

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### AGENDA ITEM

APRIL 25, 2016

1. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of St. Cloud, Minnesota, was held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
2. A Moment of Silence was held for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces.
3. Councilmembers were present: Goerger, Hontos, Johnson, Laraway, Lewis, Libert and Masters.

Councilmembers absent: None

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**25. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR TWO USE OF FUNDS DURING CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 2016.** Community Development Director Matt Glaseman introduced the item and gave background information on the action plan. Council President Goerger opened the public hearing.

**Louise Reis 1225 W. St. Germain St. St. Cloud, MN:** HRA Director Louise Reis provided a PowerPoint for council. She outlined the good that the funding has done in the community, showed that the funding has allowed for updates to the weatherization and overall beautification to the community.

**Lisa Schreifels 400 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South St. Cloud, MN:** Health Director Lisa Schreifels gave an overview of the staffing picture if the action plan would pass. The hiring of staff would help with enforcement throughout the low to moderate income areas.

Council President Goerger closed the public hearing. Councilmember Hontos commented on the action plan. He noted that he along with most councilmembers would like 2 new staff to enforce the recommendations from the best practice task force. He then stated that the planning commission vote was taken with some concerns about funding the positions into the future, and that these positions create value to the community in regards to enforcement and should be funded by the annual tax levy. It was moved by Councilmember Hontos, Seconded by Councilmember Lewis to amend the motion to allocate \$46,000 to fund 2 inspectors from September 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, with the idea that beginning on January 1, 2017 that these two

positions would be a part of the tax levy budget, meanwhile the \$94,000 remaining would be added back to the HRA rehab loan program. Councilmember Lewis discussed the HRA rehab fund, and that if staff identifies issues without a source to fund the repairs the issues may go unrepaired. Mayor Dave Kleis commented on best practices committee and the allocation of funding, also he commented on the intent to weigh it against all the items in the budget for next year. Councilmember Laraway commented on the need for permanent positions and to hire with a sense of urgency. Councilmember Libert commented that waiting until fall would not give a good picture of the possible revenue generated from this form of code enforcement. Councilmember Johnson stated that he does not like to use CDBG funds for staff. Council president Goerger commented on the timely spending of the funds. The amended motion failed 3-4 with councilmembers Masters, Laraway, Libert, and Goerger Opposed. The original motion carried 5-2 with councilmembers Johnson and Hontos Opposed. Resolution adopted and assigned 2016-4-56

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Council President Goerger adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

  
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Council President Jeff Goerger

Respectfully submitted by

  
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Recording Council Secretary