



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Council Session

Item E-8

Public Hearing on Contract Amendment for Community Development Block Grant 12-DTR-104

Council action will take place under Consent Agenda item G-16.

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Charley Falmlen, Community Development Specialist

Meeting: July 14, 2015

Subject: Public Hearing on Contract Amendment Community Development Block Grant 12-DTR-104

Presenter(s): Charley Falmlen, Community Development Specialist

Background

In June 2013 the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development awarded a \$350,000 Community Development Block Grant to the City of Grand Island for Downtown Revitalization. Originally the project was intended to provide improvements to KC Plaza and provide funding for a new Downtown Hotel. The scope of the project has changed. Project details are outlined below.

Discussion

The improvements to Kaufmann Cummings Plaza are well underway and currently scheduled to begin construction in July. But since the original grant application took place, The City of Grand Island discovered additional work needed to be done to the sewer portion of the Downtown Revitalization project. For this reason, there was a delay in the design of the project, as a project review was conducted and additional funding secured by the City of Grand Island.

The City of Grand Island has contributed an additional \$100,000 to the sewer portion of this project because of the growing support of the downtown initiative and because of the change in the scope of the sewer project. This additional funding will completely cover the cost of said portion of the project. For this reason the City would like you to consider moving \$60,000 from Storm Sewers and \$7,000 from Code Enforcement to Public Facilities, where it can be used to support the continued progress of Kaufmann Cummings Plaza. Matching funds will remain the same for each source.

Additionally, after receiving the Construction Documents and the contractor bids, it became clear that \$67,800 would be needed to complete the Architectural Barriers, as opposed to the originally proposed \$75,000. For this reason, we would like to move an additional \$7,200 from Architectural Barriers, into Public Facilities, as well.

Lastly, a grant was awarded to The Chocolate Bar for \$160,000, leaving \$8,000 in the Commercial Rehabilitation category unused. For this reason, we would like to transfer the remaining \$8,000 from Commercial Rehabilitation to Public Facilities

Original Contract Budget

Project Activities	CDBG Funds	City Match	TOTAL
Public Facilities	30,000	7,500	37,500
Storm Sewers	60,000	15,700	75,700
Arch. Barriers	75,000	18,700	93,700
Commercial Rehab.	168,000	42,000	210,000
Code Enforcement	7,000	1,750	8,750
General Admin	10,000	0	10,000
TOTAL	350,000	85,650	435,650

Proposed Contract Budget

Project Activities	CDBG Funds	City Match	TOTAL
Public Facilities	112,200	24,950	137,150
Arch. Barriers	67,800	18,700	86,500
Commercial Rehab	160,000	42,000	202,000
General Admin	10,000		10,000
TOTAL	350,000	85,650	435,650

A public hearing notice was published in *The Grand Island Independent* on July 1, 2015.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve Community Development Block Grant contract amendment
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 Community Development Block Grant contract amendment.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Community Development Block Grant contract amendment and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.