

CITY COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES

November 24, 2020

6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chilton, Estrop, O'Neill, Rue and President Copeland. City Manager Heck, Finance Director Beckdahl, Law Director Allen, Community Development Director Meadows, and Housing Rehab Coordinator Jones.

HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

Topics discussed at the work session held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, were:

1. Mrs. Meadows reminded commissioners the City of Springfield is required to file a Consolidated Plan (outline of programs for low/moderate income citizens) ever five years and an Action Plan (project and programming budget) every year. The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan was submitted on March 25, 2020, and a declaration of emergency due to COVID-19 was issued nine days later. The Plan was modified several times to address the pandemic, a public comment period was held, and the Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Action Plan must be submitted this week.

Mrs. Meadows noted the various changes to the Plan specifically addressing the homelessness crisis. The original Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Original Budget of \$2,503,394 and the CDBG Amendment Budget of \$4,528,189 was discussed. Mrs. Meadows noted that the effects of homelessness will be felt in the area for several years.

Dr. Estrop asked if there are time limits associated with the different grants. Mrs. Jones stated that some of the CARES Act funding expires on December 31, 2020, but most CDBG program funding is for five years or through 2022.

Mrs. Chilton asked about the timeline of the requested Plan approval on the Commission's agenda for emergency approval and the submittal of the document. Mrs. Jones stated the document would be submitted immediately upon approval by the Commission; the acceptance date by HUD is unknown.

Mrs. Chilton also asked about rental assistance for those in need. Mrs. Jones stated citizens may contact OIC of Clark County at 937-323-6461. The OIC agency is partnering with the City and received funding to assist with rent and utility payments. Additional information is on the City's website.

2. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue and Mr. Copeland.
Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill R. Pierce
Clerk of the City Commission