

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Council of the City of Lebanon, Pa., was held in Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, Lebanon, Pa., this evening, Chairperson Carey presiding. Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic the meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present—Mrs. Keller, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morales, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Carey, Chairperson.
Absent--none.

Also present were Mayor Sherry L. Capello; Chief of Police Todd Breiner; Donna Long Brightbill; City Solicitor; Robin L. Getz, Director of Public Works; Janelle Mendoff, Community and Economic Development Administrator; Melissa E. Quinones, Director of Administration-Assistant to the Mayor; and one person in the audience.

The minutes of the July 27, 2020, City Council meeting were presented by the City Clerk. There being no corrections, deletions or additions, the minutes were approved as presented.

Chairperson Carey announced that Council received a budget report for the period January 1 through June 30, 2020. Mayor Capello reported that 58 percent of the fiscal year is completed; revenue is at 65 percent and expenditures are at 44 percent. Both revenue and expenditures are performing better than budget. In comparison to 2019, revenue was at 70 percent and expenditures at 45 percent for the same time period. Mayor Capello reported that she does not expect to see the full impact to the budget resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic until the third and fourth quarters of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021. She reported that all projects and maintenance were eliminated from the 2020 budget and she will continue to monitor the situation in the upcoming months.

Mr. Carey introduced Resolution No. 15 as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-2024 AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to extend financial assistance to communities in the elimination or prevention of slums or urban blight, or activities which will benefit low and moderate income persons, or other urgent community development needs; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has estimated the FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant to be Six Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars (\$665,482.00), plus program income in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000); and

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WHEREAS, the City of Lebanon has prepared a Consolidated Plan for 2020-2024 and an Annual Action Plan for the FY 2020 funding year that assesses the housing needs of extremely low, low, and moderate income households, homeless families and individuals, and others with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for FY 2020 was on public display for 30 days and the City held a series of public hearings on said Consolidated Strategy and Annual Action Plan and the comments of various agencies, groups and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final document.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Lebanon, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, That:

SECTION 1. The Consolidated Plan for fiscal years 2020-2024 and Annual Action Plan for the FY 2020 CDBG Program is hereby in all respects approved and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of said Consolidated Strategy and Annual Action Plan with this resolution.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Council are cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of community development, affordable housing and emergency homeless activities with federal financial assistance, including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants, (b) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin and other assurances as set forth under the certifications.

SECTION 3. The Mayor on behalf of the City of Lebanon is authorized to file an application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which has indicated its willingness to make available a grant to carry out the CDBG Program in the amount of Six Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars (\$665,482.00), plus estimated program income in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), and is further authorized to act as an authorized representative of the City of Lebanon to sign any and all documents in regard to these programs.

SECTION 4. The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Lebanon, is hereby authorized to provide assurances and/or certifications as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, and also any supplemental or revised data which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may request in connection with the review of this Application.

Ms. Mendoff reported that the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan is a requirement by HUD. The Consolidated Plan outlines the activities that will be carried out using the CDBG funding. Upon receiving approval from HUD, Ms. Mendoff will be submitting environmental reviews as required.

Resolution No. 15 was passed finally on motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Miller. Yeas—Mrs. Keller, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morales, Mr. Wertz, and Mr. Carey, Chairperson—5; nays—none.

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Chairperson Carey recognized the recent passing of Don Bowman and George Horn, both of whom made contributions to the community. On behalf of Council, Chairperson Carey extended condolences to the families of both gentlemen.

Chairperson Carey extended his thanks to Mayor Capello for her guidance for complying with COVID-19 orders.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

CHERYL J. GIBSON, Clerk