

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
150 Prospect Avenue, Suite 204, Franklin, PA  
October 28, 2024

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

Members Excused: Ashley Smith

In Attendance: James Wetzel, City Manager  
Harmony Motter, Deputy Manager  
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor  
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary  
Amanda Power, Community Development  
Helen Fielding, The Derrick

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Resolution No. 154**

Mr. Marshall moved to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**FY-2024 CDBG FUNDS APPLICATION APPROVAL**

Mrs. Power reviewed with City Council the projects that were being submitted as part of the FY-2024 Community Development Block Grant application. She noted that she had not received any adverse public comment on any item since the last public hearing. The proposed projects are as follows:

- Milling and paving of various streets in the Oak Hill neighborhood - \$209,805
- Demolition and site clearance of blighted structures - \$41,975
- Administration - \$55,260

The total allocation for FY-2024 is \$307,040. Mrs. Power added that she will be submitting an updated Three-Year Plan with the application.

Mrs. Fletcher moved to approve the application for submission of the FY-2024 CDBG Program and the Three-Year Plan as presented. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS –**

- Mr. Wetzel informed that the General Authority submitted a Local Share Account Grant to remediate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street dam. They have received \$600,000 in funding to date, which leaves a shortfall of about \$400,000. They are working on finding additional funds.
- A bid was placed on a condemned property located at 1047 Elm Street. The bidder is an entity based in Massachusetts. Mr. Wetzel asked Council if they would like Mr. Spaid to draft a counterbid, as out-of-state property owners have been historically notorious for not properly maintaining properties. Council will take this matter into consideration and make a final decision at the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Mrs. Power informed Council that she received an emailed correspondence from a Rotary Club member asking if the City would be the applicant on a DCNR grant to help fund the dog park that the Rotary would like to install on City property in Sugarcreek Borough, near the Professional Building. She added that the results of the Community Recreation Survey that was conducted in 2022 indicated that residents are more interested in maintaining existing community parks and playgrounds over establishing a dog park. A DCNR grant is the most effective source of funding since the City no longer receives city-wide benefit through CDBG. With this information, Council indicated that they would not be in favor of applying for a DCNR grant on the Rotary's behalf.

**ADJOURNMENT – None**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Lyons moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



T.J. Parks,  
Recording Secretary