

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development
AGENDA DATE: November 11, 2008
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: William Lilly/541-4643
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 8

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on a Resolution that City Council amend the City's 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan for 2005-2010 by adding one new public facility activity, Central Recreation Center - Rehabilitation of Public Areas, in the amount of \$1,500,000, to the 34th Year (2008-2009) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and that the City Manager or her designee be authorized to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of the resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The City's Department of Parks and Recreation submitted a Mid-Year (34th Year - 2008-2009) Community Development application in the amount of \$1,500,000 to support the necessary rehabilitation of the Central Recreation Center (formerly the YMCA), located at 701 Montana Avenue. The project would provide much needed recreational opportunities and programs to an underserved area of the City, consisting primarily of low- to moderate-income residents. A total of \$3,457,428 in bond and/or general revenue funds has already been committed to fund the entire project design, the rehabilitation of any non-public/non-recreational areas, as well as any remaining public/recreational areas over and above the \$1.5 million being requested. The requested \$1.5 million in CDBG funds would be strictly utilized to fund only the public/recreational aspects (in designated areas) of the facility rehabilitation.

The overall project consists of rehabilitating 37,000 square feet of the first floor area and 3,000 square feet of the outdoor courtyard area. Although this is a five-story building, CDBG funds will strictly be utilized for specific first floor public/recreational areas. Any CDBG funds that are utilized to construct public/recreational activities that involve improvements to the entire building (roofing, cabling, heating, cooling, etc.) will be prorated utilizing the square footage per each of the sections to determine appropriate cost percentages and to adhere to federal regulations regarding shared or governmental uses.

A Notice was placed in the El Paso Times on October 11, 2008 to allow a 30-day period for public comment ending November 10, 2008. Any citizen comments received after the submittal of this Agenda Item Department Head's Summary Form will be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

This is the first proposed amendment to the City's 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan, which was approved by City Council on June 24, 2008. However, this kind of amendment is not uncommon, as amendments have been approved in the past by City Council to previous Annual Action Plans.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

Funding for the new Central Recreation Center project is currently available in the CD Contingency Account No. G7129CD0001. Upon Council's approval of this item, a budget transfer in the amount of \$1,500,000 will be made from the CD Contingency Account to the new project account.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

On October 2, 2008, the Community Development Steering Committee voted in favor of this activity being added to the City's 34th Year (2008-2009) Annual Action Plan. The vote was four (4) for and one (1) against.

*******REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*******

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Anthony C. Star for W. Lilly

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2008, the City Council for the City of El Paso adopted a Final Action Plan for 2008-2009 for the Consolidated Plan 2005-2010, including the 34th Year (2008-2009) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and on the same date authorized the City Manager to sign and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and all certifications contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, based on the recommendation of the Director of the Community and Human Development Department and Department staff, now desires to amend the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and 34th Year (2008-2009) CDBG Program Budget by adding one public facility activity; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2008, the City of El Paso published in the El Paso Times public notice and allowed a 30-day public comment period regarding the proposed amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and 34th Year (2008-2009) CDBG Program Budget and City Council has duly considered public comment, if any; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the Annual Action Plan (2008-2009) and 34th Year (2008-2009) CDBG Program Budget is hereby amended as follows:

The new public facility activity, "Central Recreation Center - Rehabilitation of Public Areas - \$1,500,000 (**District 8**)" is added to provide much needed recreational opportunities and programs to an underserved area of the City consisting primarily of low- to moderate-income residents; and

2. That the City Manager or her designee be authorized to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of this resolution, including the necessary budget transfers and notifying HUD of said Annual Action Plan amendment.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

CITY OF EL PASO

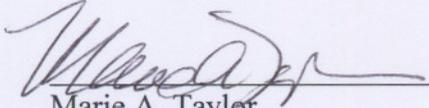
John F. Cook
Mayor

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ATTEST:

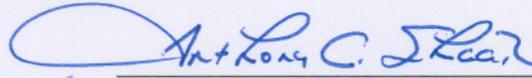
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Marie A. Taylor
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



for William L. Lilly, Director
Community and Human Development