

**City of Reading City Council
Special Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012**

Vice President of Council Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz called the meeting to order. She announced that the purpose of this meeting is for Council to consider the adoption of the FFY 2013 CDBG Action Plan and address other legislative matters.

ATTENDANCE

Councilor Corcoran, District 1
Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz, District 2
Councilor Sterner, District 3
Councilor Marmarou, District 4
Councilor Reed, District 5
Councilor Waltman, District 6
City Solicitor Younger
City Clerk Kelleher
City Auditor D. Cituk
Adm. Services Director M. Bembenick
Controller C. Zale

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Vice President Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that one person was registered to address Council this evening. She reminded the person about the public speaking rules.

Jay Gibson, of Argonne Rd, stated that he represents Family Resource Center which has been designated by the Commonwealth of PA as a senior center which serves about 150 low-moderate income senior individuals. He noted the significant participation by the African American senior population. He stated that a CDBG allocation would strengthen and increase programming for senior citizens.

AGENDA

Councilor Sterner moved, seconded by Councilor Marmarou, to approve the agenda for this meeting, including the legislation listed under the consent agenda heading. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Award of Contract - to Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems, Baltimore MD for a total price of \$494,024.00; Allentown Mack Sales & Service, Allentown, PA for a total price of \$559,161.92; and E.M. Kutz, Inc., Reading, PA for a total price of \$49,564.00 (**Purchasing**)

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

A. Ordinance – amending Bill No. 26-2010 the Act 47 Recovery Plan (PFM)

Solicitor Younger explained that the amendment of the plan will provide the City with the ability to request the Court of Common Pleas to consider a .2% increase to the commuter and resident EIT. He stated that the hearing is scheduled for November 26th at 9:30 am.

Resolutions

A. Resolution 121-2012 - authorizing the submission of the FFY 2013 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Community Development)

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Corcoran, to adopt Resolution 121-2012.

Councilor Waltman noted the reductions in the CDBG Budget over the past 12 years and the City's move to stop funding non-profits and to support public safety services in income eligible areas. He stated that the City has the ability to award un-programmed funds and amend the CDBG Budget as the City moves through 2013.

Councilor Reed stated that she will not support the CDBG Budget due to her differing philosophy with funding BCTV which is a news organization (in part). She questioned this allocation when there are many other public safety related needs. She stated that she has no ill will for BCTV and expressed the belief that they provide a commendable public service. However she expressed the belief that this allocation could be better budgeted.

Council Vice President Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that HUD requires the City to approve the annual CDBG Action Plan annually by November 15.

Resolution No. 121-2012 was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Corcoran, Goodman-Hinnershitz, Marmarou, Sterner, Waltman - 5

Nays: Reed - 1

Councilor Marmarou moved, seconded by Councilor Reed, to adjourn the special meeting of Council.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk