



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 715 Princess Anne Street
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

HON. MARY KATHERINE GREENLAW, MAYOR
HON. CHARLIE L. FRYE, JR., VICE -MAYOR, WARD FOUR
HON. KERRY P. DEVINE, AT-LARGE
HON. MATTHEW J. KELLY, AT-LARGE
HON. JASON N. GRAHAM, WARD ONE
HON. JONATHAN A. GERLACH, WARD TWO
HON. DR. TIMOTHY P. DUFFY, WARD THREE

February 28, 2023

The Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, beginning at 8:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

City Council Present. Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw. Vice-Mayor Charlie L. Frye, Jr. Council members Kerry P. Devine, Dr. Timothy P. Duffy, Jonathan A. Gerlach, Jason N. Graham and Matthew J. Kelly.

Others Present. City Manager Timothy J. Baroody, Assistant City Manager Mark Whitley, Assistant City Manager David Brown, City Attorney Kathleen Dooley, Director of Planning and Development Services Charles Johnston, Principal Planner Michael Craig, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Mackenzie Bellimam, Community Development Planner Bailey Thompson, Stormwater Specialist Pam Daniels and Clerk of Council Tonya B. Lacey.

Notice of Public Hearings (D23-__ thru D23-__). The Clerk read the notice of the public hearings as it appeared in the local newspaper, the purpose being to solicit citizen input.

Ordinance 23-02, First Read Approved, Amending the Unified Development Ordinance to repeal the Floodplain Overlay District and

adopt the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Model Floodplain Management Ordinance as the City of Fredericksburg Floodplain Overlay District (D23-__). no speakers. Stormwater Specialist Daniels presented a PowerPoint presentation on the project.

Councilor Gerlach noted that the new maps have moved well over one hundred properties out of the floodplain and they are no longer required to have flood insurance. He warned those residents that they are still subject to flooding and they should maintain their flood insurance.

Councilor Graham moved to approve Ordinance 23-02, on first read, amending the Unified Development Ordinance to repeal the Floodplain Overlay District and adopt the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Model Floodplain Management Ordinance as the City of Fredericksburg Floodplain Overlay District; motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Frye and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Gerlach, Graham and Kelly. Nays (0).

Suspend the Rules. In order to place the ordinance on for second read Councilor Graham moved to suspend the rules; motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Frye and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Gerlach, Graham and Kelly. Nays (0).

Ordinance 23-02, Second Read Approved, Amending the Unified Development Ordinance to repeal the Floodplain Overlay District and adopt the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Model

Floodplain Management Ordinance as the City of Fredericksburg Floodplain Overlay District (D23-__). Councilor Graham moved to approve Ordinance 23-02, on second read, amending the Unified Development Ordinance to repeal the Floodplain Overlay District and adopt the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Model Floodplain Management Ordinance as the City of Fredericksburg Floodplain Overlay District; motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Frye and passed by the following recorded votes. Ayes (7). Councilors Greenlaw, Frye, Devine, Duffy, Gerlach, Graham and Kelly. Nays (0).

Annual Action Plan for The Community Development Block Grant Program – the Community Planning and Building Department is Soliciting Comments from the Public on the Development of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for the Expenditure of Anticipated Community Development Block Grant Funds. No speakers. Community Development Planner Thompson explained that each year the City submits an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to meet its federal guidelines under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Mr. Thompson said the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan details the implementation of the fourth year of the City's 2020-2025 CDBG Consolidated Plan. The CDBG funds support households with incomes below 80 percent of the area median income, adjusted by household size. According to HUD's 2015-2019 Comprehensive

Housing Affordability Strategy data, 51% percent of the City's households are low-income and eligible for these programs.

The CDBG program also work with outside agencies, partnering non-profits such as Legal Aid Works, Lois Anne's Hope House and Fredericksburg Area Support Services. Within the department they also provide direct management of the Direct Homeownership Assistance Program, the removal of architectural barriers program, the emergency home repair program and the public facilities program.

Mr. Thompson noted that in addition to this public hearing he solicited input from neighborhood and Civic groups directly. The plan will appear in the Free Lance-Star and a finalized plan will come before the Council in May.

Mr. Thompson said last year they received \$203,268.

Mayor Greenlaw stated that this was the citizens tax dollars being used well. Mr. Thompson said this money helps hundreds of people.

Councilor Kelly said right now the City accepts what HUD allocates but the City has the ability to go beyond that but there is risk at applying and he asked should we go outside the comfort zone and try applying for additional funding. Mr. Thompson said 2025 might be a better time to look at expanding the services.

Adjourned. There being no speakers to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw declared the hearing officially adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor

Tonya B. Lacey, Clerk of Council, MMC