
Source

	Original	
	Amended	
	Difference	
	1998	
NHS M/F Rehabilitation	HOME	103,500
		-0-
		(103,500)
	1995	
Rankin Heights Infrastructure	HOME	248,000
		243,531
		(4,469)
	2001	
Member Government Admin.	HOME	49,221
		6,221
		(43,000)
	2001	
MHO Northpoint Commons	HOME	

		-0-
		118,169
		118,169
	1998	
TCHDC Probart Hills		
	HOME	
		129,029
		-0-
		(129,029)
	2000	
TCHDC Probart Hills		
	HOME	
		104,860
		-0-
		(104,860)
	2000	
TCHDC Scattered site S/F development		
	HOME	
		-0-
		105,280
		105,280
Unallocated (repayments not yet received)		
	HOME	
		-0-
		161,409
		161,409
		TOTAL
	HOME	

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CDBG Funding

The City's Housing and Community Development Committee recommends the following amendments:

1. \$210,000 Float Loan to Neighborhood Housing Services, for Single Family New

Construction

NHS has requested additional assistance in the construction of three new homes on Buttonwood Court (site of the former Rankin School). In order to reduce financing costs it has requested a short-term CDBG construction loan from the City in addition to a permanent HOME subsidy already allocated. The loan would be secured by an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank and repaid in July 2002. This type of loan can be "floated" by using funds already allocated to other projects which have not yet been spent and are unlikely to be spent in that time frame. Staff have identified the project to redevelop South Pack Square (current CDBG balance \$500,000) as such a project.

2. Revised Certification on Low- and Moderate-Income Benefit.

HUD rules require not less than 70% of CDBG funds to be used for activities that directly benefit residents with income less than 80% of area median. This threshold may be met annually, or by averaging over three years. The City usually spends over 95% of its CDBG funds on such activities annually. However, we expect that expenditure on the revitalization of South Pack Square, which primarily addresses slum and blight, will cause the City to fall short of this threshold next year. Staff recommends revising the City's certification to HUD to specify the three-year period for meeting the threshold.

City staff recommends approval of the amendments.

Ms. Caplan responded to Councilman Peterson's questions regarding the three-year period for meeting the threshold with regard to the City's certification to HUD.

Mayor Sitnick closed the public hearing at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Sitnick said that members of Council have previously received a copy of the resolution and it would not be read.

Councilwoman Field moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 01-167. This motion was seconded by Councilman Hay and carried unanimously.

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IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

V. NEW BUSINESS:

At the request of City Attorney Oast, Vice-Mayor Cloninger moved to defer the following Board appointments until the next worksession in order to give the City Attorney time to research an issue that has arisen regarding potential appointments made by the present City Council. Said board appointments include the (1) ABC Board; (2) Sustainable Economic Development Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force; (3) Fair Housing Commission; (4) Firemen's Relief Fund; (5) Greenway Commission; (6) MSD Board; (7) Public Art

Board; (8) Transit Commission; and (9) Tree Commission. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bellamy and carried unanimously.

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VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

OUTSIDE MAGAZINE

Mayor Sitnick announced that Asheville is one of the top ten favorite "outdoor towns" of Outside Magazine.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR BUS SHELTERS AND BENCHES

Mayor Sitnick announced that if anyone is interested in sponsoring a bus shelter and/or bus bench to contact Transit Services Director Bruce Black.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Sitnick announced that the State of the City Address, which is a four year compilation of accomplishments and challenges, is available in the City Clerk's Office.

CLAIMS

The following claims were received by the City of Asheville during the period of October 12-25, 2001: Lula Mayes (Water), Beverly Workman (Parks & Recreation), Seth Allcorn (Water), Anna Arevalo (Sanitation), Paul Fleischer (Water), Melanie Grooms (Sanitation), BellSouth (Water), Laurie McKenzie (Sanitation), Michelle Stymacks (Streets) and James Conner (Sanitation).

The following claims were received by the City during the period of October 26-November 1, 2001: Mary Dowdle (Fire), Allen Yowell (Water), Sandra Webb (Police), Shawn Stirewalt (Transit Services), Don McCurry (Water) and Civic Center.

The following claims were received by the City during the period of November 2-9, 2001: David Gullyes (Streets), Mary Alice Nard (Water), Stephanie Miller (Streets), Dane Gumbinger (Streets), Jonathan H. Dorsey (Transit Services), and Steve Hughes (Civic Center.)

These claims have been referred to Asheville Claims Corporation for investigation.

LAWSUIT

The City filled a Complaint on October 30, 2001, against David Hamilton regarding violation of Section 10-31 of the Code of Ordinances regulating abandoned or junked motor vehicles. This matter will be handled in-house.

VII. INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMENTS BY FRED ENGLISH

Mr. Fred English explained why he felt why race car drivers Bob Presley, Robert Presley and Jack Ingram should be given special recognition by the City of Asheville. He also questioned Asheville's enforcement of the vagrancy laws in the downtown area.

COMMENTS BY WALTER PLAUE

Mr. Walter Plaue asked City Council for suggestions on how to work with the School Board on enforcement of the truancy program which would address the high drop-out rate in our area.

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COMMENTS BY HAZEL FOBES

Ms. Hazel Fobes urged City Council to write and call our legislators to enact the Clean Smokestack Act.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Sitnick adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

CITY CLERK MAYOR
