

CITY COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole

Monday, November 14, 2011

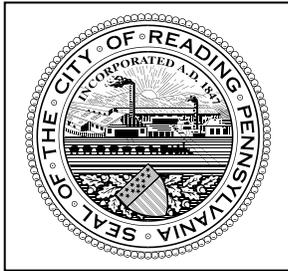
Council Office

5:00 pm

Agenda

Although Council committee meetings are open to the public, public comment is not permitted at Council Committee of the Whole meetings. However, citizens are encouraged to attend and observe the meetings. Comment from citizens or professionals during the meeting may be solicited on agenda topics via invitation by the President of Council.

- I. Quality of Life Ticketing Ordinance Amendment (attached to reg mtg agenda)**
- II. CDBG Action Plan Review (spreadsheet attached to reg mtg agenda)**
- III. Agenda Review**



COMMITTEE of the WHOLE

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES
October 24, 2011
5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

S. Marmarou, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, F. Acosta, D. Sterner, V. Spencer, D. Reed

OTHERS PRESENT:

L. Kelleher, S. Katzenmoyer, C. Younger, C. Geffken, S. Haver, C. Edwards, F. Denbowski, J. Miravich

Mr. Spencer called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

I. Executive Session

Council entered executive session at 5:10 pm to consult with its attorney regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed, as per Section 708 (a) (4) of the Sunshine Act.

Mr. Waltman arrived at this time.

Council exited executive session at 5:43 pm

Council entered executive session at 5:44 pm to discuss a personnel matter. Council exited executive session at 6:10 pm, as per Section 708 (a) (1) of the Sunshine Act.

II. CDBG Action Plan HOME Funds/BPRC Eminent Domain and Appraisals

Mr. Spencer questioned progress on this issue. Mr. Haver stated that he has prepared a memo to answer Council's questions.

Mr. Spencer questioned if a meeting has been scheduled between these organizations, City staff and the Blighted Property Review Committee chair. Mr. Haver stated that meetings have been scheduled for November 1 and November 2 with the housing agencies and the BPRC chair. Ms. Kelleher stated that internal meetings have occurred and progress made. She stated that she requested a memo explaining the agreement formed during the internal meetings.

Mr. Haver distributed a memo addressing Council's questions regarding spending timelines, blight funding and fund balances.

Ms. Kelleher stated that she requested more specific information including specific funding streams as discussed at the internal meetings. Mr. Haver stated that this information is included in the memo.

Mr. Spencer reviewed the concerns of Council which were voiced at the October 10 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Haver suggested that Council review the information included in the memo and take action on the resolutions at their November 14 meeting. He noted his willingness to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting to address additional concerns.

Mr. Waltman questioned how many properties could be addressed by these entities. Mr. Haver stated that NHS could complete four rehabilitations per year and Habitat for Humanity could complete six rehabilitations per year.

Mr. Waltman stated that private funding may come forward if the City proves it can handle this process successfully. He stated that the success of rehabilitating blighted properties is also connected to other issues in the City and they cannot be separated.

Ms. Kelleher stated that the internal meetings she requested adding a stipulation to the agreements with BDHP, NHS and Habitat for Humanity that they accept a minimum of five properties per year as directed by the City. Mr. Haver stated that this will be discussed at the upcoming meetings.

Mr. Spencer questioned the direction of the discussion at the November 14 Committee of the Whole. Mr. Haver stated that he will have commitments from BHDP, NHS and Habitat for Humanity to discuss with Council.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted that continued work was needed on this issue and suggested tabling the resolutions this evening.

Mr. Sterner noted the need for Council to know what they are getting for their money. Mr. Haver stated that HUD also requires this data.

III. Agenda Review

Mr. Spencer questioned why fire promotions are occurring at a Council meeting when police promotions are not. Mr. Geffken stated that promotions used to be performed during Council meetings. He stated that this will help raise morale in the Fire Department.

Mr. Spencer noted the need for a uniform policy with fire and police promotion ceremonies.

Council reviewed this evening's agenda including the following:

- Ordinance amending the duties of the Zoning Administrator and setting a procedure to process the zoning applications caught in the backlog

Mr. Waltman stated that this is a good process and that this backlog needs to be cleared to move the housing issue forward.

- Ordinance amending the Quality of Life ticketing program

Mr. Spencer questioned if the City had ordered lids for recycling containers as they are required in this amendment. Mr. Denbowski explained that this purchase is not included in the 2011 budget and would be at a cost of \$7 per lid for 15,000 lids.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz suggested that this amendment be tabled to address the requirement for lids on recycling containers.

- Ordinance changing the rental registration fee

Mr. Waltman suggested passing this ordinance at the same meeting as the ordinance changing the fees for rental inspections. He noted the need for property owners to understand the full ramifications of this change.

Mr. Geffken explained that waiting on this amendment would delay the 2011 housing permit fee billing.

Mr. Waltman questioned if the fee schedule for rental inspections was prepared. Mr. Geffken replied affirmatively.

- Ordinance reducing the number of sergeants in the Police Department

Mr. Geffken stated that the Police Chief has been closely monitoring the number of officers needed. He stated that these three positions have been eliminated as they are no longer necessary.

- Lease Agreement for Community Garden at 2nd & Franklin Sts

Mr. Waltman questioned the need for action as he believed it was already taken. Mr. Kelleher explained that it was introduced at the October 10 meeting. She stated that it was presented as a resolution but that it was discovered that it needed to be an ordinance.

Mr. Spencer questioned the City's position in the lease documents. He stated that the documents make the City responsible for maintenance. Mr. Denbowski stated that all the work to be done has been approved by the Public Works Department. He stated that this is a major gateway to the City and needs improvement. He stated that this will be a park, not a community garden.

Mr. Sterner requested clarification on what the project would be. Mr. Denbowski stated that it would be a park. He explained that the City's insurance will cover any liabilities at this location. He stated that the project began through the South of Penn neighborhood group and that they will remain involved. He stated that the Mayor's office is preparing a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Entrepreneur's Connection.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the need for continual maintenance.

Mr. Acosta hoped that this will not become a haven for the homeless.

- Resolution adopting the recommendations regarding the Recreation Commission

Mr. Spencer stated that this resolution formally adopts the recommendations of the study group.

Mr. Waltman requested an update on the Recreation Commission's first meeting. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that discussions centered on the recruitment and hiring of the Executive Director and the transition of City employees to the Recreation

Commission. She stated that the next meeting will be held on November 15. She stated that there is much work to do.

IV. Other Items

- Pagoda Foundation

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the Foundation has been established and has been holding regular meetings. She stated that by-laws are being drafted and should be reviewed by Council in December. She stated that much positive progress has been made.

- Waste Water Treatment Plant

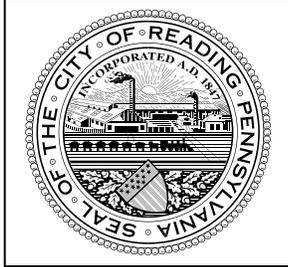
Ms. Kelleher stated that Council will receive its next update on Monday, October 31. She questioned if this meeting would be open to the public. Mr. Spencer stated that Mr. Miravich noted that it would be public.

- Budget Review Schedule

Ms. Kelleher reviewed the remaining budget review sessions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully
Submitted
Linda A. Kelleher, CMC, City Clerk



COMMITTEE of the WHOLE

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES
October 31, 2011
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

S. Marmarou, D. Sterner, V. Spencer, D. Reed, J. Waltman, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz
(via speakerphone)

OTHERS PRESENT:

L. Kelleher, S. Katzenmoyer, C. Younger, C. Geffken, F. Denbowski, J. Miravich, D. Cituk, R. Johnson, C. Zale, M. Vind, T. Votsay

Mr. Spencer called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

I. Waste Water Treatment Plant Update

Mr. Geffken stated that it has been six months since Council received its last update. He stated that there have been problems with the 42" force main but that the rest of the projects have remained on schedule. He stated that there will be items before Council for approval at an upcoming meeting and that a funding update will be provided.

Mr. Votsay recapped the City's strategy with the project. He stated that the City is waiting for Department of Justice (DOJ) approval on the new strategy. He stated that the new strategy will require an amendment of the timeline listed in the consent decree. He emphasized the importance of continuing to meet the permit guidelines during the process and stated that the updated plan utilizes many of the current plant facilities.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the treatment process. He noted the need for additional digesters and settling tanks. He stated that a portion of the plant is being abandoned and relocated due to recurrent flooding events. He stated that additions can be made as future regulations go into effect and stated that the Chesapeake Bay area has already started these new regulations and the Delaware Bay may also adopt these same regulations.

Mr. Spencer questioned if this plan addresses sludge removal. Mr. Johnson stated that all sludge is removed to landfill. He stated that the quality of the sludge affects the City's options. He stated that if the quality of the sludge is improved it will expand possibilities.

Mr. Acosta arrived at this time.

Mr. Spencer questioned if this plan included a sludge dryer. Mr. Johnson stated that a sludge dryer is not part of the plan at this time. He stated that this plan is mindful of capital the City has available. Mr. Geffken stated that the City would like to include this process but have scaled back the plans. He stated that the City's sludge contains heavy metals and is not suitable for fertilizer sales. Mr. Johnson stated that a dryer can be added at a later date if the sludge quality improves.

Mr. Spencer questioned the Chesapeake Bay regulations. Mr. Johnson explained that these regulations are more stringent than current regulations. He stated that it is anticipated that the Delaware Bay will adopt these regulations in the future. He stated that the plant design is adaptable if/when the regulations warrant. Mr. Miravich stated that he has inquired about the regulations and requested information on the regulation changes as they proceed.

Mr. Spencer questioned tipping fees for the sludge removal. Mr. Geffken stated that this has been considered.

Mr. Votsay stated that DOJ has not yet commented on the amendment to the consent decree but that they did suggest several projects which are underway. He stated that although the force main emergency occurred, the City planned to address this issue.

Mr. Johnson stated that Council will be asked to approve a contract at its November 14 meeting to Ronca & Sons who are the lowest bidder for the flow meter project at \$2.9 million. He stated that the project will be complete in one year. A \$1 million EPA STAG grant will apply to the project. He stated that the current meter will be repaired/replaced after the new meter is installed. The replacement will allow a parallel use and flexibility of flow. This project will also extend the 42" main in the plant area which will connect to the new 42" main when it is replaced.

Mr. Geffken stated that DOJ suggested this project to better calculate flow into the plant. He stated that this project was already in the City plan but this project is moving forward now to move the overall plan forward and that 2000' of the force main (22%) is on Fritz's Island and will be replaced during this project. He stated that the original estimate on this project was \$3.7 million.

Mr. Johnson stated that the plant will remain online during construction and that he is excited to move forward.

Mr. Johnson described the emergency bypass of the 42" force main at the problem area. He stated that it is a 1500' section which will temporarily go around this area to avoid further leaks. He stated that this new section will be used when the entire main is replaced and that the existing force main will remain active during construction.

Mr. Johnson stated that Council will be asked to approve a contract at its November 14 meeting for this project. He stated that the engineers estimate the price of \$2.125 million but a firm cost is not known at this time. He stated a \$1.25 million PA H2O grant will apply to this project. The project is expected to begin in January 2012.

Mr. Geffken stated that the DOJ feels this is an emergency and requested it be addressed now. He stated that this project also ties into the larger project requirements.

Mr. Spencer questioned the receipt of Penn Vest funds. Mr. Geffken stated that the applications are in process. He explained that some permits from DEP are needed before the application is complete. Mr. Johnson stated that the City is working to compile the best funding package available.

Mr. Waltman stated that this project has been estimated at \$145 million. He questioned the amount to be covered by grants. Mr. Votsay stated that he is estimating \$15 million from Penn Vest each on two projects. Mr. Geffken explained that there is also a \$1 million grant from PA H2O. He stated that at this point the City is estimating all grant funding will be received and will total \$22 million.

Mr. Waltman stated that this plan is much better than the previous plan. Mr. Geffken stated that Penn Vest funding is a low interest loan but rates are better than market. Mr. Votsay stated that many organizations are ready to assist the City as the process continues. He expressed his hope that financial implications be calculated by February.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the large scale of these projects. She questioned job creation. Mr. Geffken stated that during the design and engineering phase he has

worked to use local firms. He stated that some projects may require specific knowledge and firms outside the region may be contracted.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz expressed the belief that this economic development will further assist Reading.

Mr. Spencer questioned if local labor would be used for the projects. Mr. Geffken stated that he is unsure. Mr. Younger stated that contract labor agreements can be established.

Mr. Waltman stated that these projects affect many municipalities. He expressed the belief that it is good for them to see forward progress. He noted the need to leverage funding to its best use.

Mr. Johnson stated that the 42" force main will be replaced. He stated that once the new line is in, the current line will be rehabilitated or replaced as necessary to create the ability to switch lines to avoid discharge into the river during emergencies. He stated that this project will entail a micro tunnel under the river and will begin March 2012 and continue through May 2013. The engineer estimate for this project is \$18 million. A PA H2O grant of \$2 million will apply to this project and Penn Vest funds will be applied for.

Mr. Geffken stated that the flow meter project is scheduled to begin before Thanksgiving. He stated that a ground breaking ceremony is being planned.

The total project estimate is \$226,515,000 and does not include work needed on the collection system. This cost does include a \$15 million contingency based on the results of the Act 537 study to determine the current and future capacities of the plant.

Mr. Spencer questioned the cost difference between the two plans. Mr. Votsay stated that it is between \$135 million and \$140 million.

Mr. Spencer questioned the costs from the former design firm. Mr. Votsay noted the need to consider these lost costs. Mr. Geffken stated that approximately \$15 million was spent.

Mr. Waltman stated that the City cannot afford more throw aways during this process. Mr. Miravich stated that Spotts Stevens McCoy is currently completing the Act 537 study to determine the size of the plant. He stated that the cost may be reduced based on the study results but that the City must build what it needs.

Mr. Waltman again stated that the City cannot afford another \$15 million throw away. Mr. Votsay stated that Penn Vest requires a second value engineering review during the

application process. He stated that this may show some better ways to proceed. He reminded Council that the full amount of capital is not needed within a short timeframe. He stated that capital will be phased as the project proceeds.

Mr. Johnson explained that four designs were reviewed and the most economical chosen. He stated that this will still be a quality plant and there has already been an effort to control costs. He explained that the 19th Ward pump station is currently working at capacity and needs to be expanded and is included in the overall project.

Mr. Vind stated that preliminary rate impacts have been calculated. He stated that firm calculations cannot be made until the results of the Act 537 study are received. He stated that he will base his calculations on a ten year period of funding. He stated that this impacts the inter-municipal agreements and noted that all municipalities will be on the same playing field.

Mr. Spencer stated that past calculations have indicated a need to double the current user rates. He questioned if the redesign would lower the user fees. Mr. Geffken stated that he is unsure but that rate increases would not be sudden.

Mr. Vind stated that the first loan he is calculating will not be needed until 2013.

Mr. Spencer questioned if the inter-municipal agreements are complete. Mr. Miravich stated that many meetings have been held. He stated that municipalities have made comment and amendments have been made. He stated that the agreements are currently under their last review and comment period. He stated that penalty clauses have been added and that many municipalities are concerned with metering. He stated that an RFP is being sent out shortly to evaluate the meter connections and determine if improvements are needed.

Mr. Spencer questioned who was responsible for the meters. Mr. Miravich stated that each municipality is responsible for their own meter and its maintenance. He stated that Spring, Cumru and Muhlenberg have the newest meters.

Mr. Spencer questioned if the City monitored flow. Mr. Miravich stated that it currently functions on the honor system. Mr. Geffken stated that the flow meter project at the plant will begin to measure in flow at its completion to verify this data.

Mr. Miravich stated that he has updated municipalities on the projects and will make a joint presentation such as the one given to Council this evening.

Mr. Spencer stated that many municipalities are quick to blame the City for their high rates. He stated that they monitor their usage based on their outflow and questioned

the authenticity of the data. Mr. Miravich stated that an annual review occurs. He stated that the new inter-municipal agreements also address future capacity separately.

Mr. Waltman questioned if the scale of cost is gradual as the project progresses. Mr. Geffken stated that it would be.

Mr. Waltman noted the need to stress the current actions being taken by the City to move the project forward when this presentation is made to other municipalities. He questioned when the inter-municipal agreements would be complete. Mr. Miravich noted his goal of December 2011.

Mr. Waltman questioned when the agreements would be needed to continue work on the projects. Mr. Votsay stated that they would be necessary before work on the plant upgrade begins. Mr. Miravich explained that Mr. Vind needs the agreements completed to work on bond issues.

Mr. Waltman stated that much progress has been made.

Mr. Miravich stated that DOJ is updated regularly through letters and conference calls.

Mr. Spencer questioned if DOJ approved the new timeline. Mr. Miravich stated that they did not but that they are continuing to monitor progress. He stated that consent decree #18 A and #18 B can be submitted upon completion of the Act 537 study. He stated that this also ties to the inter-municipal agreements for reserve and capacity.

Mr. Geffken stated that good progress has been made on the project. He stated that DOJ has indicated that they are pleased with the path that is currently being taken.

Mr. Votsay stated that DOJ must approve the new timeline. He stated that the new timeline moves project completion to February 2017. Mr. Geffken reminded Council that DOJ will continue to monitor the City for one year after completion for continued compliance.

Mr. Votsay stated that Council approval will also be needed by the end of 2011 for future sewer rate increases.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully
Submitted
Linda A. Kelleher, CMC, City Clerk

AGENDA MEMO

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: STEVEN HAVER, HOME PROGRAM SPECIALIST
MEETING DATE: September 26, 2011
AGENDA MEMO DATE: September 21, 2011
REQUESTED ACTION: TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2010 and FY2011 (36TH and 37th YEAR - JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011) HOME ACTION PLANS

CD will ask City Council to pass separate resolutions for these two projects at the September 26, 2011 City Council meeting.

BACKGROUND: The Community Development Department currently has available unprogrammed or unassigned HOME funds of \$612,982.70. CD wishes to provide funding to local non-profit agencies for the rehabilitation and construction of affordable housing in Reading in accordance with HOME program regulations. These activities are both City-wide and in specifically focused target neighborhoods.

Funding will be allocated as follows:

Habitat for Humanity

- Allocate \$100,000.00 of unprogrammed HOME funds to Habitat for Humanity for renovation of agency-owned properties throughout the City. Total project budget \$200,000.
- Cancel 2010 Blighted Property Review Committee Acquisition and Rehabilitation funding of \$78,000 and cancel the 2010 Neighborhood Home Ownership project funding of \$100,000 and reallocate \$178,000 to fund Habitat for Humanity for blighted property remediation through acquisition and renovations of properties, new construction, and/or repairs to owner-occupied properties in the target neighborhoods. With Habitat's proposed contribution, the total project budget will be \$600,000.

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Berks (Current CHDO partner):

- Provide \$23,859 in 2011 CHDO operating funds and \$47,178 in 2012 CHDO operating funds to increase rehabilitation capacity.
- Provide HOME Admin funds as necessary for NHS to administer and coordinate acquisition, rehabilitation and home ownership programs for affordable housing in the target neighborhood(s).
- Provide additional HOME Entitlement or CHDO Reserve funds for projects identified as appropriate.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: None.

PREVIOUS ACTION: Approval of 2010 and 2011 HOME Program Action Plans

SUBSEQUENT ACTION: Approval of resolutions following the 30-day comment period

RECOMMENDED BY: Community Development Department, Mayor's Office

RECOMMENDED MOTION: To approve a Council Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a FFY2011 (37th CD year - January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011) Action Plan Amendment to allocating unprogrammed funds and canceling incomplete 2010 activities and reassigning their funding as specified.

Cc: Daniel Robinson
Thomas McMahon
Carl Geffken
Dan Wright
Neil Nemeth

RESOLUTION No. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FFY2011 (37TH CD YEAR - JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011) ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT TO REVISE 2010 ACTIVITIES AND TO ALLOCATE UNPROGRAMMED HOME FUNDS TOTALLING \$278,000 TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE CONDUCT OF HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION, ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION AND/OR NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY OF READING. THESE ACTIVITIES WILL BE ELIGIBLE UNDER HOME PROGRAM REGULATIONS AND FINAL RULE AT 24 CFR 92

WHEREAS, under 24 CFR Part 91, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) outlines the consolidated submissions for Community Planning and Development programs which will serve as (1) a planning document for the City that builds on a participatory process at the grass roots level; (2) an application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant program; (3) a strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and (4) an Action Plan that provides a basis for assessing performance;

WHEREAS, the FFY2009 to FFY2013 five year Consolidated Plan (35th to 39th years - January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013) specifies activities the City will undertake to address priority needs and local objectives using formula grant funds and program income the City expects to receive during a five year period;

WHEREAS, the FFY2011 (37th year - January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011) Action Plan specifies activities the City will undertake to address priority needs and local objectives using formula grant funds and program income the City expects to receive during the program year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING THAT:

The FFY2011 (37th CD year - January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011) Action Plan is amended to allocate \$100,000 in unprogrammed HOME funds to Habitat for Humanity for a property rehabilitation program in various locations City-wide. In addition, 2010 Action Plan projects for Blighted Property Review Committee Residential Rehabilitation program and Neighborhood Home Ownership Acquisition and Rehabilitation program are cancelled and reassigned to Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$178,000. This allocation shall be for the development of affordable housing as defined in 24 CFR 22.205 and will occur primarily in target neighborhood(s) as identified by Reading's housing strategy.

The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Reading, is authorized and directed to execute the amendment to the satisfaction of HUD.

PASSED COUNCIL _____, 20____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION No. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ALLOCATE \$71,037 IN CHDO OPERATING FUNDS TO NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES (NHS) OF GREATER BERKS A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO). IN ADDITION, NHS SHALL BE ALLOCATED ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS AS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP, MANAGE AND ADMINISTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS IN COMPLIANCE WITH HOME PROGRAM REGULATIONS AND FINAL RULE AT 24 CFR 92

WHEREAS, under 24 CFR Part 91, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) outlines the consolidated submissions for Community Planning and Development programs which will serve as (1) a planning document for the City that builds on a participatory process at the grass roots level; (2) an application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant program; (3) a strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and (4) an Action Plan that provides a basis for assessing performance;

WHEREAS, the FFY2009 to FFY2013 five year Consolidated Plan (35th to 39th years - January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013) specifies activities the City will undertake to address priority needs and local objectives using formula grant funds and program income the City expects to receive during a five year period;

WHEREAS, the FFY2011 (37th year - January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011) Action Plan specifies activities the City will undertake to address priority needs and local objectives using formula grant funds and program income the City expects to receive during the program year;

WHEREAS, this action is consistent with the Action Plan objectives and Reading's Citizen Participation Plan

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING THAT:

HOME CHDO Operating funds be awarded to NHS to increase rehabilitation capacity and provide project management and administration of rehabilitation activities in target neighborhood(s).

- a. Provide \$23,859 in 2011 CHDO operating funds and \$47,178 in 2012 CHDO operating funds to increase rehabilitation capacity.
- b. Provide HOME Admin funds as necessary for NHS to administer and coordinate acquisition, rehabilitation and home owner programs for affordable housing in the Target Neighborhood(s).
- c. Provide additional CR/EN funds for projects identified as appropriate

The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Reading, is authorized and directed to execute the amendment to the satisfaction of HUD.

PASSED COUNCIL _____, 20____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION No. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FFY2011 (37TH CD YEAR - JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011) ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE \$400,000 IN UNPROGRAMMED HOME FUNDS TO BERKS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BHDP), A COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANAZTION (CHDO). BHDP SHALL BE ALLOCATED CHDO OPERATING FUNDS TO DEVELOP, MANAGE AND ADMINISTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS IN COMPLIANCE WITH HOME PROGRAM REGULATIONS AND FINAL RULE AT 24 CFR 92

WHEREAS, under 24 CFR Part 91, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) outlines the consolidated submissions for Community Planning and Development programs which will serve as (1) a planning document for the City that builds on a participatory process at the grass roots level; (2) an application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant program; (3) a strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and (4) an Action Plan that provides a basis for assessing performance;

WHEREAS, the FFY2009 to FFY2013 five year Consolidated Plan (35th to 39th years - January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013) specifies activities the City will undertake to address priority needs and local objectives using formula grant funds and program income the City expects to receive during a five year period;

WHEREAS, the FFY2011 (37th year - January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011) Action Plan specifies activities the City will undertake to address priority needs and local objectives using formula grant funds and program income the City expects to receive during the program year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING THAT:

The FFY2011 (37th CD year - January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011) Action Plan is amended to allocate \$400,000 in unprogrammed HOME funds to Berks Housing Development Partnership, a Community Housing Development Organization as defined in 24 CFR 92.300. BHDP shall also be allocated CHDO operating funds in the amount of 28,655 from 2010 funds and \$23,859 in 2011 funds. This allocation shall be for the development of affordable housing as defined in 24 CFR 22.205, and for operations and administration as defined in 24 CFR 92.207 and 92.208.

The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Reading, is authorized and directed to execute the amendment to the satisfaction of HUD.

PASSED COUNCIL _____, 20_____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Mission: To provide decent, safe, and-sanitary housing.

READING HOUSING AUTHORITY

*Meetings 4th Tues of the Month 4 p.m Workshop @ 5 p.m. Meeting WC Bldg
Liaison Elaine, 610-775-4813*

35 P.S. Sec. 1550, Powers of an Authority 37125 35 P.S. Sec. 1550 Purdonis
pennsylvania statutes and consolidated statutes annotated.

Council	5 Members	5 Year Term
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	Date	Date	Term
	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Reappointed</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Rebecca Acosta	5/10/2010		12/31/2014
Rev. Steve Belinski	7/13/1983	10/11/2010	10/11/2015
Eligio C. Colon, Jr.	2/23/2004	5/14/2007	5/14/2012
Lillie Mathies	12/1/1993	7/28/2008	12/31/2013
Nelson A. De Leon	2/23/2004		2/23/2011

BHDP

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