

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Middlesex, NJ 08846

February 6, 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	Present
Council Representative	

Chairman Erickson opened the meeting with the Sunshine Law Statement saying the meeting had been advertised in the Meeting Notice of January 31, 2020.

Mr. Coyle made a motion to approve the January 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes seconded by Mr. Greco and carried by a unanimous vote of members present.

Chairman Erickson discussed that we were informed that the County is requesting that the funding for salaries in the grant be reduced. (Minimum reduction \$3,500). The secretary contacted the County and questioned if after reducing the salaries, if we can add the amount reduced from the salaries to the amount we itemize for Code Enforcer, as they indicated that the Code Enforcer is not a public service, so it is not counted against the cap.

Chairman Erickson indicated that this year the Borough will receive \$63,486 in grant funds. The Committee reviewed all items that were discussed at the January 30, 2020 Meeting and the Senior Director, Melissa DeMarino attended and was able to fully explain any questions relating to the awning, kitchen, ceiling, mens bathroom and signs. The Senior/Recreation/Rescue Center Improvements were separated by the Committee into the following items: Ceiling Tiles (\$4,639), Awning for Senior Center/Rescue Squad Building (\$17,320), 2 Benches for the front of the Senior Center (\$1480) and 2 Planters for the Senior Center (\$260). A consensus of the Committee was to request Council approve a Resolution at the February 25, 2020 Council Meeting to include the following items for the HUD Grant:

Senior Van Driver	\$6,500
Code Enforcement Officer	\$10,575
Nutritional Program	\$6,500

Senior Coordinator Salary	\$10,000
Senior/Recreation/Rescue Squad Improvements (Ceiling Tiles & Awnings, Benches & Planters)	\$23,699
Handicapped Table/Bench (Legion Park)	\$6,212
	\$63,486

The Committee briefly discussed a variety of additional items as they have been informed that there is an additional amount of \$52,476 of HUD funds from previous years that is available for projects. The committee mentioned streetscape on Route 28, baseball field renovations, fire department and park improvements, additional benches in the target area, men's bathroom renovations, and senior center kitchen renovations/improvements.

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.

Chairman Erickson and Councilwoman Flood plan on attending the March 28, 2020 County Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting where the county will authorize the submission of the proposed projects by each municipality to HUD in a consolidated plan. Chairman Erickson recommended that the Committee meet on April 2, 2020 at 7PM to discuss the County Meeting, and also to make recommendations to the Mayor and Council for the additional HUD funds that are outstanding.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chismar, Secretary