

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 4, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Highland was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Lilburn at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chavez, Lilburn, McCallon, Solano, Timmer
Absent: None

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

1. Allocation of the City of Highland's Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 [Continued from February 26, 2019 City Council Meeting]

Mayor Lilburn excused herself from this item due to a conflict of interest as she is employed by one of the applicants who have applied for the CDBG funding.

Mayor Lilburn left the dais.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon opened the public hearing.

Assistant Community Development Director Stater stated this is the time of the year that the Council receives from the County all the applications that are eligible for funding for the CDBG program. This year our funding, tentatively, has increased 7%. We will hear back from the County in a few months to confirm that but those are the estimates for this time. The 7% increase which provides to us \$390,451 this year received six applications. They do exceed the total funding available to the City. Staff has provided a table in your packet which starts on page 16 for construction projects and 17 for public service projects. Two of the construction projects are City projects, the only two that are on the application. Construction projects can be funded up to 100% of our allocation but it is typically

85%, which is \$331,884. There was some remaining funding from a prior fiscal year that the County is making available to us at this time. It is about \$9,900, its \$9,976.69 that we can add to the construction projects which brings the construction total to \$341,860.69. 15% of the City's allocation is the maximum available for public service projects, the one on page 17. You'll see at the bottom of the table is \$58,567. Total requested is over \$61,000, exceeding our total. That concludes staff's report.

John Henry, Highland Senior Center, spoke regarding their program and their request of CDBG funds.

Rosetta Love spoke regarding her support of the Highland Senior Center.

Michelle Williamson, Central Little League President, spoke regarding their program and their request of CDBG funds.

Lindsey Cobaugh, Highland Family YMCA Executive Director, spoke regarding their program and their request of CDBG funds.

Unknown speaker spoke regarding his support of the Highland Family YMCA.

Melissa Hayes spoke regarding her support of the Highland Family YMCA.

Robbie Van Dine spoke regarding his support of the Highland Family YMCA.

Frank Sanchez spoke regarding his support of the Highland Family YMCA.

Cynthia Garcia spoke regarding her support of the Highland Family YMCA.

Latoya Courtney, Highland Library Interim Branch Manager, spoke regarding their program and their request of CDBG funds.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon called for any other additional speakers for this item. Seeing none, the public hearing is now closed.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon stated as you know we have requests for \$403,271 for construction and \$61,289 for public service projects. We don't have that much money so we need to decide how we are going to split it up.

Council Member Timmer stated in the past we usually separate it. The construction projects from the public service projects so he will start with that. At the public construction projects, we have two; one is Log Number 010, which is the Code Enforcement staff. He suggests we fund that at the full level, \$159,271, and as Assistant Community Development Director Stater mentioned if you look on page 12 of your report, it lists that \$9,900 is allocated. Normally we do that later on in the year when they allocate those funds but apparently the County said we can do it all at one time to make it easier. So, he says, we add that to the Log Number 009 project so that would give an allocation of \$182,589.69. That should add up to the \$341,860.69.

A MOTION was made by Council Member Timmer, seconded by Council Member Chavez, to prioritize funding of FY 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Applications in the following allocation amounts, LOG Number HIGH19CN-009, Street Improvements Del Rosa in the amount of \$182,589.69 and LOG Number HIGH19CN-010, continuing Code Enforcement with the low and moderate income target areas in the amount of \$159,271, which totals to the amount of \$341,860.69. Motion carried, 4-0, with Mayor Lilburn abstaining.

Council Member Chavez stated definitely, we should put more money into our Code Enforcement.

Council Member Timmer stated it's really unique this year. Our funding historically has been reduced each year and we actually got more this year so that's nice to look at doing that. Log Number 008, which is the Library request; their application was for \$10,000. Last year we gave \$8,062, but because we have extra money this year, he is going to suggest we give full funding to the Library. For the Central Little League, last year they got \$11,000. He suggests we increase it by \$1,278 which will give them \$12,278, so there are additional monies this year for them. The Senior Center which is Log Number 047, last year they got \$24,000, their request is for \$25,000. He would suggest that we fund that at the full level. For the YMCA, last year they got \$11,289. They requested the same amount this year so he would recommend we fund that at the full level as well. That should add up to \$58,567.

Council Member Chavez stated he would like to disagree. He thinks it's able for us to fully fund the three non-profits excluding the Highland Senior Center. We will give them \$22,278 which last year they got \$23,000 so...

Council Member Timmer stated last year the Senior Center got \$24,000.

Council Member Chavez stated well this year we can give them \$22,278 and then fully fund the County Library, Central Little League and Highland YMCA.

Council Member Solano stated she would like to touch on that a little bit too. She's glad that we have more funding this year. It increased \$3,000 since the last two fiscal years and \$4,000 since the fiscal year before that. She almost feels kind of guilty in the matter that we have more monies and have to cut from other ones too. We can fund the rest with what it is and with the remaining, it still will leave a large percentage to the Senior Center which in all appreciation she is for. She has family that goes there too so she knows the big impact that they definitely do within the city. She also has to agree that looking at the numbers it would be nice to just take away that image that we don't or that we favor ourselves in a sense. She would like to second Council Member Chavez' opinion.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon stated he took a look at the requested amount which is \$61,289 if you add it all up. The funds available are \$58,567. The difference there is about 4.44% and what he was looking at was reducing each of the requests by 4.44% which would be equal across the board. It would give \$9,556 to the Library, \$14,334 to the Little League, \$23,890 to the Senior Center and \$10,787 to the YMCA. I think that would be fair because it's a percentage reduction across the board and not favoring anybody.

Council Member Solano stated she likes that.

Council Member Chavez stated he agrees.

Council Member Timmer stated he looks at it as numbers that each organization serves. Obviously from the testimony and my knowledge the YMCA serves a lot of people. The Senior Center serves a lot, a lot, of people. The Little League serves a lot of people. The Library is more of a focus on literacy so they don't serve the total numbers but the need is certainly there. He sticks basically with his first recommendation where increasing all the funding to everybody is what we are doing.

Council Member Solano stated she feels we cannot, we need to remove that image of us, that we favor our own. In that sense that we won't...

Council Member Timmer stated how do you mean favor our own? These are all Highland citizens.

Council Member Solano stated yes, but that we won't reduce from that organization. We get buzz.

Council Member Timmer asked which organization are you talking about?

Council Member Solano replied the Senior Center.

Council Member Timmer asked and they're not Highland members and citizens?

Council Member Solano replied they are but what she is saying is across the board is what records show. It would be nice to at least show a change of pace on it. That's why she likes Mayor Pro Tem McCallon's idea because it definitely shows a change of pace on it.

Council Member Chavez stated he is okay with either Mayor Pro Tem McCallon's recommendation or the recommendation where we fully fund three non-profit organizations with the exception of the Highland Senior Center for \$22,278.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon stated it appears there is a majority favoring the reduction across the board. He would move that as he presented it.

Council Member Timmer asked if he would state those amounts again.

Mayor Pro Tem McCallon stated \$9,556 to the Library, \$14,334 to the Little League, \$23,890 to the Senior Center and \$10,787 to the YMCA. That should add up to \$58,567.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem McCallon, seconded by Council Member Chavez, to prioritize funding of FY 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Applications in the following allocation amounts, LOG Number HIGH19PS-008, San Bernardino County Library in the amount of \$9,556; LOG Number HIGH19PS-026, Central Little League in the amount of \$14,334; LOG Number HIGH19PS-047, Highland Senior Center in the amount of \$23,890; and LOG Number HIGH19PS-051, Highland Family YMCA in the amount of \$10,787, which totals to the amount of \$58,567. Motion carried, 3-1, with Council Member Timmer dissenting and with Mayor Lilburn abstaining.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem McCallon adjourned the meeting at 4:31p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Betty Hughes, MMC
City Clerk

Penny Lilburn
Mayor