

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, City Hall
October 23, 2023

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

Members Excused: None

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
James Wetzel, Deputy City Manager
Amanda Power, Community Development Director
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary
Alex Spaid, Dale Woodard Gent McFate
Ashley Smith, 1346 Elk Street

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 153

Mr. Johnson moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Rudegeair seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT 2022 CDBG APPLICATION – Resolution No. 154

Mrs. Power reviewed with City Council the projects that were being submitted as part of the FY-2023 Community Development Block Grant application. She noted that she had not received any adverse public comment on them after the last public hearing. The proposed projects are as follows:

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| • Milling and Paving of South Edgewood Drive | \$118,755 |
| • Replacement of Five (5) Lightpoles and Luminaries | \$114,005 |
| ○ 13 th Street between Liberty and Buffalo | |
| • Demolition and Site Clearance of Structures | \$19,020 |
| • Administration | \$55,260 |

The total allocation for FY-2023 is \$307,040. Mrs. Power added that she will be submitting an updated Three-Year Plan with the application.

Mr. Rudegeair moved to approve the application for submission of the FY-2023 CDBG Program and the Three-Year Plan. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CDBG FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION – Resolution No. 155

Mrs. Power presented the annual Fair Housing Resolution for Council’s approval. She explained that the resolution is a step in protecting City residents from discrimination when applying for housing and it also designates the Code Enforcement Officer, Charles Gibbons, as the Fair Housing Officer.

Mr. Johnson motioned to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution, seconded by Mr. Rudegear. Motion passed unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF SECTION 504 OFFICER – Resolution No. 156

Mr. Rudegear moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to designate Deputy City Manager, James Wetzel, as the Section 504 Officer. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE BUDGETARY REVISIONS – FY-2019 CDBG – Resolution No. 157

Mrs. Power presented a request to revise the FY-2019 CDBG Program budget by transferring \$29,535.12 that was part of the allocation for demolition and site clearance into street improvements.

Mr. Rudegear motioned and Mr. Marshall seconded to approve the transfer of funds as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER SIDEWALK REPAIRS – Resolution No. 158

Mrs. Jamieson reported that the second phase of sidewalk improvements are being carried out through the Franklin Neighborhood Sidewalk Program and indicated that the City has an opportunity to have some wide sidewalk replaced, specifically that cross over the ingress and egress of Parking Lot C, which is very cracked and disheveled. She presented a quote from M&B Services to replace the subject areas portions of sidewalk in the amount of \$12,481.91. This amount is 70% of the actual cost, of which the other 30% would be paid for out of the McElhattan Foundation funds, as part of the program. She asked whether Council would want to take advantage of this opportunity at this time. She explained that since the project is not in the 2023 budget, the cost would be paid for out of Professional Building funds.

Mr. Rudegear motioned to approve the sidewalk repairs as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS –

- Mr. Alex Spaid informed that the former Joy building is in the process of being sold, however there is a title issue. There is a 33x33 square feet portion, that the current building sits on, that appears to never have been transferred or vacated from an old estate. Mr.

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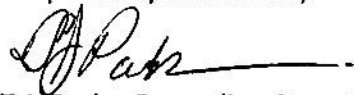
Spaid further explained this piece is adjacent to property that was once a portion of Egbert Street, between 6th and 5th Streets, that the City long ago vacated by ordinance. If there is a chance that the City would have been the owner of the property in question, Mr. Spaid feels the best course of action to remedy the matter would be to draft a Quit Claim Deed to transfer ownership of the land that the City may or may not have owned without vacating it through an ordinance.

- **Resolution No. 159** – Mr. Rudegeair motioned and Mrs. Fletcher seconded to approve the transfer of the 33x33 square feet property by means of a Quit Claim Deed to be executed by the Mayor and the City Clerk. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mrs. Jamieson reminded Council of the Fire Study presentation on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.
- Mrs. Jamieson and Mr. Wetzel met with crews from the Water Department and architect Amos Rudolph and determined that there has been a large amount of water lost daily in the pool this summer, apparently from leaks within the skim gutters. Repairing it would be costly and involve digging into concrete. Every day, it would drop about 3 inches and have to be refilled, which not only costs the City in water costs, but also keeps the temperature of the pool cold. Additionally, there is damage to the vinyl lining at the bottom of the pool where water is trapped underneath causing bubbles and clumps of broken concrete. Mr. Lyons asked if there are funding resources available to make repairs. Mrs. Jamieson said a DCNR grant would fund 50% of the cost, but would first require a Marketing Feasibility Study and a physical feasibility study before funding can be considered. She indicated that the pool could possibly last another summer or two, but that eventually, a decision will have to be made on what direction to go.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Rudegeair moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary