

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
September 11, 2012

The Finance Committee met in Council Chambers on September 10, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. with these members in attendance:

Doug Marmie, Chair	Carol Floyd
Ryan Bubb	Duke Frost
Bill Cost Jr.	

We wish to report:

1. Barbara Gilkes, Grant Writer presented Resolution No. 12-71 authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Newark to prepare and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a one year use of funds/action plan along with an application for FY 2013 Federal Community Development Block grant Funds (CDBG), as required by 24 CFR part 91.220, for various programs related to housing and community development.

**Barbara Gilkes-** stated that this is the first piece of legislation that they present each year for their Community Development Block Grant program.

**Director Mauter-** shared a document that demonstrated requests for CBDG funds anticipated for 2013 from other department within the City and community requests. These figures are what they are going to be going over to decide which requests their department can fund. He emphasized that the City is in need of these grant dollars and that it is their main focus to take care of the residents in the City of Newark. He also discussed the decrease in the number of employees within their department by the end of the year. He stated that there would only be 6 employees left.

**Mr. Marmie-** inquired whether Director Mauter could estimate how much funding the City may receive.

**Director Mauter-** stated he estimated about the same as this year.

**Carol Floyd-** expressed her concerns regarding the City not having a LEAD Grant fund any longer. She stated that there are a lot of older homes within the City and low to

moderate income families. From a teacher's stand point she is concerned about the effects of lead poisoning to children that could occur without this program. She asked Director Mauter to further explain an email regarding his explanation for dropping the Lead Grant.

**Director Mauter-** stated that the overhead costs covered by CDBG funds can be utilized for paving sidewalks and demolition and other safe projects. He also stated that they did not get the 2013 Lead Grant; and there were concerns for employees and their positions and he hoped that it would be a clean break to have a better chance in the future to obtain lead grant dollars.

**Mrs. Floyd** - stated she is concerned that this program may not come back once it is gone.

**Mrs. Loomis-** also expressed her concerns regarding the City dropping the Lead Grant. She is concerned how giving back the money is going to affect the low to moderate income families. Mrs. Loomis stated she wanted to go on record that she disagrees with doing such.

**Lesia Best-** stated she disagreed with Mrs. Floyd and Mrs. Loomis's statements. She stated that lead poisoning only affects 1% of the total population of the United States. She stated that Aaron Schill presented a plan to Council that the CDBG funds would be used in a block grant format within the City to demonstrate to the residents the significant difference the funds were making within the City instead of the funds being scattered throughout the City. Ms. Best inquired as to the status of that plan and she inquired how many of the 6 employees in the Department of Development by the end of the year will be administrative.

**Director Mauter-** stated that there would be 3 administrative employees and discussed the various responsibilities.

**Mr. Frost-** stated to the chairman, that he felt the discussion was getting off topic.

**Mr. Marmie-** agreed and advised Ms. Best that the plan Aaron Schill presented did not come to fruition.

**Mr. Cost-** stated that he felt that there had to be more of a problem than 1% within the City because of the age of the homes.

**Director Mauter-** clarified the 1% is of the national population affected by lead poisoning not the housing aspect.

**Mr. Cost-** asked if they could use the left over funds that were referenced to do more work on houses.

**Director Mauter-** stated that it has not yet been determined; they would have to request an extension, the process goes through HUD and they would determine that.

**Mr. Marmie-** stated that he is stopping the discussion regarding lead, discussion of legislation on the agenda was not about lead, and the decision had been made about how they were proceeding with lead. He further stated that the City didn't know whether we would have been granted an extension or not and if we could fulfill the commitment therefore it was decided not to proceed with the grant.

Motion by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Frost to send to full council.

**Mr. Marmie-** Advised the audience that there would be a public hearing on Tuesday October 9, 2012 from 4 P.M. to 5 P.M. to discuss the requests for use of CDBG funds. The draft will be available for the 30 days of public review Oct 9, 2012 until Nov 8, 2012. The department's budget will come to the Finance Committee hopefully by October 29, which will include the CDBG fund. The budget of the department will depend on how the department looks.

**Mr. Bubb-** he stated that he appreciated Director Mauter keeping a significant portion of the money in house, especially for paving.

**Mr. Marmie-** agreed with Mr. Bubb and explained that the City used to give a significant amount of these dollars to other recipients. Those recipients were advised to anticipate that funding to continue to decrease.

Motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

2. Resolution No. 12-72 appropriating monies for current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

**Mr. Marmie-** clarified to councilmembers that this piece of legislation is the only item that has been requested to be expedited.

**Director Rhodes-** stated that it is a payout for the previous secretary within the Street Department.

Motion by Mr. Bubb, second by Mrs. Floyd to send to full council.

Motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

3. Resolution No. 12-73 appropriating monies for current expenses of the municipal corporation was considered.

a) **Barbara Gilkes, Grant Writer**- clarified that this appropriation is for the 2012 Federal JAG grant that the City of Newark shares with the Licking County Sherriff's office. \$6,000 of the \$11,287 request is for the City of Newark to purchase security cameras, upgrades to the video recording system and desktop computers for the Police Department.

Motion to send to full council by Mrs. Floyd, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

b) **Brian Moorehead, City Engineer**, - this request for appropriation is part of the storm water funding that the City borrowed last year, 2011, 1.5 million towards Garfield McKinley phase 3 and 4, the remainder of what didn't get used is being requested to be appropriated.

Motion by Mrs. Floyd, second by Mr. Bubb to carry to full council

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

c) **Brian Moorehead, City Engineer**, - both requests go towards the agreement that we have with the USGS and County EMA regarding flood warning system.

Motion by Mrs. Floyd, second by Mr. Bubb to carry to full council

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

d) **Director Rhodes**- stated that this was the last bed tax appropriation request.

Motion by Mr. Bubb second by Mrs. Floyd to send to full council

Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Chair, Doug Marmie