

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Public Hearing
Date: Thursday, October 21, 2010
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – Present:

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

Council:

President Donato
Mr. Connelly
Mr. Heutsche

Mr. Messina
Mr. Palanski

News Media:

Thomas Lavorini – City Manager
Attorney Madden – City Solicitor
Sharronda Faber – City Clerk

Courtney Anderson - The Herald

Dept. Heads:

Terry Whalen - Fire Chief
Michael J. Menster - Chief of Police
John Cave - Street Dept.

Also present:

Robert Thornburg
Carol Swartz
Josh Wareham

Mark Drabick
Ron Maurice
Dave Kepics

- I.) **LEGAL NOTICE** – Read by City Clerk: *The City of Sharon proposes to amend its FY 2002, 2006, 2008, and 2009 CDBG Action Plans superseding Resolution #12-10 (in accordance with Final Rule, 24 CFR Parts 91, et al, as amended and the City of Sharon's Citizens Participation Plan) to reallocate unused funds from various line items in each program year to other beneficial line items within each program year in FY 2002, 2006, 2008 and 2009 as follows:*

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF REALLOCATION</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
2002	From: New Housing Construction	\$ 12,525	(-\$ 12,525)	\$ -0-
	To: Clearance/Demolition	-0-	+\$ 12,525	\$ 12,525
2006	From: Shenango Valley Community Library	\$ 444	(-\$ 444)	\$ -0-
	To: Clearance/Demolition	\$	+\$ 444	\$ 444
2008	From: Housing Rehabilitation Paint Program	\$ 10,861	(-\$10,861)	\$ -0-
	To: Clearance/Demolition	\$	+\$10,861	\$ 10,861

2009	From:			
	Public Facilities	\$ 56,559	(-\$41,000)	\$ 15,559
	Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 30,000	(-\$30,000)	\$ -0-
	Paint Program			
	To:			
	Clearance/Demolition	(\$-38,305)	+\$71,000	\$ 32,695

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed amendments and receive citizens' input.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carol Swartz – 445 Lorain St. – Inquired about getting more money for demolition. Mr. Lavorini explained that's the reason for the amendment; the original amount for demolition was \$50,000; this gives the City an additional \$50,000.

Robert Thornburg – Inquired about the properties on the demolition list and if they are structures in which the owners can't be located. Attorney Madden explained the process and that landlords/owners are given ample opportunity to have the chance to salvage their property. Mr. Heutsche inquired if liens are filed against the properties. Attorney Madden advised that the City can, but that it has not been done in the past. Mr. Lavorini added that he would like to see the liens placed. Attorney Madden commented that the City typically tries to find a neighbor to buy the property and therefore maintain it.

Courtney Anderson – The Herald – Inquired if the money would be added to this year's demolition project. Mr. Lavorini explained that it would help fund the 2010 demolition project.

II.) **LEGAL NOTICE** – Read by City Clerk: *The City of Sharon will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Sharon Municipal Building, 155 West Connelly Blvd., Sharon, PA, to present the City of Sharon's FY2011 Annual Action Plan for the use of CDBG funds.*

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed use of CDBG funds under the 2011 Action Plan and to receive citizens' input.

The City of Sharon proposes the following activities as part of the FY 2011 CDBG Program:

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION-

General Administration:	\$161,863	
Sub Total:		\$161,863

PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS-

Design and Construction of streets/alleys and Sewers & catch basins	\$181,703	
Sub Total:		\$181,703

REHABILITATION-

Housing Rehabilitation	\$181,808	
(Includes \$60,000 in Rehab Program Income)		
Rehabilitation Administration	\$ 51,211	
Sub Total:		\$283,019

PUBLIC SERVICE-

S.V. Urban League-Housing Counseling	\$ 8,825	
S.V. Urban League-Human Relations Comm	\$ 3,500	
S.V. Urban League – CHRB	\$ 3,320	
Community Food Warehouse	\$ 3,600	
Medical Equipment Recycling Program	\$ 900	
Shenango Valley Shuttle Service	\$ 9,700	
Mercer County Community Action Agency	\$ 8,000	
Camp KIDS	\$ 2,500	
Zone 5 Officer	\$ 44,388	
Sharon Family Center for Child Development	\$ 6,000	
Shenango Valley Community Library	\$ 5,000	
Buhl Community Recreation Center	\$ 4,000	
AW/ARE, Inc.	\$ 11,500	
Mercer County Housing Coalition	\$ 1,500	
Sub Total:		\$112,733

CLEARANCE ACTIVITIES-

Clearance and Demolition	\$50,000	
Sub Total:		\$ 50,000

CODE ENFORCEMENT-

Code Enforcement Activities & Rental Unit Inspections in predominantly low/moderate income areas of the city.	\$70,000	
Sub Total:		\$ 70,000

TOTAL FY 2011 CDBG FUNDS FOR PROJECT ACTIVITIES: \$809,318

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carol Swartz – 445 Lorain St. – Under Public Agencies, inquired about how it is decided who gets the money and how much is allocated to each agency. Mr. Lavorini explained the process and how the City submits their application to HUD for approval. He advised that the requests for 2011 are the same as 2010 (or a blend of past years' requests) and that the City has not found out yet what it's funding will be for FY2011.

Courtney Anderson – The Herald – Inquired if there are any major changes. Mr. Lavorini explained that there are not.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Heutsche

Second: Mr. Palanski

**Vote: Yes - Mr. Palanski
Yes - Mr. Messina
Yes - Mr. Connelly**

**Yes - Mr. Heutsche
Yes - Mr. Donato**

M. Drate

Council President

Attest:

Shawanda J. Allen

City Clerk