

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA CITY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

MEETING DATE: 12/16/2015

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD
APPROVAL:**

CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: 42nd Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City received notification by the Broward County Housing Finance & Community Development Division for the 42nd Program Year (October 2016-September 2017) allocation of approximately \$186,068 in CDBG funding.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. In order to qualify for CDBG funding, the City is required to advertise for proposals and hold two public hearings prior to submitting a funding application to Broward County by their deadline of December 21, 2015.

The City will be submitting a CDBG funding application for a public infrastructure project. In addition, the City has the option to submit projects for public service. The funding for public service projects can be used to fund projects for non-profit organizations, but is not a requirement that these projects be submitted. The City published a Notice of Public Hearing on November 8, 2015 requesting proposals from non-profit organizations serving the residents of Oakland Park seeking to be funded through the CDBG Program. An initial public hearing was held on November 18, 2015. A second public hearing is scheduled for the December 16, 2015 meeting. After the second public hearing is conducted, it is recommended that the City Commission submit to the County its selected funding allocations for inclusion in the 42nd year CDBG grant application.

2. CURRENT ACTIVITY

Staff held the first public hearing/workshop on November 18, 2015, to discuss the 42nd Year CDBG Program funding cycle and allocation of funding for both municipal and non-profit organization projects. Twenty non-profit organizations attended the meeting. An additional five requested information on the funding opportunity. Nonprofits were given the opportunity to discuss the application process, eligibility requirements and proposed projects. Citizens were given equal opportunity for input. At the meeting, staff presented their plans to apply the municipal portion for the construction of the South Anchor Parking Lot located on City owned property on Oakland Park Boulevard, east of Main Street.

Non-profit organizations certified as 501(c)(3) having projects which fall within HUD mandated guidelines (providing services to at least 51% low or moderate income clientele) may be granted a portion of the CDBG funding by the City Commission. Non-profit organizations previously submitting funding requests, as well as those requesting to be included were notified by both Broward County, through their Public Workshop held on November 4, 2015 and an advertisement published by the City in the Sun-Sentinel on November 8, 2015. These efforts advised of the available CDBG funding and asked that proposals be submitted for the 42nd Year CDBG funding cycle. At the request of the City, United Way and the Florida Association of Non-profit Organizations also sent out email blasts regarding the available funding.

The minimum CDBG allocation for each project is \$15,000 per Broward County and no more than 15% of the total funding allocation, or \$30,000 is available for the Public Service category. Upon notification of such award by the City, the City application, together with the two non-profit organization applications, will be submitted to Broward County for review and approval. Thereafter, the responsibility of reporting to the County lies with those organizations awarded grants. The Broward County Housing Finance & Community Development Division requires a resolution authorizing the submission of the 42nd Year application.

Three non-profit organizations submitted grant applications in accordance with the City's 42nd Year CDBG grant application process. They are:

Luz Del Mundo- Light of the World Clinic for their Indigent Health Care and Prevention Outreach Program 2016-2017 requested \$15,000. (Last year's program provided services to 87 unduplicated Oakland Park residents. These OP residents received over 436 MD/Patient Visits which was 19% of the Clinic's visits for the year.)

Junior Achievement of South Florida for their JABiz Town serving one hundred and forty (140) North Andrews Gardens and eighty six (86) Oakland Park Elementary students requested \$15,772. They would provide training in personal financial literacy and entrepreneurial lessons for 5th graders.

Center for Independent Living of Broward for their Housing Response to Independence Project for fifty (50) disabled Oakland Park residents requested \$19,946. They would expose consumers with disabilities to resources to procure quality rental properties, understand housing alternatives, build self-advocacy and personal support skills.

3. ATTACHMENTS

[Resolution](#)
[42nd Year City Application](#)
[Map of City Project](#)
[LightoftheWorld Application](#)
[Center for Independent Living Application](#)
[Junior Achievement Application](#)
[42nd Year CDBG Ad](#)
[CDBGmemo1](#)
[CDBGnonprofitapplicants](#)
[nonprofitapplicantschart](#)

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total funding available to the City is \$186,068 for the FY17 construction of the South Anchor Parking Lot Project and any nonprofit organization funding approved by the City Commission.

5. RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that the City Commission discuss funding allocations for non-profit organizations (maximum of two at an amount not to exceed \$15,000 each), and approve the remainder of the funding of the 42nd Year CDBG allocation to be available for the construction of the South Anchor Parking Lot.

2. Adopt the resolution authorizing the proper City Officials to execute appropriate documents to submit the 42nd Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to Broward County and subsequently to accept HUD's final appropriated grant funding on behalf of the City.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE 42nd YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA THAT:**

SECTION 2. The City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, hereby approves and authorizes the proper city officials to execute the documents for the 42nd Year Community Development Block Grant application to Broward County and accept the grant funding on behalf of the City.

SECTION 4. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Presentations- Ken Resor retirement

Mayor Lonergan and City Manager Hebert presented Mr. Resor with a plaque commemorating his service to the city.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD - COMMERCIAL HASTE BUILDING - 4007 NE 6 AVENUE. OWNER: JOHN HASTE

Charles Livio, City Horticulturist, presented the award to Mr. Haste.

ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPE AND DECORATIVE LIGHTING FOR PARK LANE PHASE WEST (FROM POWERLINE ROAD TO ROYAL PARK DRIVE)

Harris Hamid, Director of Engineering and Community Development, and Ron Desbrunes, Project Manager, provided a presentation.

The commission was pleased with staff's efforts to work with the community and other government entities to make this project successful. Vice Mayor Adornato wanted to ensure that low-maintenance landscaping was used. Commissioner Guevrekian requested improvement underneath the FDOT overpass. Mayor Shank suggested contacting the city's lobbyists to reach out to state officials to influence FDOT's prohibitions against the city adding landscaping to the underpass area.

Public Hearings

1. 42ND YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) - ADVERTISING FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING APPEARED IN THE SUN-SENTINEL NOVEMBER 8, 2015.

Kathleen Margoles, Economic and Community Development Director, provided a staff presentation.

The Public hearing was held as advertised.

Diane Wendt - 1745 NW 36 Court - She discussed cost issues with proposed parking lot and requested an improved plan or parking garage.

Sandy Lazono Berry - Director of Light of the World Clinic at 5333 N. Dixie Highway, Suite 201 - She thanked Oakland Park for all their support throughout the years. She reminded everyone that Light of the World Clinic was volunteer-based and provided health services to the public. She reported that 20% of their clinic patients were Oakland Park residents and this year they had 436 doctor/patient visits. She asked the city to continue its support.

Laura Sallarulo, President and CEO of Junior Achievement South Florida at 5631 NE 16 Terrace - She said this was the first time they had applied for CDBG funds from Oakland Park. She discussed the benefits of the program and invited commission members to take a tour.

After discussion, Vice Mayor Adornato moved to provide \$15,000 to Light of the World, \$15,000 to Junior Achievement and dedicate the balance to the parking lot. Commissioner Shank seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Shank, Vice Mayor Adornato, Commissioner Carn, Mayor Lonergan

NO: Commissioner Guevrekian

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2015-154

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Ordinances on First Reading

2. CITY COMMISSION TERMS.

Commissioner Shank abstained as he felt this created a potential conflict of interest.

Commissioner Guevrekian moved to pass the ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Carn seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Adornato, Commissioner Guevrekian, Commissioner Carn, Mayor Lonergan

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Shank

The ordinance, as adopted, carried the following title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA EVIDENCING THE PUBLIC INTENT AND PURPOSE OF ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.02 (d) OF THE CITY'S CHARTER; PROVIDING CLARIFICATION OF SECTION 2.02 (d) OF THE CITY'S CHARTER DESCRIBING THE EFFECT OF TERM LIMITATIONS ON MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION CURRENTLY SERVING AS ELECTED COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Note: CRA MEETING - The city commission meeting recessed at 8:13 for the CRA meeting and reconvened at 8:33 p.m.