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Members present: Daniels, Schaber, Meade

With a quorum present, Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes

Schaber made a motion to approve minutes of 10/05/2020, 09/08/2020, 08/17/2020, 08/03/2020, 07/20/2020, 07/06/2020, 06/15/2020, and 09/03/2019; Meade 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

MINUTES APPROVED (3-0)

CDBG Public Hearing (Evelyn Warr-Cummings, Marion Regional Planning)

Hearing opened at approximately 6:32PM. Mrs. Warr-Cummings, Regional Planning, indicated that this is the first public hearing for CDBG. Each year the city has the opportunity to apply for a number of grants. We were told that it was going to be eliminated this round. They have changed their minds and are now going to offer it. They felt that the communities could benefit from it staying the same for two years. They are looking for suggestions on projects they could apply for. Applications are available.

There are a number of programs available. There is the formula grant called the allocation grant. Grants include: 1 - Competitive Grants including Neighborhood ("Distressed Grant") – variety of projects in one neighborhood. 2 -Critical Infrastructure like what we did with the fire station. 3 - Downtown revitalization where they can apply for up to \$300,000 for 1-3 buildings. We are waiting to see if we as going to receive one for Sheridan/Henry on Main Street. 4 - Economic development – loan Like Harding Centre and sewer projects. 5 – Residential Public Infrastructure. Because we are under the 80% area median income, we qualify at that level as a city. Mr. Bischoff should consider if there are bigger projects for water and sewer that we may want to apply for. 6 -- Targets of opportunity MTC (through the city as official applicant) has opportunity to apply to create a maker space and workforce development downtown at old PNC building. The city could apply for – c7 -- currently have joint project CHIP housing grant with county. 8 – Formula Grant that solicits projects from the city, council people, citizens for ideas of projects. She does not know exact time frame – sometimes in June. Allocation may be somewhere around \$150,000 for up to three projects that benefit individuals directly (low- and moderate-income individuals). This could be assistance on home or payments or could be neighborhood-wide in a census tract that is predominantly low and moderate income, also elimination of slum and blight.

She is asking for suggestions to Regional Planning by 04/02 and that would get us into a timeframe that these projects could be reviewed by Economic Development Committee in April and May, have three readings in April and May, and then submit

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projects to state in June. This serves as the first public hearing. Once they have an actual budget, they will hold a second hearing for comments.

Tara Dyer (address not specified) explained that she is working with Heath Ring to take over the old men's shelter at 365 E. Fairground Street. They want to create a haven for homeless teens. They have the data. They have talked to a number of non-profit entities in town. Goodwill said they could fill up that center because of that need. Is this project that could be considered?

Warr-Cummings explained that homeless shelters can apply through city or county for moneys related to COVID. Second round would be specific be for brick and mortar for renovations of shelters and exclusive to existing shelters that are getting money through the state (like our shelter board is). Through the formula maybe applying for renovations. Homeless people and people with disabilities are presumed to be low income. That is normally an eligible activity

Christy Neff asked about applications. They are currently posted with meeting exhibits and can be received from Regional Planning.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:42PM.

Old Business (None)

New Business

- 1. tempORD 2021-02: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND EQUIPPING OF THREE (3) POLICE VEHICLES AND AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST RESPONSIVE BIDDER, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Caryer)**

Service Director Chaffin responded because Safety Director Caryer was having connection issues in Zoom meeting. This ordinance authorizes a spec and bid for three fully equipped vehicles for PD. This will replace some older vehicles and add to the fleet.

Schaber asked if this is a payment plan/lease or purchase. Chaffin explained that these would be straight purchase. No lease or pay overtime.

Meade made a motion to recommend to council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation sent to council (3-0)

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2. tempORD 2021-03: ORDINANCE MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE BELOW LISTED ACCOUNT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Auditor Landon)

Auditor Auditor Landon explained that this is for the Marion Senior Center for a vehicle. They need additional money <inaudible> professional services.

Meade made a motion to recommend to council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation sent to council (3-0)

3. tempORD 2021-04: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SMITH PAVING AND EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE FY 2019 CDBG MARION OF PARK INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Warr-Cummings, Regional Planning)
- a. Bid Opening Detail Memo provided

Warr-Cummings explained that they have sidewalk project (Patterson/Patton) and basketball court at Rotary Park (Glenwood School). They bid concrete projects out together and bidders can bid on all or portion of projects. They gave an alternate for asphalt for basketball quote of concrete. This was the best bid.

Schaber asked about project for sidewalks on south end of Henry Street at Broadway. Warr-Cummings said that they were going to look at it within a Sawyer Ludwig Park project. She needs to think about this. This project came in under budget by around \$11,000. The estimate for Henry Street was for \$25,000. Another idea might be to include it in a formula, or they could use the revolving fund money. She will look into that.

Daniels questioned whether the blind resident still lives there. Several people affirmed. Mother had reached out to Warr-Cummings several weeks ago. Daniels expressed concern about the precedent that it is being set. He believes that they had put signage throughout the area. He asked if the family owned the house.

Mayor Mayor Schertzer said, regardless of options, that this is permanent infrastructure improvement. It should not be looked at as something to benefit just one person. It will benefit more than one person and will serve the public for a long time. This is a permanent improvement to the neighborhood regardless if the child continues to live there. He does not know if they are homeowners. They do still live there.

Daniels said he recalls that some of this is on the city's easement. Mayor Schertzer agreed that they would need to go back and look at the specifics again because some time has passed. Daniels said that if it goes in the easement, he does not have an issue. He is opposed to putting a sidewalk on someone's private property. Mayor Schertzer agreed to review and consider easements.

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Meade made a motion to recommend to council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation sent to council (3-0)

4. tempORD 2021-05: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO APPROPRIATE MONIES TO THE ADAMH FUND RECEIVED BY THE ADAMH BOARD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. (Stotts)

Mr. Stotts, Probation, explained that these are funds left over from last year. They would like to reappropriate it for this year. They have \$10,693.91 for drug court ATP funds and \$2586 earmarked for support services for our mental health board.

Meade made a motion to recommend to council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation sent to council (3-0)

5. tempORD 2021-06: ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE BELOW LISTED LINE ITEMS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Auditor Landon)

Auditor Auditor Landon explained that this is appropriating \$10,000 to fire department for defibrillator donation and \$28,000 into sanitation department for a vehicle.

Meade made a motion to recommend to council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation sent to council (3-0)

6. tempORD 2021-07: ORDINANCE MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE STORMWATER FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. (Auditor Landon)

Auditor Landon that this is appropriating 1,000 into refund item for the stormwater. They do not have enough money to appropriate back into line item. <inaudible>

Meade made a motion to recommend to council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation sent to council (3-0)

7. tempORD 2021-08: ORDINANCE MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE COURT'S GRANT FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Auditor Landon)

Auditor Landon deferred comments to Stotts (Probation). Stotts explained that this is a new federal grant they got from the DOJ to provide case management services to the veteran's court. It would expand duties of current case manager to veteran's treatment

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court. The amount is \$264,525 over three years. It was supposed to start October of 2020 but because of pandemic it was just awarded a few weeks ago. It will pay for an additional 11 hours to the case manager and cover all of her benefits.

Meade made a motion to recommend to council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation sent to council (3-0)

8. tempORD2021-09: ORDINANCE MAKING A CASH ADVANCE TO THE BELOW LISTED FUND TO ALLOW PROGRAM TO OPERATE UNTIL QUARTERLY REIMBURSEMENTS ARE RECEIVED FROM THE GRANT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Auditor Landon)

Deputy Auditor Watts explained that they received their grants but there are no actual funds into the accounts. It needs to be done on a reimbursement basis. So, they need cash in there long enough so that they can do their quarterly reimbursement. This allows them to operate until they start receiving funds from the grant.

Meade made a motion to recommend to council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation sent to council (3-0)

9. tempRES 2021-02: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND MONIES TO PARKS, TRANSIT, POLICE, FIRE AND DISPATCH AND ANY OTHER FUNDS APPROVED BY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Auditor Landon)

Deputy Auditor Watts explained that this resolution. These accounts are funded by general fund and there are specific amounts that should be transferred into their accounts on an as needed basis. This is a routine resolution that says if funds get low, they will transfer funds as departments need them.

Meade made a motion to recommend to council; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Legislation sent to council (3-0)

10. TRANSFER WITHIN AUDITOR'S FUND

Deputy Auditor Watts explained that this is transferring \$5,400 from schooling into service contracts. They have a shortfall. A short fall was created by a maintenance agreement with New World. They need additional funds to cover it.

Auditor Landon said at this time it just needs approved by the Finance Committee.

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Meade made a motion to approve transfer; Schaber 2nd; Roll Call: Ayes – Daniels, Schaber, Meade; Nays – none.

Transfer approved (3-0)

11. Auditor's Reports for December 2020:

- a. Monthly Credit Card Statement
- b. Monthly Performance Against Budget Report

Schaber asked about carry-over. <inaudible> Auditor Landon explained that they are at about \$2.5 million and he will send exact number over in the morning. Mayor Schertzer agreed with estimate on amount. Deputy Auditor Watts did send that out, but he is not sure who all received. It.

Items not on the Agenda: NONE

With no other business, Daniels adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Chairman Daniels

Clerk of Council