



City of Goodyear

Meeting Minutes

City Council Work Session

Mayor Georgia Lord
Vice Mayor Bill Stipp
Councilmember Joe Pizzillo
Councilmember Sheri Lauritano
Councilmember Wally Campbell
Councilmember Brannon Hampton
Councilmember Laura Kaino

Goodyear Municipal Court
and Council Chambers
14455 W. Van Buren St.,
Suite B101
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Monday, May 11, 2020

5:00 PM

Goodyear Municipal Court and Council
Chambers

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Ducey's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected" order, city buildings are closed.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lord called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Mayor Lord, Vice Mayor Bill Stipp, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Lauritano, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Hampton, and Councilmember Kaino

Staff Present: City Manager Julie Arendall, City Attorney Roric Massey and City Clerk Darcie McCracken

City Clerk Darcie McCracken advised that even though the building was closed and people could not appear in person, there were other ways for citizens to remain involved. She reviewed the ways that citizens could submit comments, view the meetings and send comments to Mayor and Council.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. [2020-6941ws](#) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Community (Christina Panaitescu, Grants & Neighborhood Services Supervisor)

Grants and Neighborhood Services Supervisor Christina Panaitescu reviewed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and provided information on whether the city should become an entitlement city or remain in the urban county program. She stated in order to become an entitlement community the city would have to be invited formally by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The city of Goodyear was formally invited in 2008, but had continued on with the urban county program, set to expire June 30, 2021.

Ms. Panaitescu discussed the level of funding the city would receive, types of projects and administration of the program as factors to consider when determining whether to be an entitlement city or not.

Ms. Panaitescu reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of the urban county program noting that under the urban county program, the county did most of the work and the city was not guaranteed funding each year. Under the entitlement program, the city was guaranteed annual funding based on the federal budget, but required an intensive start-up effort and at some point would need a dedicated staff person.

Council inquired if food bank support was an eligible project. Ms. Panaitescu responded yes, it would be a public service project depending on the nature of the project.

Council asked if the full entitlement amount was not used in the fiscal year, could it be used in subsequent years. Ms. Panaitescu responded there was a limit and the city could have one and a half times the total allocation.

Council asked if any city or town was not in either entitlement or urban county program. Ms. Panaitescu responded yes, there was one city.

Council verified when the staff person would need to start to get the program going. Deputy City Manager Wynette Reed stated that the position would have to be in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Council stated they did not think the city was ready for the program.

Council asked if there was a multi-year project, if the money could be used each year for that same project. Ms. Panaitescu, replied yes, that was possible as long as it fit within the consolidated plan.

Council asked how the dollar amount was established. Ms. Panaitescu responded that it was based on population, housing conditions and poverty level. Council expressed their support of moving forward with shifting from urban county to entitlement program.

Council inquired if staffing levels would remain at one. Ms. Reed advised that at this point it would be one, but as growth occurred, that could change.

Council asked for examples of low mod projects. Ms. Panaitescu stated examples would be home rehabilitation for owner-occupied housing, anything that affected an area that was 51% or greater low mod, given directly to a person who was income eligible or to an area that was income eligible, or the presumed populations that included the elderly or disabled.

Council inquired what would the process be to create the five-year consolidated plan for the program. Ms. Panaitescu stated it was an extensive process with several components where a consultant would be hired. She added the public would also be able to provide their thoughts on the plan. Council

asked about the timing for this request and Ms. Panaitescu responded that it was based on the federal fiscal year.

City Manager Julie Arendall added that the three year contract with the county was due to expire and staff needed policy direction as to renewing the contract or let it expire.

Council stated that this was a great opportunity and with the city's growth, now was the time to move to the entitlement program.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Information items would be discussed at the Regular Meeting immediately following the Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lord adjourned the Work Session at 5:55 p.m.

Darcie McCracken, City Clerk

Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: _____