

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Middlesex, NJ 08846

January 30, 2020

A regular meeting of the Housing & Community Development Committee was held at the above place on the above date commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The following responded to the roll call:

Victor Capolunghi	Absent
Andrea Corcoran	Present
Subbash Dani	Absent
Mike Jones	Present
John Erickson	Present
Stephen Greco	Present
Bill Coyle	Present
Amy Flood	(Unable to Attend)

Council Representative

Secretary Linda Chismar opened the meeting with the Sunshine Law Statement saying the meeting had been advertised in the Meeting Notice of January 7, 2019.

Linda Chismar requested a nomination for the Chairman of the Housing & Community Development Committee. Mr. Greco nominated Mr. John Erickson for Chairman, seconded by Mr. Jones. There were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Mr. Erickson was elected by unanimous consent of members present.

Linda Chismar requested a nomination for the Vice Chairman for the Housing & Community Development Committee. Mr. Jones nominated Mr. Greco for Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Erickson. There were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Mr. Greco was elected by unanimous consent of members present.

Ms. Corcoran made a motion to approve the January 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes seconded by Mr. Jones and carried by a majority vote of members present (abstain Greco & Erickson).

The Committee secretary discussed how the allocation of funds had been used in the past, and certain salaries were supplemented with HUD Funding. If these funds were not used for these salaries, the Council would need to fund these items in the current budget. These items included the Senior Van Driver (\$7500), Code Enforcement Officer (\$7500), Nutritional Program (\$7500) and the Senior Coordinator Salary (\$11,075). Also, moving forward the County has informed us that funding cannot be used to supplement salaries.

Mr. Erickson then discussed suggestions for the 2020 HUD Grant. The Senior Coordinator and Recreation Director were unable to attend the meeting but forwarded some recommendations. The Committee discussed these recommendations, and based upon the fact that they are assuming that they have approximately \$27,000 left to distribute (omitting the salaries) they discussed the Senior Center/Rescue Squad Building awnings, sign for the Senior Center/Rescue Squad Building, Ceiling Tiles, Kitchen Remodel, Men's Bathroom, and benches and planters at the Senior Center. They did discuss recommendations from the Recreation Director but requested more clarification on her requests.

The Committee Secretary indicated that she was advised that the Committee has approximately \$52,476 left in funds from previous years, but due to time constraints with the 2020 Grant the Committee should discuss and make the recommendations for the \$27,000 at this time, as the Council must approve these recommendations at their February 25, 2020 Regular Meeting at the latest. In the past this Grant was due on March 1, but this year the Borough has not yet received the County Letter, so the numbers and dates for this funding is still questionable.

The committee also will be holding another meeting on February 6, 2020 at 7PM at borough hall to discuss recommendations with Councilwoman Flood, as she was unaware of this meeting being scheduled, as she filled the Council vacancy last week.

The Committee secretary has been tasked to get prices for the Stone Planters for the Recreation Center, Benches, Ceiling Tiles and possibly separate prices for individual items for the Senior Center kitchen. Also, we are awaiting a response from the Recreation Director to get clarification of her request. The Committee secretary will follow up with the County to see if HUD funds would qualify for upgrading the dais to make it handicapped assessible and also if the sign in the front of borough hall could be taken out of HUD funds.

Mr. Erickson opened the public portion of the meeting for comments or suggestions. Seeing that there were no public comments, Mr. Erickson closed the public portion of the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Corcoran.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chismar, Secretary