



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Council Session

## Item E-5

### **Public Hearing on Budget Amendment for Community Development Block Grant 13-CR-002, 13-CR-102 and 14-CR-002**

*Council action will take place under Consent Agenda item G-4.*

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# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Charley Falmlen, Community Development

**Meeting:** September 13, 2015

**Subject:** Public Hearing on Budget Amendments for Community Development Block Grant 13-CR-002, 13-CR-104, and 14-CR-002

**Presenter(s):** Charley Falmlen, Community Development Specialist

## Background

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) developed a Comprehensive Revitalization program to utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in non-entitlement communities. This program allocates grant funds over a multi-year period to meet locally identified needs that are CDBG eligible. Since 2013, The City of Grand Island has received \$720,000 in Comprehensive Revitalization Funds. The funds have been allocated to the funding category of “Streets” and intended for use along 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street to address curb reconstruction and ADA accessibility. Since the original application for funding, extensions have been granted, with a current contract end date of September 29, 2016.

## Discussion

This time last year, the improvements to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Street were well underway. Design bidding and construction contract processes were complete for the project. The first portion of the construction contract has been completed. But the contractor who was awarded the bid requested to be removed from the contractual obligations, due to his inability to meet the parameters of the contract. After this event, the City hoped to award the bid to the alternate bidder or send the project to re-bid. The alternate bidder was not interested in picking up the remainder of the project, therefore the project needed to be re-bid. As portions of the contract were already completed, the construction documents needed to be re-created. This took time for design and completion by the design firm. Additionally, the completion of the first part of the contract in 2015, was not paid for with CDBG funds, since the contractor failed to meet the requirements. This left additional CDBG funding to be allocated, which is why the improvements to Lion’s Club Park were added to the design.

The City of Grand Island was unable to offer proposed budget amendments or proposed contract extension dates until the new design was under construction contract, as bid amounts and completion dates are the end result of the bidding and contract process. The Improvements to Lions Club Park and the ADA Ramp and Curbs along 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets are currently under construction contract with a final completion date of June 1, 2017.

The proposed budget amendments would move all remaining funds from all Comprehensive Revitalization grants into the “Public Facilities” category which would accommodate the National Objectives for such work as that of Lions Club Park and the ADA Ramps.

The proposed contract extension date is July 29, 2017 to accommodate the full completion date of the contractor currently performing work under contract and the completion dates written into that contract.

### **Alternatives**

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve the budget amendment and extension request
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

### **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the budget amendment and extension request.

### **Sample Motion**

Move to approve the budget amendment and contract extension request for Comprehensive Revitalization Community Revitalization Block Grants and authorize the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents.