

PUBLIC HEARING – FY-2021 and 2022 CDBG MODIFICATION
Council Chambers, City Hall, Franklin, PA
April 1, 2024

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

Members Excused: Douglas Baker, Mayor

In Attendance: James Wetzel, City Manager
Harmony Motter, Deputy Manager
Amanda Power, City of Franklin
Cindi Power, City of Franklin
Charles Gibbons, City of Franklin
James Shreffler, City of Franklin
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary
Brian Spaid, Solicitor
Helen Fielding, The Derrick
Matt Beith, 324 16th Street
Ashley Schmidt, Franklin Little League Association
Brandy Hinojosa, Autism Stands
Ken Bryan, County Commissioner
Bev Hart, 1333 Elk Street
Barbara Matthews, 1239 Liberty Street
Terry Schultz, 620 Sibley Avenue
Daniel Metz, Franklin Fire Department
James Smith, 1346 Elk Street
Jennifer Taylor, 1526 Buffalo Street
Roxanne Spaid, Shade Tree Commission
Lydia Hipple, 722 Wiley Avenue

Deputy Mayor Fletcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Power reminded Council of the following streets that were scheduled to be paved in accordance with the CDBG FY-2021 and 2022 contracts: \$150,230 \$126,065

- 11th Street – 300 Block
- 12th Street – 200, 300, 400, 500 & 600 Blocks
- West Park Street, from Elk Street to the dead end
- South Park Street, from Elk to Otter
- Chestnut Street – 1000 Block

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DCED requires streets paved with CDBG funds that the streets remain whole, in-tact, and well maintained for at least seven (7) years. The paving plan for these streets, unfortunately, clashes with the timeline proposed by the General Authority to replace approximately 113,000 LF of combined collection sewer with a separate sewer system, as required by DEP under the Authority's Corrective Action Plan to address overflow of Manhole A-108.

The City's DCED grant manager suggested that, in lieu of street paving, the City continue its work making improvements to the 11th Street playground, which serves a low-moderate income neighborhood. This includes purchasing ADA-compliant playground equipment for preschool and school-aged play, installation of ADA-compliant impact surfaces, ADA-compliant swing component and replace fencing. If funding permits, the basketball courts will be upgraded and adult fitness equipment will be installed. Mrs. Power noted that project is supportive of the feedback the City received from the Recreational Asset Survey from 2022.

She continued that the aforementioned streets will be included for paving in future CDBG applications, provided DCED recognizes City-wide low-moderate income. No residents will be displaced by this project. Comments will be received until 4 P.M., April 15, 2024.

Mrs. Power asked Council to approve the following CDBG contract modifications, pending no adverse comments:

- FY-2020 - \$23,845.84 to be used for the 11th Street Playground, as discussed at the March City Council Meeting.
- FY-2021 and FY-2022 – \$158,230 and \$126,065, respectively

There being no comments or questions from the Council, the hearing was adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



T.J. Parks,
Recording Secretary