

Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0018

LOG NAME: 19STREET RECONSTRUCTION - RIPPY STREET

SUBJECT

(CD 9 / Future CD 11) Authorize Change in Use and Adjust Existing Allocations in the Amount of \$1,500,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Street Reconstruction Project – Ripy Street and Authorize Substantial Amendment to the City’s 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Action Plans

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a change in use and adjust existing allocations in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant funds for the Street Reconstruction Project – Ripy Street for a total construction cost of \$2,000,000.00; and
2. Authorize a Substantial Amendment to the City’s 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Action Plans regarding the change in use in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 in Community Development Grant funds.

DISCUSSION:

On August 3, 2021, through Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) 21-0522 the City Council approved the City’s 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, which among other things, authorized \$500,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for street and sidewalk improvements in CDBG-eligible neighborhoods in the City of Fort Worth. The approved amount was based on available funds and with the understanding that streets would be selected based on meeting the CDBG eligibility requirements.

The Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) collects a list of high priority neighborhood street segments to help promote safety, attractiveness, and community investment. The street segments are selected based on the poor condition of the street pavement, high pedestrian usage, and connectivity throughout the neighborhood. The list identifies street segments that are located in CDBG-eligible neighborhoods, have a straight forward scope of work with little-to-no design work needed, and that already have utility clearance, which could be a costly construction line item. The City’s review determined that only Ripy Street had eligible street segments that were contiguous. In an effort to make a higher impact in one area, staff recommended Ripy Street for the Street Reconstruction Project – Ripy Street (Project) which would result in over 2 linear miles of contiguous street reconstruction work.

After TPW completed the project specifications and calculated estimates based on current construction costs, it was determined that the total cost of the Project was \$2,000,000.00, which exceeds the \$500,000.00 approved through M&C 21-0522. Accordingly, the Project needs an additional \$1,500,000.00 to be completed.

Staff identified a total of \$520,995.54 in unprogrammed funds from Program Year (PY) 2020-2021. In addition, staff identified funding allocated in the City’s 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for improvements to Bunche Park and Southside Community Center in the amounts of \$1,512,009.00 that are in need of being reallocated due to changes in the projects’ scopes and timelines. Once PARD determines a schedule and is ready to move forward with the final phase of Bunche Park Improvements, that phase can be funded with future CDBG allocations or unprogrammed funds as they become available. The scope of work for the Southside Community Center Project ended up being more than initially anticipated and additional funding sources are being considered. Both future Bunche Park Improvement Project Phases and the Southside Community Center projects will be funded with future CDBG funding allocations. In an effort to meet the City’s CDBG expenditure goals, staff recommends the use and expenditure of unprogrammed funds from PY2020-2021 in the amount of \$520,995.54 and \$979,044.46 from the two projects approved in the 2021-2022 Action Plan to complete the Project.

The funds will be used reconstruct existing pavement, replace damaged curbs, gutters and sidewalks, and driveway approaches to the following locations along Ripy Street:

700 – 799 Hemphill Street - Travis Avenue
800 – 899 Travis Avenue - Lipscomb Street
900 – 999 Lipscomb Street - College Avenue
1000 – 1049 College Avenue - Laughton Street

1050 – 1099 Laughton Street - S Adams Street
1100 – 1199 S Adams Street - S Henderson Street
1200 – 1299 S Henderson Street - Baldwin Street
1300 – 1313 Baldwin Street - 5th Avenue
1314 – 1399 5th Avenue - 6th Avenue
1400 – 1449 6th Avenue - Willing Avenue
1450 – 1499 Willing Avenue - Ryan Avenue
2100 – 2199 Townsend Drive - Frazier Avenue
2200 – 2299 Frazier Avenue - Wayside Avenue
2300 – 2399 Wayside Avenue - McCart Avenue

This project will benefit low- and moderate-income Fort Worth residents of CDBG-eligible census tracts who reside in the neighborhood and immediate surrounding areas. A public comment period for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Action Plan amendments was held from October 29, 2022 to November 28, 2022. Any comments received are maintained by the Neighborhood Services Department.

The street segments on Ripy Street included in the Project are located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, funds are available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Neighborhood Services Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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