

FY-2021 CDBG PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING
Council Chambers, City Hall, Franklin, PA
July 12, 2021

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

Members Excused: None

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
Harmony Motter, Finance Director
James Wetzell, Fire Chief
Kevin Anundson, Police Chief
Charles Gibbons, Code Enforcement Officer
T.J. Parks, Recording Secretary
Dillon Provenza, Venango Newspapers, Inc.
Jodi Lewis, Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce
Chris and Jennifer Morrison, 302 and 304 13th Street
Rick and Brandi Haines, 408 4th Street
Don and Shelly Johnston, 448 Elk Street
Rick Porter, 1326 Chestnut Street
Brian Rickman, 1105 Elm Street
Sonya McCreary, 1105 Elm Street
Jess Carroll, Franklin Retail & Business Associates
Bev Hart, 1333 Elk Street

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

Mrs. Power introduced herself as the new City of Franklin, Community Development Director. She explained that this was the preliminary public hearing for the City's FY-2021 Community Development Block Grant Program. The City's FY-2021 CBG allocation is \$315,030, up by \$10,953 (3.6%) from the City's FY-2020 allocation.

She explained that all CDBG activities must benefit low/moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slums and blight, or address an urgent threat or need, and that least 70% of project funds must be used to benefit persons with low to moderate incomes.

Mrs. Power reviewed the low/moderate income ranges for Venango County and presented the City's LMI percentages by Census Tract/Block Group and for the City as a whole,

and pointed out those areas eligible for area-wide projects.

Mrs. Power then went on to review the types of eligible and ineligible projects, past CDBG-funded activities, and the City's Statement of Replacement for occupied or occupiable homes. She plans to seek tentative approval from Council for proposed uses of the FY-2021 CDBG funds at the panel's September 13, 2021 meeting. The second and final hearing for the FY-2021 CDBG program is planned for October 4, 2021, with Council to consider the application for approval at a special meeting following the hearing, pending no adverse comments. The application is due October 28, 2021.

There being no comments or questions from the Council, the hearing was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T.J. Parks" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

T.J. Parks,
Recording Secretary