



AGENDA

FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHOP FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

June 14, 2016

2:00 p.m., Committee Room

Room 239, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBMISSION OF A CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING GRANT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF WINSTON-SALEM. *[Item continued from the June 13, 2016, Finance Committee Meeting.]*
2. FINANCE COMMITTEE CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET.
3. CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX RATE.
4. PREVIEW OF BUDGET ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JUNE 20, 2016.
5. NEXT STEPS:
 - a. CITY COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING AND BUDGET ADOPTION, JUNE 20, 2016, 7:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBER.

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: May 16, 2016

To: The City Manager

From: D. Ritchie Brooks, Community & Business Development Director

Council Action Requested:
 Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City of Winston-Salem to Participate in the Submission of a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Application with the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem.

Summary of Information:
 At the May meeting of the Finance Committee, the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAWS) presented information related to its pursuit of a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In 2013, HAWS was awarded a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant from HUD which was used to develop a Transformation Plan for the Cleveland Avenue Corridor. HAWS intends to apply for approximately \$30,000,000 in Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant funding. Should HAWS be awarded the grant, funds would be used to begin implementation of the Transformation Plan that was developed after award of the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant in 2013.

HAWS is seeking to secure a commitment from the City on three items related to its pursuit of the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant. Firstly, HAWS requests that the City serve as a co-applicant on the grant. The co-applicant signs the grant agreement along with the applicant and is jointly responsible for implementing the activities in the Transformation Plan. The grant requires that the local government of jurisdiction serve as the co-applicant in the event that it is not the lead applicant.

Secondly, HAWS is requesting that the City serve as the “Neighborhood Lead.” Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants support the implementation of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that are expected to achieve core goals in three distinct areas: housing, people and neighborhoods. The role of the agency serving as the “neighborhood lead” is to create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed areas to

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offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety and commercial activity that are important to families' choices about their community.

Lastly, HAWS is requesting a commitment from the City to invest \$4.5 million dollars over the 6-year grant period within the boundaries of the choice neighborhood planning area. The funds committed by the City would be used as leverage in the Critical Community Improvement category of the grant. Funds spent in this category are to be used for community and economic development activities to enhance the neighborhood outcomes proposed in the Transformation Plan. They must be used for physical community and economic development projects that enhance and accelerate the transformation of the neighborhood and the target housing being redeveloped. Possible uses of funds include, but are not limited to:

- Financing for commercial and economic development projects;
- Neighborhood business façade improvement programs;
- Place-making projects;
- Neighborhood broadband;
- Revolving loan funds for business attraction and retention;
- Streetscape improvements above and beyond the City's norm;
- Programs to improve housing in the neighborhood surrounding the target housing subject of the grant application; and
- Acquisition of underutilized land for new parks, community gardens or community facilities.

Funds to carry out the above mentioned activities can be secured from a variety of sources. City funding would only be committed in future budget years in the event that HAWS is awarded the grant.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBMISSION OF A CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING GRANT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF WINSTON-SALEM

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAWS) was awarded a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, HAWS used this grant to develop a Transformation Plan for the Cleveland Avenue Corridor; and

WHEREAS, HAWS intends to apply for \$30,000,000 in Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant funding in order to begin implementation of the Transformation Plan that was developed after award of the Choice Neighborhoods Grant in 2013; and

WHEREAS, HAWS is seeking to secure a commitment from the City on three items related to its pursuit of the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant; and

WHEREAS, firstly, HAWS requests the City agree to serve as a co-applicant on the grant application; and

WHEREAS, secondly, HAWS requests that the City serve as the “Neighborhood Lead” agency responsible for creating the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in the Transformation Plan area; and

WHEREAS, lastly, HAWS requests the City to commit to invest \$4.5 million dollars over the 6-year grant period within the boundaries of the Choice Neighborhood planning area for purposes including, but not limited to: neighborhood business façade improvement programs, place-making projects, revolving loan funds for business

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attraction and retention and streetscape improvements above and beyond the City's norm;
and

WHEREAS, funds to carry out the above mentioned activities can be secured from a variety of sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council that the City Manager is authorized to sign as a co-applicant on the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City funding to support these initiatives would only be committed in future budget years in the event that HAWS is awarded the grant.



June 8, 2016

VIA U.S. & ELECTRONIC MAIL

City of Winston-Salem
Attn.: Mr. D. Ritchie Brooks, Director
Community and Business Development
PO Box 2511
Winston-Salem, NC 27102-2511

Re: Displaced Resident Relocation

Dear Mr. Brooks:

As you know, our agency is seeking the City's support in pursuit of Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant funding, to include the acquisition and rehabilitation of properties located within the grant area. The grant funding would provide approximately \$30 million to facilitate implementation of revitalization efforts in the Cleveland Avenue corridor.

We understand that, with rehabilitation, comes resident relocation. I want to take this opportunity to reiterate my agency's commitment to providing relocation services to any resident who is displaced as a result of our redevelopment efforts. With respect to any redevelopment projects undertaken as part of the Choice Neighborhood grant, we will be legally required to provide case management services to displaced residents. United Way is the lead agency in this respect; and United Way will be coordinating with other providers to ensure sufficient case management services are delivered. We are adept at developing individualized relocation plans to assist residents in identifying suitable alternative living arrangements during the pendency of rehabilitation efforts at their former community. Certainly we would continue to develop and implement such plans in response to any relocations arising out of the Choice Neighborhood implementation (including the pre-award acquisition and rehabilitation of properties located within the grant area).

I hope that this letter will assuage any concerns that the City may have with respect to our commitment to the current residents of the Cleveland Avenue corridor. If you have any additional questions or concerns – or if there is any other information that would assist the City in its assessment of our request – please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry C. Woods,
Chief Executive Officer

So Much More

BUDGET-RELATED ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 20, 2016

Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.

Revenue Items

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE WINSTON-SALEM CITY CODE RELATING TO BUILDING REGULATIONS.

Adoption of Budget, Tax Levy, and Capital Plan

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 – FEDERAL HOUSING FUNDS/HOUSING FINANCE ASSISTANCE FUND.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CAPITAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016-2017 THROUGH 2021-2022 AS A FINANCIAL PLANNING GUIDE.

Other Budget-Related Actions

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PERSONNEL RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, MAKING CHANGES TO THE PAY PLAN AND OTHER POLICIES, AND SUPPORTING A THREE-YEAR MARKET STUDY OF ALL CITY POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY/COUNTY COOPERATIVE GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM AND FORSYTH COUNTY FOR A CONSOLIDATED CITY/COUNTY FORENSIC SERVICES UNIT.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM AND FORSYTH COUNTY FOR GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM POLICE OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

