

City council, Edgemoor to debate use of businesses owned by women and minorities for single-terminal KCI

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KANSAS CITY, MO (KCTV) -

On Thursday, city council members will be taking steps to get around a major hurdle in Kansas City's single-terminal airport project.

Council members will meet with businesses owned by women and minorities as well as construction trade unions to try to come to an agreement.

The biggest concern for council members has been the lack of minority and woman hiring.

Council members have pointed out that only about half of the city's certified minority and woman business enterprises are unionized.

Officials are trying to decide if the new Kansas City International Airport single-terminal development should be a 100-percent union job or if the unions can be open and inclusive. Something that has been a big concern with the Edgemoor Infrastructure & Real Estate agreement.

On Thursday, the council will be sitting down with those businesses and seeing how they can move forward.

Edgemoor is still making efforts to be the city's choice to build the new single-terminal KCI. They did promise to use minorities workers in the past.

The meeting comes after negotiations with Edgemoor took a setback last year when the city rejected their memorandum of understanding.

Since then, the company has provided more clarity to some items that didn't have dollar amounts and have added community benefits, like internship programs for high school and college students.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and will be held at City Hall, located at 414 E 12th Street.