

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG MODIFICATIONS AND EXTENSION REQUESTS
Council Chambers, City Hall
November 14, 2022

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
James Johnson
Christian Marshall
Samuel Lyons
Todd Zahner
Ryan Rudegear

Members Excused: None

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
James Wetzel, Fire Chief
Harmony Motter, Finance Director
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary
Brian Spaid, Solicitor
Helen Fielding, The Derrick
Bev Hart, 1333 Elk Street
Matthew Beith, 324 16th Street
Ashley Smith, 1346 Elk Street
Alex Spaid, Dale, Woodard, Gent, McFate
Susan Finley, 1433 Otter Street
Danny and Thelma Roscetti, 1314 Otter Street
Dan Metz, Franklin Fire Department
Dan Wetzel, Franklin Fire Department
Steve and Shelly Hartzell, 1335 Liberty Street
Carla Summers, 1441 Liberty Street
Carl Jenkins, 1441 Liberty Street
Robert Cerro, 1316 Otter Street
Brian Lamberton, 1237 Liberty Street

Mayor Baker called the public hearing to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Power explained the purpose of the public hearing was to address requests made to DCED for a change or project area and associated time extension for the FY-2019 CDBG contract and modifications for the FY-2020 CDBG-CV contract. Mrs. Power explained the requests for each contract as follows:

FY-2020 CDBG-CV CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION REQUEST

Mrs. Power explained that this contract requires all work and services to be completed by November 30, 2022. She would like to extend the contract to May 23, 2023 which is the longest extension allowed by DCED. This requires an amendment to the contract.

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She continued, explaining that only \$53,640 of the \$193,732 has been expended, representing funds spent for the purchase and outfitting of an emergency response vehicle. The contract modification request is to remove the following activities, which our DCED grant manager feels would be difficult to carry out, due to procurement requirements, LMI limitations and other restrictions: (1) assistance to food pantries (\$15,000), (2) business assistance (\$75,000), (3) the coronavirus prevention program (\$8,861), plus the remaining \$6,360 for the purchase of an emergency response vehicle. The City staff is proposing replacing these 3 activities with, and transferring the remainder of the emergency response vehicle monies to, a new activity, namely improvements to the 11th Street playground, which would include replacing the existing fence and adding new equipment upgrades. This playground is the easiest playground to show eligibility and fundability, as required by the grant.

Mrs. Power assured that all requests have been approved by DCED, upon the condition that no adverse public comments are received. The Community Development Office will accept public comments until November 22, 2022 at 4 P.M.

FY-2019 CDBG CONTRACT MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION

The FY-2019 CDBG contract allocated \$210,000 to pave the 1300 block of Buffalo Street, 14th Street from Liberty to Elk Streets, Elk Street from South Park to 11th Streets, 9th Street from Liberty to Buffalo Streets, and the 1200, 1300, and 1400 blocks of Eagle Street. Council was reminded of its approval at the May 2, 2022 Council meeting to change funding sources to pave the 1200 block of Eagle Street, using Liquid Fuels funds in lieu of CDBG funds for ease of administration. Therefore, the funds that were allocated for the 1200 block of Eagle Street are available to be utilized to pave a portion of Elk Street between 11th Street and Washington Crossing., which is in need of paving following the water line replacement project.

All funds were originally required to be expended by January 15, 2023. The extension request allows the City to expend the funds until October 15, 2023. Mrs. Power explained that paving these streets has been delayed in order to cooperate with the General Authority's waterline replacement throughout portions of the City, which included digging up several of the streets slated for paving. Now that the ground work has had time to settle, Mrs. Power anticipates bidding out the project in early spring of 2023.

There being no questions or comments from Council or members of the public that were present, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary