um, and so the.

600 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:13:55.860 --> 01:14:03.540

Consequence of that, I assume, and I hope will be part of the consideration of this commission as it goes through this process.

601 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:14:03.540 --> 01:14:08.880

Of considering overall what the benefits are, and how we might.

602 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:14:08.880 --> 01:14:12.090

Basically, the interests of the entire community.

603 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:14:12.090 --> 01:14:19.770

Which I have real questions would be advanced by the shrinkage of the community in the eyes of the larger world.

604 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:14:24.330 --> 01:14:28.260

Et cetera, disaster name is.

605 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:14:28.260 --> 01:14:34.470

I think that that was Holly villa now to help you.

606 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:14:34.470 --> 01:14:45.120

Okay, and councilman Arthur, I think you hit on a good point that it is hard to run a city and to get people to.

607 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:14:45.805 --> 01:14:55.795

As candidates into serve, there's many cities throughout the state that are going to fund and we're going to do away with their being able to be a city.

608 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:14:56.095 --> 01:15:08.875

So, I don't think that I know we're arguing about whether they can consolidate and they mostly for the South and from creek Valley station. That's what it was mainly far because in Eastern economics.

609 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:15:09.120 --> 01:15:17.010

I think you should worry more about the annexations than a consolidation and as near Abramson said, if you provide the services.

610 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:15:17.245 --> 01:15:31.855

They're not going to want to incorporate and the legislature, which I know many are upset with, for doing this made it very hard to consolidate. And I think it's like, 70% have to actually want to do it. So it was made hard for a reason.

611 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:15:31.855 --> 01:15:35.725

And I also think that it. it

612 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:15:35.880 --> 01:15:40.980

Uh, prompts the cities to provide the services so that won't happen.

613 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:15:42.715 --> 01:15:49.225

And I want to thank you to mayor for I think a lot of people talk about term limits but in this instance,

614 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:15:49.225 --> 01:16:02.965

it probably took someone to be there and to stay there and be in the steady Eddie for a steady Jerry for a while to bring the city along, so I want to thank you for that. That's what all I want to say.

615 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:16:03.025 --> 01:16:04.465

I think I got elected.

616 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:16:04.740 --> 01:16:13.950

Because I had the best chance of making the fewest mistakes in putting the 2 together. That's why I think I ultimately got elected.

617 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:16:13.950 --> 01:16:21.060

President Jameson, thank you. Mr. I just wanted to say to Mary. You know, I was listening to you.

618 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:16:21.415 --> 01:16:28.705

Reiterate all those things and I was a young person, younger person back then and you brought back a lot of memories.

619 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:16:28.705 --> 01:16:38.545

Some of those things I remembered and being on the council for 12 years and watching government move. Really?

620 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:16:38.545 --> 01:16:50.935

What you did was, you were, like, changing the wheels on the fire truck while it was on the way to the fire and that's not easy. And so I just really want to congratulate you and thank you for what you did for our community to get it to.

621 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:16:51.060 --> 01:17:00.660

We are today, your leadership is immeasurable. I still talk about you being, you know, who you are to everybody at meet and so I just want to say, thank you.

622 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:17:05.215 --> 01:17:17.785

All right, I missed council woman, Butler, and sending an email, so I want to make sure I'm looking around again. Just make sure I don't miss anything. Okay. Thank you. We will ask Mr. Coombs to take the Mike.

623 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:17:18.090 --> 01:17:21.930

And, uh, program is your sir.

624 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:17:21.930 --> 01:17:25.680

As long as green buttons on your life. Oh, thank you. David.

625 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:17:27.840 --> 01:17:35.275

So, I'm Paul Coombs, Meredith, professor of economics at University of Louisville, which means I'm a retired old professor.

626 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:17:35.665 --> 01:17:47.845

I brought with me also, Bill hall here, professor, distinguished economics professor at University of Kentucky, and really a world class scholar on public economics.

627 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:17:48.115 --> 01:17:57.805

So, I thought his brain would be very useful as we develop the methodology to try to measure these things correctly. And also you'll see on this handout.

628 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:17:57.840 --> 01:18:10.080

That you've got the name of Matt Dr math is the Kentucky State demographer and I contacted him last week.

629 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:18:10.080 --> 01:18:13.710

As we were having discussions about how to host this.

630 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:18:13.710 --> 01:18:18.930

I thought it would be ideal to have this hosted at University of Louisville, as opposed to.

631 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:18:18.955 --> 01:18:24.145

Retired Coombs office, because, you know, you might want to update this in a few years.

632 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:18:24.325 --> 01:18:38.395

It needs an institutional, long term home Bill and UK offered to do it, but I think it would be better to have it at here since it is our community and Matt. Agreed to that. He was very excited to participate.

633 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:18:38.395 --> 01:18:41.515

So those are the 3 names at the top there.

634 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:18:42.180 --> 01:18:46.560

We'll come back and Bill wants to say something.

635 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:18:47.245 --> 01:18:55.045

When I finish, like, everybody else, I enjoyed all of jerry's worst stories. It brought back a lot of memories.

636 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:18:55.975 --> 01:19:10.555

Actually, he asked me 20 something years ago to help the city, do the revenue forecast with Jane Driscoll and Daniel and I did that for many years. And that helped me learn the budget and the revenue sources.

637 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:19:10.555 --> 01:19:16.285

So, I'm pretty up to speed on the details of the city city's budget and.

638 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:19:16.950 --> 01:19:23.340

Um, the other project that I've been involved with that you might remember there's a sort of a.

639 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:19:23.340 --> 01:19:29.040

A rule of thumb out there that Jefferson County only gets back 50 cents of the dollar that it sends to Frankfurt.

640 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:19:29.040 --> 01:19:34.710

That was me, I did that study about 30 years ago and updated it twice and it's true.

641 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:19:34.710 --> 01:19:42.750

Actually, so the reason I'm bringing that up, it's similar to this, and that we looked at the whole state budget.

642 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:19:42.835 --> 01:19:52.105

All the revenues and expenditures, and we allocated all the counties and, of course, Jefferson County is the engine of the state and go look at the study.

643 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:19:52.105 --> 01:20:05.515

If you like, it's incredibly detailed and there's no disputing the conclusion that we're generating the revenues and get half of it back in services. Mr. Jason name is if anybody wants to get a hold of that, how would they.

644 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:20:05.790 --> 01:20:13.050

Oh, they citizen wants they mail me um, we'll have to share my email address here shortly. Okay.

645 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:20:13.050 --> 01:20:18.750

Thank you for communication. Yeah, I've got I think we did it 3 times happy to.

646 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:20:18.750 --> 01:20:32.400

I guess the other institutional thing I'll bring up is I was actually on the merger task force 20 years ago, and I'd be 22 years ago in 2000. I was appointed I was told, I was the only.

647 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:20:32.400 --> 01:20:36.270

Personal pointing to the task force that was appointed by.

648 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:20:36.270 --> 01:20:44.130

The Republican county judge and the Democrat mayor. So I was kinda proud that it was a bipartisan appointment.

649 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:20:44.130 --> 01:20:48.420
All right, so let's let's get into a little bit of the details here. Um.

650 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:20:48.420 --> 01:20:54.930
You might, I'm sure you've all seen the legislation HP 314 and the pregnant.

651 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:20:54.930 --> 01:21:05.880
Sentence here that got us involved, is it calls for a thorough review of the distribution and provision of government services between the Louisville metro government.

652 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:21:05.880 --> 01:21:10.050
And the suburban cities and special service districts.

653 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:21:10.050 --> 01:21:15.330
Within the consolidated local government jurisdiction, blah, blah, blah. So.

654 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:21:15.330 --> 01:21:23.700
That calls for a big measurement study and so we were alerted to this and have been discussing with the.

655 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:21:23.700 --> 01:21:28.500
David James can Fleming others and put together this little.

656 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:21:28.500 --> 01:21:32.340
Outline a proposal just in the past few days.

657 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:21:32.340 --> 01:21:35.940
To respond to this, um.

658 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:21:35.940 --> 01:21:40.290
We need to get into the weeds here. I'll just give you a couple of examples.

659 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:21:40.290 --> 01:21:44.820
Um, starting with taxes, um.

660 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:21:46.110 --> 01:21:50.910
This is a real segue from our discussion. We just had.

661 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:21:50.910 --> 01:21:56.460
We intend to get our hands on the complete property tax base.

662 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:21:56.460 --> 01:22:01.410
For the county by street address, so the PVA has it.

663 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:22:01.410 --> 01:22:05.850
The sheriff sends the tax bills that data is out there by street address.

664 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:22:05.850 --> 01:22:09.540
We should be able using tools to Alec.

665 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:22:09.540 --> 01:22:12.540
Aggregate that up to suburban cities.

666 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:22:12.540 --> 01:22:25.350
To the urban service district to the unincorporated areas to metro council districts to zip codes, whatever you like. And we have a person on the team that we put together who is really good at this with logic.

667 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:22:25.350 --> 01:22:37.770
So that on the revenue side, that's the approach. We'll take we'll go down to the most fine grain data available that the city and the county agencies have and aggregate it up.

668 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:22:37.770 --> 01:22:46.320
For you all to these governmental jurisdictions for your policy discussion, that's the spirit of what we're going to do.

669 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:22:46.320 --> 01:22:51.000
Insurance premiums, taxes, occupational taxes on and on.

670 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:22:51.000 --> 01:22:55.440
Going to the silos, find it at the street address if possible.

671 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:22:55.440 --> 01:23:02.640
And aggregate it up on the on the service side. I think it's a lot Messier, but.

672 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:23:02.640 --> 01:23:10.470
Obviously, it's really important, right? So we could talk about a couple of examples police.

673 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:23:10.470 --> 01:23:18.000
So, David, James, and I were talking about this yesterday and because obviously he's a former, a policeman, he knows.

674 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:23:18.000 --> 01:23:27.720
The police department, I said, how are we going to get this data? He said, well, actually in the case of police, it should be easy because of a recent U. S Department of justice.

675 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:23:27.720 --> 01:23:39.210
Fight that's going on now, where I think David, you said that you all were required to put together 5 years worth of data on police runs.

676 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:23:39.210 --> 01:23:44.700
By address, we're going to get our hands on that, and that's going to show us.

677 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:23:44.700 --> 01:23:52.320
How the police budget is being spent at least inside the urban service district for suburban cities.

678 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:23:52.320 --> 01:24:02.880

Won't be assuming, I don't know if this is right. Bonnie, but we'll assume that your expenditures on please. Do you have police? No, you don't, but so Jefferson town.

679 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:24:02.880 --> 01:24:07.500

Does right say Matthews does shively does et cetera so.

680 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:24:07.500 --> 01:24:19.560

Will assume that their police budget gets spent inside their jurisdiction and obviously there's pricing crossover stuff, but I'm not sure how we can measure that messy stuff.

681 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:24:19.560 --> 01:24:24.210

So, anyway, that's the spirit of it, go into each 1 of the.

682 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:24:24.210 --> 01:24:28.800

Service buckets each 1 of the revenue buckets, get the data at the lowest.

683 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:24:28.800 --> 01:24:37.950

Level of geography aggregated up to the things you're interested in and come back and show it to you. We also want to make this.

684 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:24:37.950 --> 01:24:44.160

Um, very transparent to the public, and we'll develop a Web site at the university level.

685 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:24:44.160 --> 01:24:47.310

All the data, or at least the aggregated data will be there.

686 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:24:47.310 --> 01:24:54.960

All the methods will be documented and footnoted, et cetera so that anybody wants to challenge it or tell us a better way to do it.

687 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:24:54.960 --> 01:24:58.260

Give us, give us a call and we'll make it better.

688 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:24:58.260 --> 01:25:01.260

Um, I think it will take about 6 months.

689 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:25:01.260 --> 01:25:04.890

Um, just because of how messy it is.

690 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:25:04.890 --> 01:25:12.750

Um, we've put together a little budget at the end, and you'll see that. I assembled a team, including Bill and.

691 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:25:12.750 --> 01:25:20.370

Matt, to include Barry cornerstone, who worked with me for 25 years at he's a top notch.

692 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:25:20.370 --> 01:25:33.000

He's actually a MIT math major who's a data guru and Chris butts who actually works for tarp, but he does moonlighting and he's an incredible person.

693 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:25:33.000 --> 01:25:36.510

And then Bill has a graduate student.

694 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:25:36.510 --> 01:25:45.720

A PhD student who is wanting to develop a dissertation around some of this. So we are going to bring him along to so.

695 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:25:45.720 --> 01:25:51.420

I'll stop there, building everything you want to add by the way Bill was.

696 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:25:51.420 --> 01:25:56.760

The top person on the jury Abramson led lieutenant governor.

697 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:25:56.760 --> 01:25:59.880

Blue Ribbon task force on tax reform.

698 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:25:59.880 --> 01:26:06.720

Was that 1012 years ago? Bill? Yeah, 2010 Bill led that effort with Jerry. Go ahead.

699 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:26:06.720 --> 01:26:10.315

So, I don't have too much to add to Paul.

700 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:26:10.405 --> 01:26:24.625

I will say that this is, as he mentioned an area of interest in mine and while a lot of discussion here of specific cities with unified governments,

701 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:26:24.625 --> 01:26:32.155

there is kind of a broader literature. And maybe some of this, we can pull on to understand about.

702 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:26:32.640 --> 01:26:38.695

Extent of service areas, the advantages and disadvantages associated with those.

703 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:26:38.695 --> 01:26:47.815

And so I'm hoping I can bring some insights into that and some of my past work and some actually current work, it is actually a.

704 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:26:48.030 --> 01:26:52.110

A very relevant and hopefully That'll.

705 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:26:52.110 --> 01:26:57.150

Aid in some of this is Paul mentioned, I think, in particular some of the issues with.

706 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:26:57.150 --> 01:27:04.170

Trying to understand costs how they might be related to the extent of, of the service coverage.

707 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:27:04.170 --> 01:27:12.150
And things like that are are challenging, and hopefully we can get maybe
get some insights from other sources as well.

708 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:27:12.150 --> 01:27:15.570
I think that's how I probably have dad. Thanks.

709 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:27:15.570 --> 01:27:30.450
Thank you gentlemen, I'm going to open it up for questions in a moment,
but before I do, I'm going to ask President James and representative
Fleming. If they have any comments since this committee, charge them with
the responsibility of talking to Mr. Coombs. Um.

710 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:27:30.450 --> 01:27:34.110
So, David, or Ken anybody? Yes, sir, I started.

711 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:27:34.110 --> 01:27:40.500
So, Ken, I met with a gentleman here. I think it was.

712 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:27:40.500 --> 01:27:45.030
Probably a week, 2 weeks ago maybe and we explained to them.

713 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:27:45.030 --> 01:27:49.500
About the commission and and what he and I had been tasked to do.

714 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:27:50.125 --> 01:28:05.005
And I watch their eyes glaze over and so because they heard numbers and
that's what makes them tick. But we, we really talked about how we could
get the data that we don't have anywhere else and put it all in 1 place.

715 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:28:06.265 --> 01:28:08.965
And and how we can.

716 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:28:09.150 --> 01:28:20.370
Have that to be in the most transparent way available so that anybody and
everybody could see it and understand it. And we also wanted to make sure
that.

717 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:28:20.370 --> 01:28:28.680
When I, when I talked about Bill and Paul, I always have to tell them
tell that to me and David David language and so.

718 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:28:28.680 --> 01:28:32.640
Which means not the mathematician language and so.

719 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:28:32.640 --> 01:28:36.450
We both said that we wanted it to be.

720 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:28:37.075 --> 01:28:49.315
So that anybody, and everybody could understand what it is that the
information and the data that we want to look at and so I support this
proposal. I think it would be help us tremendously.

721 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:28:49.525 --> 01:29:01.135

It would help our county to know what we're talking about. And thank you represented for me, thank you. And don't sell your short David, your smart guy. So, just confirming state representative.

722 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:29:02.005 --> 01:29:05.755

If you ever looked at the blue ribbon report that.

723 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:29:06.450 --> 01:29:19.255

He put together a bill put together, which I have from cover to cover. It's very comprehensive. They're thorough and I'm very, very impressed. So between Bill and Paul, which I'm familiar with a lot of Paul's documents.

724 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:29:19.525 --> 01:29:25.795

I think we'll get a really good product coming out of this that will put us in a better position for us to move forward.

725 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:29:26.125 --> 01:29:36.235

Um, they both know, and I think David would concur with this, that during this timeframe of 6 months, they will might come to us with different additional questions or.

726 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:29:36.450 --> 01:29:50.485

Concerns or thoughts of direction, and even those are not to succeed amount in there. Um, I think we understand the gravity of this situation, but we should be very conscious of, you know, what additional costs if there are any at all.

727 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:29:50.665 --> 01:30:00.325

We'll come to this committee and we can discuss it and go forward with it. But, uh, like David, I, uh, support this and I think we'll get a good product out of these 2 gentlemen and their team.

728 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:30:00.900 --> 01:30:06.240

I canceled my and then counseling Arthur, and then I'll open the floor even further.

729 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:30:06.240 --> 01:30:09.360

Thank you 1st of all.

730 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:30:09.865 --> 01:30:22.615

Gentlemen, thank you very much. I'm very much in support of this proposal. I can't wait to see your work 1st of all as far as gathering data. I can tell you a couple of years ago. I actually tried to get property tax data.

731 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:30:22.765 --> 01:30:37.375

I went to the ppva, they said, go to the sheriff's office, go to the sheriff's office. It was like, pulling teeth. So, my point is saying that I finally got a property tax data by zip code on a CD, because there's no other way to transmit the data. For some reason.

732 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:30:37.885 --> 01:30:39.265

My point saying that is.

733 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:30:39.360 --> 01:30:48.265

Some of this data, you're going to be very dependent on departments in some cases that we have questionable jurisdiction over. Right you know, the sheriff's office is a perfect example.

734 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:30:48.745 --> 01:31:02.935

I'm sure they're going to cooperate, but if you have any problems, getting the data, right out of the gate, please, let us know please let David myself, anybody else. Know, we would be glad to advocate and make sure all these other agencies understand the critical nature of getting you the information as quickly as possible.

735 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:31:03.205 --> 01:31:04.945

And in the way that you're asking for it.

736 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:31:05.575 --> 01:31:17.065

If it's technologically possible for them to do it, I was a little nervous about some of the comments, the sheriff's office made about the way they collect this information. So fingers crossed that we can get it to you in a way that's workable.

737 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:31:18.715 --> 01:31:31.675

I did want to point out 2 quick things and again, I don't think anything needs to change in the proposal. Just something to think about number 1 related to fire in. We already talked about the suburban fire districts.

738 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:31:31.890 --> 01:31:37.500

Uh, my point in bringing that up is both when you're calculating.

739 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:31:37.500 --> 01:31:48.805

Um, service usage for fire and PMS again for fire, it's gonna be much more clean and that it's, it's actually very, very rare that it's not unprecedented.

740 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:31:48.805 --> 01:32:00.475

It's just extremely rare that suburban fire crosses into the urban services fire in lieu of a fire crosses into suburban fire, but it is extremely common that EMS crosses over suburban fire.

741 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:32:00.505 --> 01:32:07.435

Ems comes into the city fairly frequently and lawville fire also goes out to the suburban. Excuse me globally?

742 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:32:08.125 --> 01:32:19.585

Goes out to the suburban areas, so that is from a service provision point of view, which again, I think metro safe might be very helpful in getting you this information,

743 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:32:19.585 --> 01:32:23.365

and that they would know where the runs are going and who was dispatched.

744 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:32:23.545 --> 01:32:37.405

So, I think there's ways we can get you the service information, but also from a tax basis, let's also make sure we're and you should be able to get this from the property tax information because I'm assuming the sheriff also collects the suburban.

745 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:32:37.500 --> 01:32:49.259

Fire tax, but just like there is a lot of confusion around this just in the city. Yes. Metro pays a higher rate, but they're also not accounting for the fact that somebody, you know, like myself.

746 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:32:49.259 --> 01:32:59.939

Who lives under Middletown, Anchorage fire I have an additional property tax rate that's added to pay for that service. So I just wanted to bring that up and then.

747 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:32:59.939 --> 01:33:04.199

Related to occupational tax I've seen.

748 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:33:04.199 --> 01:33:10.799

Stats from those advocating for the central business district.

749 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:33:10.799 --> 01:33:22.854

Uh, that attribute all of the occupational tax for a business that locates in central business district to the central business district I'm going to pick on Humana as an example. Right?

750 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:33:22.884 --> 01:33:29.154

So Humana employees, X, thousands of people, if they put their address and I think the revenue commission would justify,

751 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:33:29.184 --> 01:33:40.704

would say this and that's the other thing when you're collecting the date of the revenue commission is a little shaky on getting on how they get their occupational tax data I've heard.

752 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:33:40.799 --> 01:33:46.764

That they sometimes get the home address and many times it's the business address.

753 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:33:47.064 --> 01:33:58.014

So, for example, I've seen these huge charts where they say, okay, occupational tax, central business district has all this, you know, occupational tax and the rest of the areas of the city. It's very low.

754 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:33:58.734 --> 01:34:10.704

Well, 1st of all there's now the most common I'm just reading in commercial real estate circles. The occupational, the occupancy rate of some of these.

755 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:34:10.799 --> 01:34:18.354

Buildings, it's very low. It's in the 40 something percentile in major downtown and that's that's true. That's true. In almost every city.

756 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:34:18.744 --> 01:34:30.684

So, because most of these businesses have gone to a hybrid model where people are working from home for periods of time, and working for the office in periods of time. My point is saying this is in addition to that people.

757 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:34:30.779 --> 01:34:40.019

That work in downtown will live not necessarily in downtown. They might live in district, 19 district, 15 district, 17, and all over the city.

758 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:34:40.434 --> 01:34:48.804

They opt just like, they picked a business to work for. They also picked a neighborhood to live in. And so I think we need to be I don't know how you're going to do this.

759 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:34:48.804 --> 01:35:01.344

And I don't know if there's an easy way to do it, but I just want to make sure that we're attributing occupational text, not only to where the business is located, but also indicating where it's generated from, from a residential point of view.

760 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:35:01.854 --> 01:35:09.804

So, again, I'm not saying it should go all in the residents or all in the business. I just think it both needs to be accounted for. I dunno how easy that.

761 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:35:10.019 --> 01:35:21.174

To be, but I think it's wrong to do it just 1 way, or the other just putting it in their place of residence or just putting in their business. And I've seen both happen and it's like, well, it's kind of both.

762 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:35:21.174 --> 01:35:28.404

And so I just wanted to bring that up as you talked about occupational tax and how to attribute it. So thank you very much.

763 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:35:29.819 --> 01:35:44.309

Excellent author, thank you. Council courtyard there. I'm just curious because you clarify you're talking about the lowest level of geography possible that street addresses and parcels or parcel IDs are 1 in the same.

764 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:35:45.599 --> 01:35:50.399

Good morning. Oh, sorry. Thank you.

765 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:35:50.399 --> 01:36:04.109

Mister yes, welcome. Yes. Uh, so your, your question is, when you get into the property tax data, there's a parcel ID and that may not be the same as a household or a taxpayer.

766 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:36:04.109 --> 01:36:13.649

Well, I'm just curious will there be a discrepancy when you look at street addresses versus the parcel IDs? Because I know parcels would be the lowest level of geography, but would those be different.

767 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:36:13.649 --> 01:36:25.139

That's a good example of how messy this is going to be to account for that. I mean, ideally, we want to know.

768 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:36:25.139 --> 01:36:29.429

At the household level for residential taxes.

769 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:36:29.429 --> 01:36:44.399

Where that street address, and how much taxes are coming from that so we can aggregate it up but I haven't thought through the issue of partial IDs, I'm familiar with it. I know that's the way the sheriff records at all, but I haven't thought through how we'll deal with it. Yeah.

770 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:36:44.399 --> 01:36:48.359

Understood my 2nd, question is around.

771 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:36:48.564 --> 01:37:00.834

I'm going further on geography, depending on the funding source, local state federal we could have different reporting requirements. Whether that's a neighborhood, a zip code, a council district and so forth.

772 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:37:01.104 --> 01:37:14.544

So I'm just curious about any preexisting data that Metro has. Do you anticipate taking that information and then trying to consolidate it down to that street address or that parcel if we already have it? Or would that be impossible?

773 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:37:17.214 --> 01:37:30.864

Let me see if I follow you, so if if the agencies have it at the street level address, obviously that's the best we can get. Right? And so we'll aggregate that up to these different jurisdictions. You're, you're asking the opposite. Are you saying.

774 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:37:31.109 --> 01:37:44.879

Well, some of the reporting requirements might not have this street addresses with them. They might be based on a council district or a zip code or neighborhood or a census track. Would you be able to to consolidate it down further? Or is that impossible?

775 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:37:44.879 --> 01:37:56.219

That's part of the art of doing this, and I'm just not into the details yet. For example, the American Community survey comes out every year and the 5 year average on Jefferson County is pretty rich.

776 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:37:56.219 --> 01:37:59.339

On household income household values.

777 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:37:59.339 --> 01:38:04.799

Commuting and we will use that to try to allocate things where we don't have.

778 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:38:04.799 --> 01:38:09.269

Administrative data, obviously, administrative data is the best, but.

779 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:38:09.269 --> 01:38:23.459

So, it'll be all of these little tricks and tools that we use to get the most precision. We can. The 1 of my favorite things is from I stole it from a Nobel Prize winner. He said.

780 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:38:23.459 --> 01:38:29.399

Torture the data until nature confesses and that's my motto. Keep torturing it.

781 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:38:29.399 --> 01:38:41.699

And it'll eventually tell you the truth. I think I know the answer to this last question based on the other answers, but I'm not sure how to answer it. So, using the parcels or the street addresses.

782 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:38:41.699 --> 01:38:51.719

Um, we're talking about housing downtown has a large concentration of people who are unhoused. I'm curious if you consider how to account for some of the services.

783 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:38:51.719 --> 01:38:55.799

It it might not necessarily be tied to a street address.

784 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:38:56.424 --> 01:39:09.024

Again, that's back to the art when we get into that. Oh, they're probably not a lot of taxes flowing from the unhoused population so that the revenue side is probably pretty easy. The expenditure side.

785 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:39:09.024 --> 01:39:11.904

How you allocate that we'll just have to.

786 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:39:12.389 --> 01:39:16.769

Use our judgement and explain how we do it do it and.

787 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:39:16.769 --> 01:39:21.929

And if you think of a better way, when we get to that, we'll Ha, I'd be happy to hear your comments.

788 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:39:21.954 --> 01:39:35.994

Thank you so much, and just for the record, I am supportive counsel and I go back and forth a lot about capital and investment in the way that services are distributed. So I'm real interested to see this data broken down to the smallest level. So thank you.

789 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:39:40.619 --> 01:39:44.999

What's your drunk? Mr Bonnie. John?

790 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:39:44.999 --> 01:39:48.869

I think I mentioned that just before we started about.

791 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:39:48.869 --> 01:39:54.839

Parks and recreation, and I might be a little confused on this. Um.

792 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:39:54.839 --> 01:40:01.679

The USD, uh, like, I have 2 parks in the swimming pool in my city.

793 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:40:01.679 --> 01:40:06.839
There's no matter of funding has been used or.
794 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:40:06.839 --> 01:40:15.029
Other than a discretionary fund from my metro council folks. So I think
when you find the parks in those cities.
795 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:40:15.029 --> 01:40:19.103
It's kind of like what the mayor said about picking up a deer in a
suburban city.
796 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:40:19.103 --> 01:40:32.364
I I don't think that any of these cities that I could be wrong, and I
will help you research that if any of these cities are receiving any
dollars, other than maybe through a discretionary fund or a grant.
797 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:40:32.609 --> 01:40:37.529
That's a possibility too, but I just don't want that to get skewed as to.
798 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:40:37.529 --> 01:40:51.119
You know where money is being spent I'll be happy. Jefferson County
leader season. We talked about Kentucky legacies. We'll be able to help
you with a lot of data concerning anything, dealing with cities.
799 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:40:51.119 --> 01:40:56.219
In Jefferson County, so this is Coombs again. Um.
800 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:40:56.304 --> 01:41:04.824
I've already collected that data from Kentucky department, local
government, the uniform financial information reports you for database.
801 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:41:04.824 --> 01:41:13.284
So all cities and Kentucky are required to file annually budgets and
statements of revenues and expenditure is broken out.
802 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:41:14.484 --> 01:41:19.314
In fairly good detail so I've got that and I have it historically for all
the cities.
803 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:41:19.734 --> 01:41:32.934
And so we can see that, I dunno Indian hills, for example, or we know
what they're spending on parks what they're spending on public safety
that's going to be the easiest part of it. I'm not I won't say it's 100%
accurate.
804 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:41:32.934 --> 01:41:37.494
I've seen problems with it, but we're definitely going to start there
because it's so rich. so rich
805 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:41:37.739 --> 01:41:43.499
So, the suburban cities and the urban service district revenues
expenditures are.
806 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:41:43.499 --> 01:41:47.279

Fairly clean place to start.

807 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:41:47.279 --> 01:41:55.679

Try to make it easy. I appreciate that. This is going to be this is going to be messier than our state study. I can tell.

808 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:41:55.679 --> 01:42:07.409

Yeah, Earl Jones here I would like, if you all could just walk us through what would this report? Look like.

809 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:42:07.409 --> 01:42:16.619

Your proposal here is full of information about data collection and how you will report the data out. So, are we going to be seeing something that's basically.

810 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:42:16.619 --> 01:42:19.709

A series of numbers and data.

811 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:42:19.709 --> 01:42:30.629

What's the text around it? What's the story or the narrative that companies if indeed there will be anything like that? I ask this question particularly because of Mr.

812 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:42:30.629 --> 01:42:33.989

Discussion about experience with the.

813 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:42:33.989 --> 01:42:41.879

I'm looking at data like this in other cities. I was curious what that would mean and how that might be relevant here.

814 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:42:42.959 --> 01:42:56.789

I think I understand your question. So, the way I see this developing is we'll go at the lowest level, et cetera and do things by category and.

815 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:42:56.789 --> 01:43:09.689

And then ultimately add across all those categories for all the revenue items, and all the expenditure items and then play back to you how much the suburban cities are spending on these categories.

816 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:43:09.689 --> 01:43:13.469

How much revenues are getting in these categories.

817 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:43:13.469 --> 01:43:26.189

The urban service district, how much revenue is it getting in these categories? So, at the end, it will be aggregated to the issue to the geographic levels. I think you're most interested in, which is the urban service district.

818 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:43:26.189 --> 01:43:29.279

The suburban cities and the unincorporated areas.

819 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:43:29.279 --> 01:43:32.549

I think that's where the tension is, right? And so.

820 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:43:32.549 --> 01:43:36.839
But between now, and then we have to go into all the silos.
821 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:43:36.839 --> 01:43:42.839
And then add it up and show it to you if there would be a lot of maps
involved by the way.
822 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:43:42.839 --> 01:43:47.339
That's a lot easier to look at them a table of numbers.
823 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:43:47.339 --> 01:43:54.989
So, I think the best thing to do is come back to you in a few months when
we've got our, we're really deep into it and we've got a lot of results.
824 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:43:54.989 --> 01:44:02.069
And then start thinking, jointly the best way to present it and show it
to the public.
825 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:44:02.069 --> 01:44:07.439
I'm sure you have good ideas.
826 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:44:07.764 --> 01:44:16.494
Yeah, I would say in sort of reference to how you might display in things
as Paul Paul says, I think that's kind of a sensible way in the
aggregate.
827 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:44:16.854 --> 01:44:24.174
And 1 approach, of course, in these studies is we are going to have a
disaggregated data.
828 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:44:26.454 --> 01:44:39.654
Obviously, we're not reporting anything at the street level or anything,
but disagree by cities, for example, and different districts. My guess is
that to make it sort of comprehensible?
829 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:44:39.684 --> 01:44:54.474
We don't want to have all of your 82. what number of? We have an 82
cities, but we could, we could well imagine our analysis is going to
require us to actually look at that and have aggregation for the most
part. And so.
830 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:44:54.834 --> 01:44:55.494
and so
831 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:44:56.394 --> 01:45:00.384
In terms of actual document, I can imagine an appendix.
832 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:45:00.384 --> 01:45:11.934
That might be lengthy that that has that kind of information to look at
more detailed say geographically as well as, as this aggregating by type
of expense, by type of tax.
833 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:45:12.179 --> 01:45:16.469
And so, but I think that would be very difficult for.

834 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:45:16.469 --> 01:45:31.439
For as, as David James said for, I can't quite remember how you quoted how it was supposed to be presented to you, but to make it sort of comprehensible right? And be able to make some general statements on it.

835 "pamela Stevenson" (3761061632)
01:45:32.549 --> 01:45:45.629
Representatives Stevenson. Hi, this is representative Stevenson. And I heard you say you were going to be looking at the taxes, and what services were provided by the taxes.

836 "pamela Stevenson" (3761061632)
01:45:45.629 --> 01:45:56.694
Does any of the work you're going to do? Will it be able to identify quantify what services are not being provided? I hear a lot of people saying I can't get this service.

837 "pamela Stevenson" (3761061632)
01:45:56.694 --> 01:46:05.214
I can't get that service and yet I don't see any documentation of what's not gotten will you be able to quantify that? Or is that.

838 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:46:05.549 --> 01:46:11.579
Outside the scope of what you propose. Wow so.

839 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:46:11.579 --> 01:46:16.589
I guess logically what we can.

840 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:46:16.589 --> 01:46:28.739
Document is being provided is a compliment to what is not being provided so it's going to just be a deduction from what we're being able to identify.

841 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:46:28.739 --> 01:46:32.189
As provided so.

842 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:46:32.189 --> 01:46:43.439
Maybe in the narrative at the end, you know, we can summarize those sorts of things that say an unincorporated unincorporated areas of the county don't have X, Y, and Z.

843 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:46:43.439 --> 01:46:47.849
So sure that that that's way down the road.

844 "pamela Stevenson" (3761061632)
01:46:47.849 --> 01:46:50.969
I understand uh, so.

845 "pamela Stevenson" (3761061632)
01:46:50.969 --> 01:47:02.399
So, if you give us a number, if you tell us what's being provided, how will we have the context of whether or not that's 100% of what's needed versus? It's not enough.

846 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:47:02.399 --> 01:47:10.739
Wow, good question. I think these are the kind of discussions we'll have when we get.

847 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:47:10.739 --> 01:47:19.589

Everything loaded up that we can understand and present and then help you all think through all of that. So, this, this has never been done.

848 "pamela Stevenson" (3761061632)

01:47:19.589 --> 01:47:32.729

In Louisville, so we're just swapping. That's why kentucky's going straight to the top because we do the hard things. So thank you so much. Thank you. Representative councilman, Arthur, and then representative.

849 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:47:32.729 --> 01:47:46.494

Council, hopefully, it saves you some time levels, the 3rd city in the country to go through the parks for our program where we have a lot of intense data around parks and recreation an example just to respond to something. I heard earlier.

850 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:47:46.764 --> 01:47:58.914

There are 30 public parks that haven't had any capital investment in the past 2 decades. So it has, it has some, some data that's already existing that I'm hoping you're able to use and work with to help what you got going on. Thank you.

851 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:47:59.369 --> 01:48:03.959

Represented Fleming Mr. chairman kin plumbing.

852 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:48:03.959 --> 01:48:08.249

What I'm envisioning, um.

853 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:48:08.844 --> 01:48:15.504

Paul and Bill and Paul mentioned, and obviously that's a lot of my background.

854 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:48:15.774 --> 01:48:24.384

What I would like to see if it's possible to when you go through present the data to have, um.

855 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:48:24.719 --> 01:48:35.634

A map, um, a heat map, or to show any type of change detections over the, if you do it over the years, which might be difficult,

856 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:48:36.024 --> 01:48:47.634

but just have some type of a visualization of where things lie by polygons to show us. What's going on in terms of well, I think you understand what I'm what I'm getting I'm getting at.

857 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:48:47.634 --> 01:48:52.104

So I think be very, very helpful too, for a lot of us and I think.

858 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:48:52.584 --> 01:49:04.224

Earl mentioned, you know, what, what kind of format we're going to see, you've got a lot of numbers and charts and so forth and that's good. And, of course, I relish in that, but I think I'm also visual.

859 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:49:04.374 --> 01:49:16.734

So, if you can have some type of maps, and I'll leave your discretion on how to present that and so forth, I have a question 1 more follow up question, in terms of QA, QC quality control and assurance and so forth.

860 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:49:16.734 --> 01:49:22.014
What would you be able to outline? Just some of your methodology.

861 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:49:22.349 --> 01:49:32.489
Going through and quality control and your data and your and providing insurances of higher collected it and how you're presenting that we all be able to go through that and explain that as well.

862 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:49:32.489 --> 01:49:37.319
I'm not sure I caught all of it, but, uh, basically.

863 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:49:37.319 --> 01:49:41.039
We're going to document everything we do and.

864 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:49:41.039 --> 01:49:50.879
The methods, the data sources, the assumptions, you know, we're academics, that's what we're trying to do. So, did you have a specific silo in mind there?

865 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:49:51.384 --> 01:50:05.304
No, I don't have it. No, I just I just want to make sure that that when we go through the process, there's you have checkpoints and like, dual control. Those, those sorts of things we go through just to validate and I know you 2 will. Probably. I know.

866 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:50:05.304 --> 01:50:18.864
You'll do it just because you got a lot of brain brainpower there as well as your team. I just want to make sure that the public knows that there's gonna be a lot of control a lot of quality control and quality assurance as in order to put this thing together to make sure we have a good confidence in the data.

867 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:50:19.139 --> 01:50:23.609
Yeah, and and the way we do that, and we're trying to do that is document everything.

868 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:50:23.609 --> 01:50:28.139
Explain everything, so we won't make everybody read it, but.

869 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:50:28.139 --> 01:50:33.564
It'll be on a website somewhere if someone wants to track it down or challenge it or improve it.

870 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:50:34.914 --> 01:50:44.274
Um, just a, um, you know, 1 of the things that, uh, an obvious thing that we always do when we get data, particularly, um, say, uh.

871 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:50:44.694 --> 01:50:56.154

A panel over time where we get to observe, say, a city or an individual whatever it might be over time. And we have to do because we do see errors as you mentioned is look for consistency in the data.

872 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:50:56.154 --> 01:51:06.084

And then we can kind of go backwards and try to resolve that. And certainly in some other studies that I've done, I'm sure Paul has the same thing is.

873 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:51:06.324 --> 01:51:17.784

Okay, there are errors. There may be errors we've got to go back to source, try to see what we can how we can address that or possibly some of that may not be usable.

874 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:51:17.814 --> 01:51:21.924

So, but I think that's kind of a standard standard thing that we would follow.

875 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:51:26.009 --> 01:51:33.689

Jason name is okay, I don't see any questions on the floor. I'm going to entertain a motion to accept the.

876 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:51:33.689 --> 01:51:39.299

The contract and allow Mr. Coombs and his team to get motion to accept Bonnie. John?

877 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:51:39.299 --> 01:51:51.594

There's motion and the 2nd, on the floor with Mary young, making the motion councilman. 2nd comments. Maryann Butler. I just have a point of clarification.

878 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:51:52.044 --> 01:51:56.334

Are you asking for us to make a recommendation to metro Council?

879 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:51:56.909 --> 01:52:10.949

To improve this, because I don't think this commission has the ability to approve a contract for the city. I don't I don't know if President James has a comment on that with something that we at the county attorney representative here. I don't know if they would know it, but.

880 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:52:10.949 --> 01:52:14.309

Yeah, I want to ask your counsel when James to make a comment on that if it would and then we'll, we'll.

881 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:52:14.309 --> 01:52:19.349

Go ahead. Yeah, I think what would we be voting on as a commission is that we're asking.

882 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:52:19.349 --> 01:52:22.949

The mayor's office to work on a contract.

883 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:52:22.949 --> 01:52:27.149

With the university level to do this on behalf of the commission.

884 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:52:27.149 --> 01:52:33.899

As required by state law, right? And the statute requires it to be done. So, I think, I don't know that there's much discretion if we pass it.

885 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:52:33.899 --> 01:52:45.179

But does that resolve your question counsel umbrella? Yeah, I just want to thank Marianne Butler. I just want to make sure in case anyone's listening. We're not actually doing this contract. It is going to follow.

886 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:52:45.179 --> 01:52:54.599

The rules and the laws that her name is have a question that the president James brought up is.

887 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:52:54.599 --> 01:53:04.949

We may have to go through the medical Council for the funding, but I don't know that they're going to be actually doing the contract.

888 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:53:04.949 --> 01:53:12.659

Said to work on the contract I think if they would be voting on whether to accept the funding that on the contract we accepted.

889 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:53:19.044 --> 01:53:30.144

Customer jukari, Arthur and I'm curious. So maybe president James can speak to this if we've already identified the funding source, or if the mayor's office has already identified a funding source, they have money.

890 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:53:31.919 --> 01:53:35.699

I was I was about to say, we can, we can make an adjustment to their budget if necessary.

891 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:53:35.699 --> 01:53:40.439

Okay.

892 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:53:42.209 --> 01:53:50.249

For laughing, I didn't hear the joke I asked about the funding source. They didn't say that they said we have it somewhere. So mayor's office has the money.

893 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:53:50.249 --> 01:53:54.869

Okay, so the motion is to.

894 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:53:54.869 --> 01:53:58.409

Recommend to the mayor's office.

895 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:53:58.409 --> 01:54:04.079

To enter into contract with Mr. and his team.

896 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:54:04.079 --> 01:54:14.039

The university level about the issue that we've been discussing, and we've got a motion from MS young and a 2nd from Mr. and.

897 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:54:14.039 --> 01:54:19.949

Any further comments. All right let's call.

898 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:54:19.949 --> 01:54:25.499
Marianne Butler I pass right now.
899 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:54:26.789 --> 01:54:31.379
David James? Yes, Anthony.
900 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:54:31.379 --> 01:54:35.999
Cory Arthur? Yes.
901 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:54:35.999 --> 01:54:39.689
Julie rocky Adams Mike.
902 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:54:39.689 --> 01:54:43.199
I'm sorry yes.
903 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:54:43.199 --> 01:54:48.809
Sorry, Gerald Neill James or Jason name is yes.
904 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:54:49.829 --> 01:54:53.909
Ken Fleming? Yes Pamela Stevenson.
905 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:54:53.909 --> 01:55:01.019
Bonnie John? Yes.
906 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:55:02.369 --> 01:55:09.509
Sean Facebook Thank you. Um, Earl Jones yes.
907 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:55:09.509 --> 01:55:12.509
Scott schoenberger.
908 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:55:12.509 --> 01:55:16.079
Yes, she'll be Somerville.
909 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:55:16.079 --> 01:55:26.459
Yes.
910 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:55:26.459 --> 01:55:30.629
That's.
911 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:55:30.629 --> 01:55:35.129
Present.
912 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:55:36.569 --> 01:55:41.939
Is there MS Stevenson, you pass would you like to remain a pass or would
you like to vote and if you do vote, I think.
913 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)
01:55:41.939 --> 01:55:47.939
The law requires you to turn your video on I should have mentioned it in
upfront.
914 "pamela Stevenson" (3761061632)
01:55:47.939 --> 01:55:53.909
No, I, thank you. I, I haven't seen the documents in front of you so
pass.
915 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:55:53.909 --> 01:55:58.439

Thank you Mr. chair you have.

916 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:56:00.179 --> 01:56:07.289

10 yes, there's 1 present in 1 pass. Thank you for sufficient number.

Having approved of the motion. The motion passes.

917 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:56:07.289 --> 01:56:14.369

Okay, the only other business we have before us is for me to remind everyone, I think.

918 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:56:14.369 --> 01:56:22.679

Remind everyone to let us know which committee you'd like to be assigned to. We have 3 committees. I think.

919 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:56:22.679 --> 01:56:32.429

A document has been handed out and represented. Steven said it will be emailed to everyone again. So you'll have that a document has been handed out and on the 1st page.

920 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:56:32.429 --> 01:56:36.089

Under number 2, there are 3 bullet points.

921 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:56:36.089 --> 01:56:41.909

The 1st word in the 1st, bullet point is gaps. The 2nd, 1 is tax and the 3rd 1 is issues.

922 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:56:41.909 --> 01:56:50.699

So those are the 3, the jurisdiction of the 3 committees we're going to ask everyone to respond to an email that will be sent out just putting in order. So.

923 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:56:50.699 --> 01:56:59.429

Council and Arthur, if your order is, I want to do issues number 1 gaps number 2 attacks number 3, put them in that order. Everyone do the same and then Co chair, and I will meet.

924 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:56:59.429 --> 01:57:11.189

And hopefully there's 5 people that have 1 on this 15100soforth, and we'll make the committees to be presented at the next meeting. Other than that. There's no business to take care of anyone.

925 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:57:11.189 --> 01:57:15.599

Have any comments we're adjourned.

926 "Harward, Sonya" (4103619072)

01:57:15.599 --> 01:57:20.916

No motion on the German discretion.