

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

REQUEST FOR FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Res. No. 168-21-22 authorizing the addition of a Neighborhood Engagement Specialist to the City of Sheboygan Table of Organization.

REPORT PREPARED BY: Chad Pelishek, Director of Planning and Development

REPORT DATE: March 25, 2022

MEETING DATE:

March 28, 2022

FISCAL SUMMARY:

Budget Line Item:
Budget Summary: N/A
Budgeted Expenditure: N/A
Budgeted Revenue: N/A

STATUTORY REFERENCE:

Wisconsin Statutes:
Municipal Code: N/A

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The Department of City Development currently assigned neighborhood liaisons to support the neighborhood associations under the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy and Community Policing Strategy. This is handled under the Mayor's Neighborhood Leadership Cabinet (MNLCC). Since this Community Policing Strategy was implemented by Chief Domagalski in the Sheboygan Police Department in 2010, 12 neighborhood associations were established. The Police Department's Neighborhood Districts is made of the 72 neighborhoods. In 12 years, only 17% of the neighborhoods have established neighborhood associations.

A review of the neighborhood communities such as Oshkosh and Green Bay are establishing between 5 and 6 neighborhood associations a year. For Sheboygan, we have partnered with Sheboygan Neighborhood Pride to help with organizing neighborhood associations, however over time challenges of recruitment of board members to SNP is slowing the number of associations that are recognized by the city.

In order to increase the number of new associations in a quicker timeframe, the Director of City Development and the Police Chief feel the city needs to dedicate a full-time person to building relationships with residents and creating anywhere from 4-7 neighborhood associations in a given year. Therefore, the Neighborhood Engagement Specialist position, if approved would be added to the City of Sheboygan Table of Organization to focus on creating neighborhood associations, as well as assisting the administration of housing rehab programs that are planned to be implemented with funding from the Affordable Housing Fund.

STAFF COMMENTS:

The position would be funded with Community Development Block grant funds and the Affordable Housing Funds based on the new revenue from the closing of the Tax Incremental Districts. The position description is attached.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to recommend Common Council to approve Res. No. 168-21-22 authorizing the addition of a Neighborhood Engagement Specialist to the City of Sheboygan Table of Organization.

ATTACHMENTS:

- I. Res. No. 168-21-22