

**Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Community Development Committee**

July 3, 2023

Members: Brian Ashton, Chair
Michael Brillhart
Adam Miller

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the June 5, 2023 and June 19, 2023 Community Development Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. B-74

Temp. Ord. B-75

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-74

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with BVI Realty, LLC and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Ashton stated that Temporary Ordinance B-74 will be held in Committee per request of the Administration.

Temp. Ord. B-75

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to return revolving loan funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and reutilizing the same for future economic development and public facilities and/or infrastructure improvement grants for calendar year 2023, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Mary Spaugy, Deputy Community Development Director, presented Temporary Ordinance B-75 to Council. The City of Cuyahoga Falls is the recipient of Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”). The City has a revolving loan program for its Minor Home Repair program and economic development working capital loan program. The City has seen an influx in program income received in its Revolving Loan Fund Program as a result of the housing market.

The supply chain issues, product shortages, and increase in the cost of housing materials, as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, have resulted in fewer homeowners using the Minor Home Rehab Program during the year. The City is desirous to reallocate \$300,000 of revolving loan funds to entitlement funds for use in economic development and public facilities and improvements activities. Council passed Ordinance 22-2023, approving the amendment of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan document for submittal to HUD for utilization of CDBG funds for a different activity category. Council will find and determine after reviewing all pertinent

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information, that the aforementioned reallocation appropriations in the amount of \$300,000 are necessary and in the best interest of the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

The Director of Finance will be authorized to increase appropriations in the Community Development Block Grant, Line Item, Other Operations, by \$300,000 and make payments from the same. Council will further authorize the Mayor, Director of Finance, Director of Community Development, Director of Law and any other city officials, individually and/or collectively as may be appropriate, to prepare and execute such other documents and do other things as are necessary for and incidental to carrying out the requirements of this legislation.

Ms. Spaugy stated that this ordinance is a housekeeping matter to return unused funds so they may be reallocated at a later date.

Mr. Miller moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-75 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Siegfert. Motion passed (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.