



APPROVED

MEETING MINUTES

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT COMMITTEE

Monday, December 17, 2019

7:00 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, City Council Chambers

Members Present: Ald. Wilson, Ald. Wynne, Ald. Braithwaite, Ald. Rue Simmons, Ald. Rainey, G. Mackey, M. Miro, H. Rodriguez, D. Su

Members Absent: None

Presiding Member: Ald. Wilson, Committee Chair

Staff: S. Flax, J. Wingader

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Chair Wilson declared a quorum of the Housing and Community Development Act Committee and called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

2020 CDBG Funding—Committee Discussion and Recommendations

Ald. Wilson proposed allocations for public service programs. After discussion, Ald. Rainey moved approval seconded by Ad. Wynne; a voice vote was taken and all approved the allocation amounts for public services in the amount of \$261,838. It was additionally decided that if the total grant was higher and additional funding was available for public services, an increase to the allocation amount for Family Focus would be considered.

Ald. Rainey proposed an allocation amount of \$330,000 for Administration, seconded by Ald. Braithwaite; a voice vote was taken and the amounts were unanimously approved. Chair Wilson thanked the agencies for their presentations and proposed allocations for Housing. After discussion, Ald. Wilson moved approval to allocate \$200,000 to Housing Rehab. Administration and \$93,113 to Housing Rehab. Loan Repayments seconded by Ald. Braithwaite; a voice vote was taken the allocation amounts were unanimously approved.

Chair Wilson requested information from staff about the Reba Early Learning Center project. Ms. Flax defined the project scope which included input from the Water Department and Housing Rehab. Specialist and conformed to DCFS guidelines. After discussion, the Committee defined allocations for public facilities and infrastructure projects. Bureau Chief and City Engineer Lara Biggs provided information about components of the Butler Park project and confirmed that no additional funds were available in the City's budget. There was additional discussion about allocating funds to Code Enforcement and Economic Development. Ald. Rue Simmons moved to allocate

\$75,000 to Economic Development seconded by Ald. Rainey; a voice vote was taken and the allocation was approved.

After discussion about allocating funds to public facilities and infrastructure projects, Chair Wilson called for a motion to approve \$20,000 for CJE Senior Life's ADS Upgrade project, \$300,000 for the Butler Park Drainage and Lighting project, and \$400,000 for the **Dempster/Dewey Alley Paving project seconded by Ald. Braithwaite**; a voice vote was taken and the allocation was unanimously approved. Chair Wilson called for a motion to recommend the 2020 CDBG grant allocations totaling \$1,813,809. Ald. Braithwaite motioned to approve, seconded by Ald. Rue Simmons; a voice vote was taken and the total allocations were unanimously approved.

Public Input on the Draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Draft 2020 Action Plan

Chair Wilson noted that no one signed up to provide public comment on the draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Draft 2020 Action Plan. After recognizing that no input was received from the public, Chair Wilson closed the public comment period.

Discussion and Vote to Recommend Approval of the Draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Draft 2020 Action Plan Following Receipt of the 2020 Entitlement Amounts

Chair Wilson called for discussion of the draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Draft 2020 Action Plan. There was no discussion. Chair Wilson called for a motion to approve and recommend to City Council the draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Draft 2020 Action Plan. Ald. Rue Simmons motioned, seconded by Ald. Wynne; a voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 15, November 7, December 4 & December 11, 2019

Ald. Rainey moved approval; seconded Ald. Rue Simmons the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2020 Meeting Dates

Chair Wilson called for comments on or changes to the draft 2020 meeting dates. Ald. Rainey moved to accept the 2020 meeting dates seconded by Ald. Rue Simmons; a voice vote was taken and the 2020 meeting dates were approved unanimously.

Public Comment

There was none.

Staff Reports

Staff confirmed priorities for additional funding which included Family Focus and Code Enforcement, and consideration of Reba Early Learning Center, and outlined next steps. Ald. Rainey requested additional information about timing of the federal budget. Staff reported proposed increases as suggested by Congress and discussed the process and challenges.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, Ald. Braithwaite moved adjournment, seconded by Ald. Rue Simmons; motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Wingader
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