

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Economic and Community Development – May 12, 2014, 12:30 p.m., Executive Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall

Committee Members present: Councilmembers Michelle De La Isla (Chair), Karen Hiller and Nathan Schmidt

Staff present: City Manager Jim Colson, Deputy City Attorney Mary Feighny, Budget Director Nicole Lee, Interim Housing and Neighborhood Development (HND) Director Brad Reiff, HND Manager Corrie Wright, HND Accounting Specialist Rachelle Vega-Retana, Council Office Assistant III Amber Cardona, and Council Office Manager Ginny Burghart

Chairperson Michelle De La Isla called the meeting to order.

Councilmember Schmidt's motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2014 meeting was seconded by Councilmember Hiller. The motion was approved 3-0.

Ms. Wright presented a list of three funding allocation options. Discussion ensued. The Committee moved forward to use option No. 1.

The Committee reviewed the rankings and scorings of each of the six contracted services applications.

Chairperson De La Isla noted all questions posed by Committee Members about the rankings and scorings were satisfactorily answered by staff. She stated it was important to remember the Economic and Community Development Committee (E&CD) has established a scoring process, the City staff review committee has made its recommendations based on that process, and likewise, the ECD Committee should make its allocation recommendations based solely on the scoring process; no other factors should be taken into account. She further stated this is the first year the new grant criteria and scoring process have been implemented, making this a transitional period for staff and agencies alike. Staff will provide support and clarification to agencies on how to proceed with future applications.

Councilmember Schmidt moved to recommend to the City Council funding for contracted services as follows:

Community Resources Council	\$ 60,000
Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging	\$ 20,000
Safe Streets	\$ 60,849
Keep America Beautiful, Inc.	\$ 13,682

YWCA's Center for Safety and Empowerment	\$ 19,155
Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc.	\$ 51,314
Total	\$225,000

Chairperson De La Isla seconded the motion. The motion was approved 2-1. Councilmember Hiller voted no, noting that she was not yet comfortable.

Vince Frye, Downtown Topeka, Inc. (DTI), requested the agenda item relating to discussion of DTI's funding request be deferred at this time. He stated they are seeking a possible alternative funding source. By Committee consensus, the item was deferred.

Councilmember Schmidt's motion to adjourn was seconded by Councilmember Hiller. The motion was approved 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.