

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item: IX-A

Date: 01/11/10

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE ELOY CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELOY
628 NORTH MAIN STREET
ELOY, ARIZONA 85231
DECEMBER 21, 2009
6:30 P.M.

Staff Present: Joseph Blanton-City Manager/Community Development Director; Mary Myers-City Clerk; Martin O'Haus-Grants Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jackson led the Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present:, Council Member Jesse Rosel, Council Member Joel Belloc, Mayor Byron Jackson, Council Member Etta Ruth Amerson, Council Member Angie Saucedo, Council Member J.W. Tidwell

Council Members Absent: Vice Mayor Frank Acuña (excused)

IV. BUSINESS

A. REQUEST APPROVAL TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR A DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEM

Cover sheet discussion: *The police department received an \$8000.00 grant from Monsanto (Delta Pine) to purchase recording equipment for our interview room. The estimate from one vendor, World Systems, Inc. for their recorder system was just over \$19,000.00. The remainder of the funding for this project will be taken from Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Funds already awarded to the city.*

The department is requesting authorization to go out for bids on a digital recording system to be paid for using various grant fund sources.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Mr. Blanton gave a brief overview of the police department's request to go out for bids for a digital recording system to record incoming calls.

There being no questions and/or comments from Council, Mayor Jackson called for a motion.

Motion by Council Member Belloc, seconded by Council Member Rosel to approve a request to solicit bids for a digital recording system, passed unanimously.

B. PUBLIC HEARING: A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL PROJECT IDENTIFIED AT THE DECEMBER 1, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING AND TO VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT AN APPLICATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING WITH A REQUEST FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2009 CDBG STATE SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT

Cover sheet discussion: The City of Eloy intends to apply to the Arizona Department of Housing for \$300,000 in FY2009 federal CDBG funds from the State Special Projects (SSP) account. CDBG funds must be used to benefit low-income persons and areas, alleviate slum and blight or address urgent need.

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at the City Council Chambers, 628 North Main Street, Eloy, AZ 85131 to gather citizen input on the use of the CDBG funds. Based on citizen input as well as local and state planning objectives a potential project was selected to be forwarded to the State of Arizona Department of Housing with a request for funding.

The potential project would request \$300,000 in CDBG State Special Project funds for an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program for project activities to rehabilitate to local code and State rehabilitation guidelines five (5) homes owned and occupied by households residing within the corporate limits of the City of Eloy with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income. The project will meet the CDBG National Objective of primary benefit to low and moderate income persons.

The purpose of this second public hearing is for the Mayor and City Council and those citizens present to discuss the potential project and to vote on whether or not an application should be forwarded to the State of Arizona Department of Housing with a request for funding.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Mayor Jackson declared a public hearing open to allow comments and/or questions

from the public regarding the 2009 CDBG State Special Projects Account.

Mr. Blanton conveyed this is a competitive CDBG grant that is not connected to CDBG monies that are allocated every year to cities. Mr. Blanton informed Council that he has been told rehabilitation of homes will be considered high priority with state housing. And if the city wants to score high or be considered for funding, this is probably what the city will be limited to. If awarded the grant, staff is recommending using the monies for housing rehab (approximately \$300,000 plus administration fees). Mr. Blanton said the grant will allow the city to expend a maximum of \$50,000 per home. Mr. Blanton pointed out that the city just recently completed rehabing five homes in the city and would like to do more.

Mayor Jackson wanted to know would the city be permitted to rehab more homes if a home does not need \$50,000 in improvements.

Mr. O'Haus said yes. The maximum amount of assistance per home (five maximum) is \$50,000; it does not mean the city has to spend the maximum on each home. The only requirement is that improvements must meet local code and state rehabilitation standards; not the entire home. Mr. O'Haus voiced if it is determined a home needs to be replaced, it will not be done because the city does not have the money. However, the Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA) may have funds to offset the cost if a house is in need of replacement.

Mary Lou Rosales, Executive Director for CAHRA, conveyed the agency has some funds and if creative enough they could possibly offer assistance. The agency has some housing trust fund/emergency home repair monies through the Arizona Department of Housing (ADH) but, they are very picky about CAHRA using these monies in combination. If a home is in such dire condition, CAHRA can use funds (up to \$15,000) if there is confirmation the home will be rehabed. However, Ms. Rosales pointed out that the state legislature is looking at possibly eliminating housing trust fund monies December 31, 2010.

Mayor Jackson wanted to know is the city is required to select the homes to be rehabed prior to application submittal.

Mr. O'Haus explained that he (Mayor) will have to certify that the city has a waiting list of eligible applicants, which it does. However, the city still has to advertise that it is accepting applications for housing rehab. He said those already on the waiting list will not automatically be next in line to have their home rehabed. Mr. O'Haus pointed out that the CDBG revitalization money cannot be merged with the money the city is applying for because they are two separate programs.

Mayor Jackson asked who reviews the applications and determines who has the greatest need.

Mr. O'Haus explained the city will procure a housing rehab specialist to do this. The rehab specialist will judge the structural integrity of the home, rate it, then rank the homes based on the greatest need. It will not be done on a first come first served basis. Mr. O'Haus said will do the basic applicant eligibility verification such as income, homeowners insurance, title search, etc.

Council Member Saucedo asked will there be limitations as to what can be done to a home.

Mr. O'Haus said anything that pertains to health and safety or the structural integrity of the home is eligible; cosmetic improvements are prohibited.

There being no further questions and/or comments, Mayor Jackson declared the public hearing closed.

C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 09-1199 TO SUBMIT A 2009 CDBG STATE SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR SIGN ALL APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS OR GRANT DOCUMENTS TO THE RECEIPT AND USE OF THE FUNDS

Motion by Council Member Rosel, seconded by Council Member Belloc, to read Resolution No. 09-1199 by title only, passed unanimously.

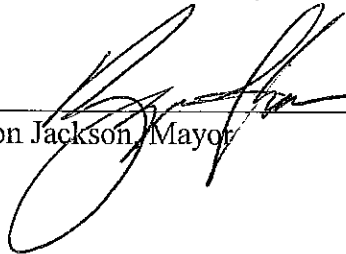
Cover sheet discussion: *The Resolution authorizes the submission of a 2009 CDBG State Special Projects grant application for \$300,000 to fund an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program for project activities to rehabilitate to local code and State rehabilitation guidelines five (5) homes owned and occupied by households residing within the corporate limits of the City of Eloy with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income.*

Fiscal Impact: *None.*

Motion by Council Member Rosel, seconded by Council Member Belloc, to adopt Resolution No. 09-1199, passed unanimously.

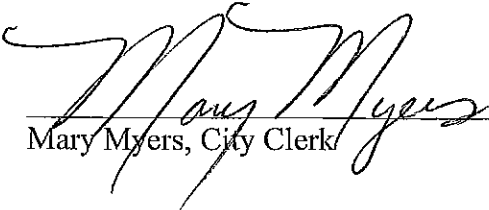
V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Jackson adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:55 p.m.



Byron Jackson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Myers, City Clerk