

JOURNAL OF COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

April 9, 2018

Special City Commission Meeting

Commission Chambers Room 206

CALL TO ORDER 8:30 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

City Commission members present: Bob Kelly, Tracy Houck, Bill Bronson, Owen Robinson, and Mary Sheehy Moe. Also present were City Manager Greg Doyon and Deputy City Manager Chuck Anderson; City Clerk Lisa Kunz; CDBG Administrator Maria Porter; Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond; and, City Attorney Sara Sexe.

AGENDA APPROVAL

No changes were proposed by the City Manager or City Commission. The agenda was approved as submitted.

CONFLICT DISCLOSURE/ EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners Houck and Bronson noted they would not be participating in discussion or vote of agenda item 2 for the same reasons previously mentioned.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Miscellaneous reports and announcements.

Brett Doney, Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA), 300 Central Avenue, commented that the GFDA Board of Directors voted in favor of supporting the proposed Park District.

OLD BUSINESS

2. 2017/2018 Amended Annual Action Plan and acceptance of the proposed use of CDBG funds (Unallocated & Revolving Loan Funds).

Planning and Community Development Director Craig Raymond made a full report on this item at the April 3, 2018, Commission meeting. During discussion, it was made aware that the public comment period expired on April 6, 2018. The Commission tabled action on the pending motion until today to allow for the expiration of the comment period. All written comments have been submitted to the Commission for consideration. Director Raymond concluded that there were some good comments to keep in mind as the Commission moves forward in future allocation years.

Commissioner Robinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Moe, that the City Commission remove the 2017/2018 Annual Action Plan Amendment and CDBG Timeliness Projects agenda item from the table for discussion purposes and further action.

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners or comments from the public. Hearing none, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 3-0-2 (Commissioners Houck and Bronson abstaining)

Commissioner Robinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Moe, that the City Commission adopt the 2017/2018 Amended Annual Action Plan; authorize the submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and, accept the proposed use of funds, due to timeliness, for the 2017/2018 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Mayor Kelly asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Written comments were received from: **Brett Doney**, Great Falls Development Authority, 300 Central Avenue; **Mrs. G. Swanger**, 178 Riverview C; **Gordon Whirry**, 1912 4th Avenue North; **Kevin Murszewski**, 2820 7th Avenue North; **Linda Daggett**, 415 6th Avenue South; **Shyla Patera**, 1013 7th Avenue NW; and, **Sheila Rice**, 913 3rd Avenue North.

Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the public.

Shyla Patera, 1013 7th Avenue NW, spoke in support of Commission approval of the pending motion. She added it is her hope that HUD provides more guidance in the future for the Commission to avoid conflict situations. Accessibility in homes and in the community is of primary importance.

There being no one else to address the Commission, Mayor Kelly again asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Robinson expressed appreciation to CDBG Administrator Porter for responding to the written commenters and providing the information to the Commission for consideration prior to this meeting.

City Manager Doyon commented that moving forward City staff will be diligent about the timelines. He noted that the written comments that were received did not change staff's recommendation to the Commission.

Commissioner Moe noted that three of the six comments involved the larger picture as opposed to the matter before the Commission today. The other three support the direction the Commission is taking, although the issue of housing is one the Commission will address in the larger picture.

In response to Commissioner Moe's request, CDBG Administrator Porter clarified a comment she made in response to Mr. Murszewski's written comments.

Mayor Kelly discussed the new CDBG process being implemented. He noted the Commission will be looking forward to a lot of community input.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kelly called for the vote.

Motion carried 3-0-2 (Commissioners Houck and Bronson abstaining)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Moe moved, seconded by Mayor Kelly, to adjourn the special meeting of April 9, 2018, at 8:45 a.m.**

Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Bob Kelly

City Clerk Lisa Kunz

**Minutes Approved:
April 17, 2018**