

PUBLIC HEARING of the Town Council held Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 7:44 P.M. in the Council Chamber, Town Building, Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Relative to obtaining citizens requests and views on proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities.

1. Public Input: None

2. Comments from Thomas J. Kravitz, Town Planner

Thomas J. Kravitz, Town Planner and Economic Development Coordinator, referred to the list of possible projects for which the Town might seek CDBG funding. Mr. Kravitz asked the Town Council to prioritize the projects and reduce the total amount requested to \$400,000, the maximum amount for which the Town could apply. Mr. Kravitz referred to the summary of projects (a copy of which is on file with the record of the hearing) and offered to answer questions.

3. VOTED to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

4. Discussion of funding requests, setting priorities and adoption of a resolution relative to the CDBG application for 2007-2008.

There was discussion on ways to reduce the request from \$459,500 to \$400,000. The Town Council considered reducing each project by a flat amount, reducing only the larger projects by a flat amount, or reducing each project by a percentage.

It was noted that, while the Town of Burrillville is eligible to apply for \$400,000, it has been the Town's experience that the entire amount may not be granted.

Donald Mehrtens of the Harrisville Water District was asked to discuss funding alternatives for the Wellhead. Mr. Mehrtens discussed district funds that are available and potential funds from impact fees.

Wallace Auclair of the Glendale Water Association addressed questions about the request for a subsidy for engineering costs related to the design and improvement of the Glendale Water system. Mr. Auclair discussed the studies conducted to date, the potential cost for the needed repairs and potential loans available to the association.

VOTED to rank six projects for the CDBG request as follows, with the following amounts; and to adopt the following resolution:

Priority	Project Title	Amount
1	Housing Rehabilitation Programs	\$ 40,000
2	Harrisville Water District Wellhead	125,000
3	Glendale Water Association	66,500
4	Stillwater Mill Design	140,000
5	Pascoag Library Design	25,000
6	Community Housing Land Trust	3,000
	Total	\$400,000

BURRILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, funds are available under the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Department of Administration, division of Planning, Office of Housing and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has authorized the Director of said department to disburse such funds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Town of Burrillville that application be made to undertake a local Community Development Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville that the filing of this application for the amount of \$400,000 to implement the activities proposed herein hereby authorized and that Nancy F. Binns, Town Council President (Chief Executive Officer) is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with the Office of Housing and Community Development, to provide any additional information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with the State of Rhode Island and to otherwise act as the representative of the Town of Burrillville in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

Adopted this 25th day of April 2007

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

5. VOTED to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Cynthia L. Roe. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin M. Blais, Margaret L. Dudley, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe.

The hearing was taped. The tape is on file with the record of the hearing.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk

