

MEETING DATE:	July 22, 2024
PRESENTED BY:	Jo Anne Longoria, Community Development Director
AGENDA ITEM:	Public Hearing and Approval of Proposed Substantial Amendment for Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy 2023-27 – Longoria

NATURE OF REQUEST:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires local jurisdictions to prepare and submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy (CPS) and Annual Action Plan (AAP) in order to receive federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The development of the CPS sets goals, objectives and outcomes, identifies the needs and priorities of the community, involved an extensive needs assessment and community outreach process. The AAP describes the activities that will be undertaken with CDBG funds in furtherance of the objectives set forth in the CPS 2023-2027.

The DRAFT Proposed Substantial Amendment for CPS 2023-27 was available on June 7, 2024 at the Community Development Office and the City's official website. On June 25, 2024 the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) held a public hearing and recommended approval of the proposed Substantial Amendment for the CPS 2023-27 to address a change in its strategic direction to impact more residents by allocating funds to infrastructure improvements opposed to direct assistance to homeowners, change the priority for improving public infrastructure from low to high and increase goals for beneficiaries from 0 to 5000 people and keep the priority for rehabilitation of housing stock as high and decrease goals from 30 to 10 households due to re-allocation of funds. The proposed substantial amendment will allow for the CPS 2023-27 to revise priorities to include infrastructure improvements, such as drainage, sanitary and storm sewer, and parks, recreational facilities and revise goals for beneficiaries of funded projects.

The thirty-day comment period commenced on June 7, 2024 and ended on July 10, 2024; The following comments were received: A resident voiced the need for providing support services and housing assistance to homeless individuals. Received written comments on the importance to continue funding the Housing Assistance Program which improves the living conditions primarily for elderly and disabled individuals who lack the resources to maintain their homes. CAC members stressed the continued need for housing as there are several applicants that went through the eligibility process and are waiting to be assisted. They also expressed the need for infrastructure improvements, such as streets, drainage, sanitary and storm sewer, and parks, recreational facilities throughout the city.

BUGETED:	Yes / No / N/A	FUND: CD	DBGACCT. #:
BUDGET:	<u>\$</u> EST	. COST: <u>\$</u>	CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE: <u>\$</u>

BID AMOUNT: \$

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Public Hearing Item; Approval after closing Public Hearing

Departmental Approval: N/A									
Advisory Board Recommer	ndation: Approval								
City Manager's Recommen	dation: Approval MRP								
RECORD OF VOTE:	APPROVED:								
	DISAPPROVED:								
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AYES									
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