

**THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2010**

This meeting of the Finance Committee of the Kent City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Wed., July 7, 2010 by Wayne Wilson, Chair.

PRESENT: MR. AMRHEIN, MR. DELEONE, MR. FERRARA, MS. SHAFFER, MR. TURNER, MS. WALLACH, AND MR. WILSON

ALSO PRESENT: J. FIALA, MAYOR & PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL; D. RULLER, CITY MANAGER; J. SILVER, LAW DIRECTOR; B. SUSEL, GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR; W. LILLICH SAFETY DIRECTOR; AND L. COPLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

ABSENT: MR. KUHAR AND MR. VALENTA

Dave Ruller, City Manager, explained it is that time of year when the JAG grants become available. He said the timetable was moved up, but they were notified that they have a one-week extension. Mr. Ruller said that given the late notice, they put in an application for the eligible funds, as they had to meet a deadline. He said the application was submitted. Mr. Ruller introduced **William Lillich, Safety Director**, and asked him to speak to the issue, adding there was approximately \$10,000 in available funds.

Mr. Lillich said the exact amount was \$10,003, and they have agreed to a 2:1 split with the County, similar to their smaller grants. He said the City will receive \$6503, and the County will receive \$3500 when the funds come in. He said they have completed the application, and needs its authorization. Mr. Lillich said action tonight will enable them to meet the time line. He said they need authorization to apply, and to enter into an agreement with the County to share the funds.

There were no questions from the Committee, or audience comment at this time.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE JAG GRANT.

Motion made by Mr. DeLeone, seconded by Ms. Shaffer, and carried by a voice vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

Chair Wilson said the next item on their agenda dealt with the amendment to the 2010 Appropriations. Mr. Ruller said that before Mr. Coffee left, he worked with **Bridget Susel, Grants Administrator**, about the NSP grant funds. He introduced Ms. Susel at this time.

Ms. Susel explained that in late April, HUD changed their rules. She said they previously just had to assign the funds to an address, and on April 22, HUD issued a memo that said the definition of "obligation" was a fully executed contract. She said all of the funds were not appropriated, but with this, they had to bid them out, do the demolition, and get the new construction done. She said she needed access to those grant funds to execute the contracts.

Ms. Shaffer asked if this included demolition, and Ms. Susel said it included nine properties. She said some of the ones from February have court dates the following week. She said the two oldest properties will be coming down. Ms. Susel said once they receive Board of Control approval, they will execute the contract, and take down the houses in August.

There were no further questions or audience comment at this time.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE.

Motion made by Ms. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and carried by a voice vote of 6-0-1 with Mr. Wilson abstaining.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, Chair Wilson adjourned this meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Linda M. Copley, Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) **TO AUTHORIZE THE JAG GRANT AND THE AGREEMENT TO SHARE THE FUNDS WITH THE COUNTY.**
- 2) **TO AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2010 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**