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PUBLIC HEARING - JOINT COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE AND HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND THE HOMELESS

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Wednesday, June 15, 2005, 11:10 a.m.

Resolution 050388 - Resolution approving the annual Program Statement and Budget for the expenditure of the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative Bond Proceeds for Fiscal Year 2006.

PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This is a continued public hearing of the joint Committees of the Whole and Housing, Neighborhood Development and the Homeless regarding Resolution No. 050388.

I would ask Mr. McPherson to please read the title of the resolution.

MR. McPHERSON: Resolution approving the annual Program Statement and Budget for the expenditure of the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative Bond Proceeds for Fiscal Year 2006.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Mr. Hanna, if my memory serves me correctly, at our last hearing, you did in fact explain the amendments that were being proposed.

MR. HANNA: Yes, ma'am, we did, and we come with no changes to what was presented last week.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Fine. Thank you.

I believe everybody has a copy of the amendments. Do members of the committee have any questions or comments regarding the

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(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing or hearing from no one -- the Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I just wanted to note that the Majority Leader is smiling at this time.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And I ask why.

We'll give Councilwoman Tasco a moment to look at the amendments.

Councilwoman Tasco, do you have any questions?

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Can I have a minute?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Sure.

(Pause.)

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I just have one question.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

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COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: In the summary, it says Basic Systems Repair, $4 million. On the grid, it has $3,800,000.

MS. SMITH: We swapped, I believe -- I apologize. My name is Pat Smith. I'm Director of Neighborhood Transformation Initiative.

The FY06 budget, we agreed to increase that by $4 million. That will be made up of 3.4 million in NTI bond proceeds, plus another 600,000, which will be reflected in the Consolidated Plan out of CDBG dollars. And the reason why we did that is, we swapped resources with Adaptive Modification so that we would not trigger lead paint requirements and that would enable us to spend more of those dollars on the actual program.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Would you say that again?

MS. McCOLLOCH: Deborah McColloch, Director of Housing.

The total amount of increased funding for Basic Systems Repair is 4 million, but that is made up of the partial NTI bond

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proceeds that you see reflected on that budget page, and the remainder is Community Development Block Grant funds, which we are swapping in the Adaptive Modifications program. So that in the Adaptive Modifications program, we are reducing the CDBG funds so that the lead paint requirements will not be triggered for the Adaptive Modifications program and swapping that with NTI funds for Adaptive Mod and then swapping it between Basic Systems Repair and Adaptive Modifications.

So the total amount for Basic Systems Repair is being increased by 4 million, but it's that combination of funds, and I believe there's a chart in the packet.

MR. HANNA: So in other words, $600,000 of Block Grant monies that were devoted to Adaptive Modifications, we're going to take that 600 and put that into the Basic Systems Repair program, along with the 3.4 million of NTI bond proceeds. We'll take $600,000 of NTI bond proceeds and move it back over to Adaptive Modifications to make up for

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the 600,000 of CDBG that we just took out.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Okay.

MS. SMITH: And we initially budgeted 400,000 of bond proceeds. That's why it's 3.8. I think that's what you were referring to, that in the Five-Year schedules at 3.8? I'm assuming that's what --

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Yes.

MS. SMITH: Well, the original budget was 400,000, plus the 3.4, plus the 600,000, is what we're looking at.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Okay.

Okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: With that being said, you're going to have to amend the CDBG budget; are you not?

MS. McCOLLOCH: Yes. And we sent a letter over yesterday hand-delivered to explain -- I have copies of it today if people want it -- of what we will do to amend the Community Development Block Grant proposal. We will submit the Con Plan to HUD in accordance with the budget that was approved by City Council last week on June 9th.

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Once HUD approves that plan -- HUD has 45 days to approve the plan. Once they've approved it, we will then amend it in accordance with our amendment procedures that are outlined in the Con Plan, which includes advertising the amendments, and then HUD will accept that, and that will effect the swap that we're talking about, and we'll then distribute the copies of the Con Plan to everyone with the revised budget in it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

Are there any other questions or comments from members of the committee?

(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing no one, that will conclude our public hearing.

(Public hearing of joint Committees of the Whole and Housing, Neighborhood Development and the Homeless concluded at 11:20 a.m.)

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We will now go into our public meeting, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam President. I move that the amendments just discussed and already circulated to Resolution No. 050388 be adopted.

COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Second.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved and seconded that the amendments before us as produced by Mr. Hanna be approved.

All in favor will indicate by saying aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it and the amendments have been adopted.

The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Madam President. I move that Resolution 050388 as amended be reported out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Second.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been moved and seconded that Resolution No. 050388 be reported out of committee with a favorable recommendation as amended.

All in favor will please indicate by saying aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have it. The motion carries, and this concludes the public meeting. Thank you all very much.

(Public meeting of joint Committee of the Whole and Housing, Neighborhood Development and The Homeless concluded at 11:21 a.m.)

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