City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **October 27, 2014**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 2

From: Bradley J. Hamilton, P.E. Public Works Director/City Engineer

Subject:

Resolution 28-2014 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the submission of an application(s) for FY 2014 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds, certifying that said application(s) meets the Community's previously identified housing and Community Development needs and the requirements of the State CDBG Program, and authorizing all actions necessary to implement and complete the activities outlined in said application(s)

Discussion:

The City Council and administration held public hearings on December 9, 2013 and December 23, 2013 for the FY14 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Arizona Department of Housing Regional Account, but due to a publication error, the public hearing process had to be repeated. A public hearing was held on September 8, 2014 with the second hearing scheduled for October 27, 2014. While there were some suggested projects during the first public hearing process in 2013, none of them qualify for this grant. No one addressed Council during the October 8, 2014 public hearing.

Staff is recommending the following projects

- Construction of ADA sidewalks and an ADA bathroom at Lions Park
- Sidewalks in North Benson

This application will be written to include these projects but only one project would be fully funded. Resolution 28-2014 is the official resolution stipulating the project that will be written in the application.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 28-2014

RESOLUTION 28-2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION(S) FOR FY 2014 STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS, CERTIFYING THAT SAID APPLICATION(S) MEETS THE COMMUNITY'S PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN SAID APPLICATION(S)

WHEREAS, the City of Benson is desirous of undertaking community development activities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is administering the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the State CDBG Program requires that CDBG funds requested address one of the three Congressional mandated National Objectives; and

WHEREAS, the activities within these applications address the community's identified housing and community development needs, including the needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, an Applicant of State CDBG funds is required to comply with the program guidelines and Federal Statutes and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorize application(s) to be made to the State of Arizona, Department of Housing for FY 2014 CDBG funds, and authorize the Mayor to sign application(s) and contracts or grant documents for receipt and use of these funds to provide ADA bathrooms and sidewalks at Lions Park; and/or for sidewalks in North Benson, to be written and administered by SEAGO for a fee not to exceed 12% of the total allocation and authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary to implement and complete the activities submitted in said application(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the application(s) for State CDBG funds meets the requirements of low-and moderate-income benefit for activities justified as benefiting low- and moderate-income persons, aids in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight or addresses an urgent need which poses a threat to health; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Benson will comply with all State CDBG Program guidelines, Federal Statutes and regulations applicable to the State CDBG Program and the certifications contained in these application(s).

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 27th day of October, 2014.

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TONEY D. KING, SR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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VICKI L. VIVIAN, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MESCH, CLARK AND ROTHSCHILD, P.C.
By Gary J. Cohen
City's Attorney