

TUMWATER CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
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CONVENE: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Debbie Sullivan and Councilmembers Peter Agabi, Michael Althausen, Joan Cathey, Leatta Dahlhoff, Angela Jefferson, Charlie Schneider, and Eileen Swarthout.

Staff: City Administrator John Doan and Administrative Services Director James Trujillo.

**POLICE GUILD
THREE YEAR
CONTRACT
APPROVAL
REQUEST:**

Director Trujillo reported the proposed three-year Police Guild Contract for 2021, 2022, and 2023 is estimated to cost \$911,000.00 assuming the third-year is the highest amount as it could range from a 2% to 6% increase based on the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue CPIU. Other provisions in the contract include changes to longevity pay and providing premium pay for SWAT members. The overall contract is competitive and positions the City well against other comparable cities. The contract should assist the City in successful recruitment and retention of law enforcement personnel.

Councilmember Jefferson asked whether the contract could accommodate any potential changes to police rules and regulations. Director Trujillo advised that the contract includes a provision to reopen the contract to consider impacts from any legislative changes. Based on conversations with Police Chief Weiks surrounding recent legislation changes, it appears none of the recent changes would impact the contract.

MOTION: **Councilmember Dahlhoff moved, seconded by Councilmember Jefferson, to accept the Police Guild three year contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT
(CDBG)
FUNDING:**

City Administrator Doan reported every three years the City distributes approximately \$1 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for housing and other community human services as part of a partnership with Thurston County and the City of Lacey. During the last funding round, one award was \$267,414.44 to Thurston County Housing Authority for the expansion of the Sequoia Landing Project in Tumwater. Unfortunately, the Housing Authority is no longer eligible for the CDBG funds for that proposal. The clock is ticking to obligate those funds to another project. During the Council's recent discussion to reallocate the funds, the Council recommended allocating the \$267,414.44 to Habitat for Humanity for the Henderson Street Project. Since then, the Housing Authority forwarded a proposal to reallocate the funds to help fund a rehabilitation project to the Falls Pointe residential community at 411 West Lee Street in Tumwater.

City Administrator Doan reviewed options for consideration:

- Allocate the funds to the Habitat for Humanity Henderson Street Project
- Allocate the funds to a Housing Authority renovation project

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- Issue a new RFQ and see what projects are available
- Support a housing project in Lacey including a hotel purchase and renovation to housing
- Support the acquisition of the OYO Hotel for housing (*not sure of viability of this proposal because of timing associated with required expenditure of funds*)

City Administrator Doan reported the request is for final action on the reallocation of the remaining funds.

The Council discussed the Council's previous conversation for reallocating the funds. At that time, the Council unanimously approved awarding the funds to the Habitat for Humanity project. Councilmember Swarthout expressed interest in learning more about the scope of the project proposed by the Housing Authority. She pointed out that Habitat for Humanity recently received a \$2 million grant.

A majority of the Council supported retaining the initial recommendation of allocating the funds to the Habitat for Humanity Henderson Street Project. Councilmember Swarthout supported allocating the remaining funds to the Thurston County Housing Authority to repair existing housing in the City. Councilmember Althausser offered a proposal of splitting the funds equally between the Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity. He cited some of the repairs proposed, especially as it relates to installing heat pumps as heat pumps serve as air conditioners, which are important during heat waves, similar to last year's heat wave. Some of the upgrades would be helpful especially to seniors during high temperatures.

The Council discussed following up with the Housing Authority to share information on potential funding availability through the Regional Housing Council funding process.

MOTION: Councilmember Cathey moved, seconded by Councilmember Schneider, to reassign \$267,414.44 to the Habitat for Humanity Henderson Street Project. Motion carried. Councilmember Swarthout opposed.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Dahlhoff moved, seconded by Councilmember Schneider, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.