



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Chaired by Council Member Chris Williams
Members: Williams, Hudson, Jefferson, and Johnson
July 12, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chris Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Following roll call, the following attendance by Committee Members was duly noted.

Present (3): Chairman Chris Williams, and Committee Member Cyril Jefferson, and Committee Member Tyrone Johnson

Absent (1): Committee Member Wesley Hudson

Staff Present:

Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager; Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager; Jeron Hollis, Managing Director; Nena Wilson, Interim Director of Community Development & Housing Department; JoAnne, Carlyle, City Attorney; Mary S. Brooks, Interim City Clerk

Also Present:

Gene Brown, Community Housing Solutions; Sophia Crisp, Housing Consulting Group

The following documents associated with the presentations, are hereby attached as a permanent part of these proceedings:

- 1. PPP-2022 Annual Action Plan*
- 2. PPP-Operation Inasmuch Spring 2022 Washington Street*

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2022-306 Presentation: 2022 Annual Action Plan

Thanena S. Wilson, Interim Director, Community Development and Housing, will be giving a presentation on the 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Thanena S. Wilson, Interim Director, Community Development and Housing; made a PPP regarding the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP); said that the Annual AAP outlined the strategic plan for addressing community needs identified in the 5-year Consolidated Plan

(Plan), with an emphasis on low to moderate income and special needs populations; the AAP shows the projects and programs that would be undertaken during the program year using funding received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Act programs; this is year 3 of 5 for the Plan; the AAP is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the receipt of entitlement funding; on an annual basis the city would receive CDBG and HOME funds to carry out specific activities within the city; the draft AAP had been made available for a 30-day public review and comment period that began June 13, 2022, through July 15, 2022; ; and that a public hearing was scheduled to be held before council on July 18, 2022. Ms. Wilson discussed the budget impact; for FY2022, the city would receive \$907,786 in CDBG funding, and \$601,178 in HOME funds.

Chairman Williams asked would the funding be available for multiple organizations. Ms. Wilson replied "no"; the funding would be for private developer for multi home projects.

Ms. Wilson gave an overview regarding the Strategic Goals for the AAP (Housing Strategy, Homeless Strategy, Community Development Strategy, Special Needs Strategy, Economic Development Strategy, and Administration), outlined the proposed funding sources, and proposed uses, such as Operation Inasmuch, etc...; provided a list for the 2022 Public Service Grant recommendations that included agencies such as Growing High Point, United Way, YWCA, etc...; shared the 2022 AAP Schedule as follows:

- March 18-Virtual citizen participation meeting 10 a.m.*
- March 22-Virtual citizen participation meeting 6:30 p.m.*
- March 24-Virtual citizen participation meeting 6:30 p.m.*
- *May 13-Received allocation amounts*
- June 13-July 15-Draft plan available for 30-day review and comment period*
- July 12-Presentation to Community Development Committee*
- July 18-Public hearing before council*
- July 18-29-Finalize plan*
- July 28-Presentation to Citizens Advisory Council*
- August 1-Request council approval*
- August 2-(on or about)-Action Plan Submitted to HUD*

**Plan could not be submitted until after notification of allocation amount.*

Chairman Williams asked if the grant funding had to go through the CAC. Ms. Wilson replied, "yes"; noted that there were additional funding available; staff recommended funding all of the agencies that applied due to the available funds; said that staff would provide an COVID-19 update regarding COVID Projects at a future meeting; explained the submittal process for the AAP; said that there were no public comments to date; and asked council to approve this matter with a favorable recommendation and place it on the July 18th meeting of council.

Chairman Williams moved to forward this matter to the City Council with a favorable recommendation and place it on the July 18, 2022, City Council Finance Committee Consent Agenda for approval. Committee Member Johnson made a second to the motion. Following a roll call vote by Acting Chairman Jones, the motion carried by the following 3-0 unanimous vote:

Aye (3):

Chairman Williams, Committee Member Johnson, and Committee Member Jefferson

Absent (1): Chairman Moore

2022-307 Update: Operation Inasmuch Spring 2022 Washington Street

Community Housing Solutions and Housing Consultants Group will be providing an update for the Operation Inasmuch (OIAM) Spring 2022 event for the Washington Street neighborhood held on April 30, 2022.

Sophia Crisp, Community Housing Solutions and Housing Consultants Group extended greetings; thanked everyone for their support; shared success stories regarding home repairs; and recognized Gene Brown, Housing Solutions and Housing Consultants Group to provide an update regarding the Operation Inasmuch (OIAM) Spring 2022 event (Event) for the Washington Street neighborhood held on April 30, 2022.

Ms. Brown extended greetings; shared a video that highlighted the OIAM Event on Washington Street; spoke to having community outreach that provided information regarding home repair needs; to building bridges of trust in the community; explained the qualifications and the home repair process; to efforts in assisting the community in terms of having long-term livability and health care; spoke to a program that assisted citizens over the age of 65 and over called 'Ageing Gracefully; explained how the program worked and what it entailed; acknowledged the volunteers agencies that helped with the event; and entertained questions.

Committee Member Jefferson voiced appreciation for the initiative and efforts regarding the Event; commended Billy Coddle, City of High Point Employee for his efforts during the Event; and to having positive community feedback; and a positive impact.

Ms. Crisp spoke to the upcoming Event in October; and to assuring the community the home repair program was genuine.

Chairman Williams asked how would citizens apply for the Ageing Gracefully program; spoke to the positive long-term impact OIAM makes; and thanked everyone for their efforts. Ms. Brown replied that citizens would need to call the Community Housing Solutions agency; and explained the qualifications to be eligible.

Committee Member Johnson thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts; and spoke to

providing assistance to those in need.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.; moved by Committee Member Jefferson; and seconded by Committee Member Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christopher Williams, Chairman

Attest:

Mary S. Brooks, CMC
Interim City Clerk