



Minutes of the Oberlin City Council Public Hearing

Held on March 19, 2012

7:15 P.M.

Purpose: to consider the City of Oberlin's intention to apply for Federal funding under the State of Ohio's Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) for Fiscal Year 2012.

President Rimbart called the Public Hearing to order at 7:23 p.m. for the above stated purpose.

Members Present: Scott Broadwell, Bryan Burgess, Elizabeth Meadows, Sharon Soucy, Ronnie Rimbart.

Members Absent: Charles Peterson (excused), Aaron Mucciolo (unexcused).

Others Present: Belinda Anderson, Clerk of Council; Eric Norenberg, City Manager; Tita Reed, Economic Development Officer, Patty Lines, Lines and Associates Inc.

City Manager Eric Norenberg offered introductory remarks and turned the discussion over to Tita Reed, the City's Economic Development and Housing Officer and Patty Lines, of Lines and Associates Inc.

Patty Lines, of Lines and Associates Inc., provided an overview of the Community Housing Improvement Program. She remarked that pursuant to federal funding guidelines this was the second public hearing scheduled to consider the City of Oberlin's intention to apply for CHIP Funding. The application due date had been set for April 2, 2012. Lines remarked that a Housing Advisory Committee meeting was held to determine what the housing needs were for the City of Oberlin. As a result the proposed application would seek funding for the following activities:

1. Private owner rehabilitation. The grant request would be in the amount of \$222,000 which would be used to assist homeowners to rehabilitate six (6) houses.
2. Home Repair. The request would be in the amount of \$125,000 in CDBG funds. These funds would be used to assist about twelve (12) homeowners with addressing one or two major health and safety items. This would be provided as a grant to people who earned up to 50 percent median income and as a loan for people who earn between 50% – 80 % median income.
3. Home Ownership. The requested funding would be \$40,000 that would be used for down payment assistance and rehabilitation costs for one (1) potential buyer. This would be an 85 percent forgiven loan over a 5 year period for people earning up to 80 percent median income.
4. Emergency Monthly Housing Assistance. The grant request would be in the amount of \$50,000 in CDBG funds that could be used to assist about twelve (12) owners with mortgage and/or utility payments. This will be provided as a grant and can be used to assist with home owners insurance payments as well.

- 5. Public Service Funding in the amount of \$10,000 would be used for future home buyer education, financial/budget counseling and home maintenance training.
- 6. Administration. Administration funds in the amount of \$52,000 is sought to administer and implement the CHIP grant award. In addition, \$1,000 of CDBG funds would also be used for Fair Housing.

The total grant amount would be \$500,000.

Norenberg remarked that this was the point in the meeting for questions from Council and the public.

Angela Wu, Director of Zion CDC asked if the data was available for previous participants of the CHIP program. Lines advised that she didn't bring that information with her but would be willing to discuss the matter with Mrs. Wu at a later date. Wu further remarked that Zion CDC was looking forward to potentially working with the CHIP program in the future.

Adjournment: Being that there was no further business to come before Council the public hearing adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:

 BELINDA B. ANDERSON, CMC
 CLERK OF COUNCIL

 RONNIE J. RIMBERT
 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Approved: 4/02/2012

Posted: 4/03/2012

I Belinda B. Anderson, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Clerk, for said City of Oberlin of Lorain County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the attached minutes are a true and correct copy of the March 19, 2012 Public Hearing of the Oberlin City Council, approved on the ____ day of April, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Witness my hand and Official Seal at Oberlin, Ohio this ____ day of _____ 2012.

(Seal)

 CLERK OF OBERLIN CITY COUNCIL