



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Finance & Administration Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Monday, July 9, 2007

1:00 PM

Mayor's Conference Room

Special called meeting

1. Call To Order

Mr. Tony Thomas from the Mayor's Office was also in attendance.

2. Approval of minutes

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-07:210 RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE 2005 AND 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

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Councilwoman Furr stated she thought \$300,000 had already been appropriated for the greenway project. Grants Coordinator Gayle Vickers explained there hasn't been any money allocated for the greenway project. She added this part of the greenway is one leg of the greenway project around Allen Park. Chairman Dover further explained part of the money was allocated for demolitions and homeowner assistance, but due to time constraints they are asking to re-allocate the money. Ms. Vickers stated if the money is re-allocated then she has until October 31st to spend the money. Councilwoman Furr questioned how many more amendments must be made to 2005 and 2006. Ms. Vickers stated this should be the last of the amendments to 2005 and 2006. She added HUD has not only endorsed the projects but suggested proceeding with the projects so they can be completed. She asked for the resolution be placed on the July 17th City Council agenda. Councilwoman Furr questioned why the items were not on the last regular Finance Committee agenda. Ms. Vickers stated they weren't finished because she had to get greenway estimates and easements for the sewer projects before she could re-allocate the money.

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson John Street, that this Resolution be Recommended to the City Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

RES-07:209 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS APPROVING THE 2007-2011 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED AND 2007 ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY, DATED JULY 17, 2007 INCLUDING THE 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS AND BUDGET

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Ms. Vickers stated this is the same as what is approved every year for CDBG and has to be approved by Council before going to HUD. She added everything can be completed by the deadline. Councilman Street questioned how much the funding had been reduced. Ms. Vickers stated it had gone down from \$574,000. She added they are continually reducing the funding. Councilman Hargis questioned the homeowner rehabilitation project. Ms. Vickers stated they currently are participating in two homeowner rehabilitation projects and the first two projects will be completed in the next two weeks. Chairman Dover questioned the transitional group home rehab with Mid-South Health Systems. Ms. Vickers stated Mid-South is a non-profit company and is the only transitional living houses in the City of Jonesboro. She added it is an eligible project because it deals with transitional living. Discussion was held concerning the condemnations. Councilwoman Furr questioned how many people in the community Mid-South helps and what the criteria is to be in their system. She expressed concern about the number of homeless in the community and noted not all of them are part of Mid-South Health Systems. Ms. Vickers they're clients are considered to be homeless and mentally ill which automatically qualifies them for assistance under HUD guidelines. Councilwoman Furr asked what is being done for people who are homeless but not mentally ill. Ms. Vickers stated they have Salvation Army which they are rehabing their kitchen. She added Mid-South Health is the only place that applied for funding. Councilwoman Furr questioned whether the Salvation Army applied for funding. Ms. Vickers stated they went to the Salvation Army concerning applying for funding. Councilman Perrin added there are a lot more needs in the City than what is listed in the plan. He noted 20% of the total cost is going to administration so only 80% is going to the community. He suggested in the future the City needs to look at CDBG and how much the City is getting. He asked for a report showing how much the City is receiving in benefits to help others based on what is being expended and how and where the money is being spent. Councilman Hargis also suggested providing information to the committee that is given to the advisory committee so they can look at the same things as the advisory committee when making decisions. Ms. Vickers stated she can start giving the committee a monthly update.

A motion was made by Councilperson Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilperson Judy Furr, that this Resolution be Recommended to the City Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.