

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Beacon City Council held at the Municipal Center, One Municipal Plaza on **September 28, 2009** at pm was called to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Steve K. Gold wished all with the Jewish Faith a Happy Yom Kippur.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Steve K. Gold

Casale, Randy – Council Member – Ward Three

Leake, Deanna – Council Member – Ward One

Pasti, Sara – Council Member – Ward Four

Kelly, Charles – Council Member - Ward Two

Excused:

Thompson, Eleanor – Council Member – At Large

Fredericks, Marlene – Council Member – At Large

Also Present:

City Administrator – Meredith Robson

City Attorney – Richard Wolf

Media Represented by:

Goldie Green – Beacon Free Press

Residents at Beginning of Meeting:

Approximately 20

First Opportunity for Public Comments: Pertaining to any, item Maximum time for this section is thirty minutes. Maximum time for individual public comment is three minutes.

David Dobson, Director - Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County formerly called Christmas in July. Mission is to provide low cost for repairs, modifications to low income citizens of Dutchess County This organization was founded in 1992, rebuilt three hundred and fifty homes in the county, including approximately fifty in the City of Beacon. We have over seven hundred volunteers, including support from business and various organizations, as well as government funds, including home grant and CDBG Block Grant. For many years Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County has received support from Beacon, CDBG funds, and this organization would like to get back in the loop with the City of Beacon.

Public Hearings:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Beacon will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 28th, 2009 at the City of Beacon Municipal Center, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York at 7:00 p.m. relative to the submission of the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Application.

All interested persons and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposals at the date, time and place aforesaid.

Iola C. Taylor, City Clerk

Dated: September 22, 2009

MOTION to Close Public Hearing by Council Member Kelly, Seconded by Council Member Pasti. All voted in favor to close public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS**Resolutions:**

RESOLUTION 147 OF 2009 Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement With County of Dutchess Community Development Block Grant Program 2010 Program Year Agreement

RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign agreement and accept funds between City of Beacon and the County of Dutchess for the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2010.

Motion to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Sign Agreement With County of Dutchess Community Development Block Grant Program 2010 Program Year Agreement by Council Member Kelly, Second by Council Member Pasti

Discussions:

Council Member Casale asked if this is all the funds we are going to receive from Dutchess County. City Administrator stated that this particular resolution is to sign an agreement with Dutchess County. The City of Beacon typically receives one hundred and ninety thousand dollars.

Council Member Kelly asked in terms of the allocations of funds, when this has to be decided upon. City Administrator explained that the application needs to be in the mail by week's end. Council Member Kelly further asked if we have other organizations to seek funding. City Administrator stated not that she recalls. Tonight the Council would be voting on applying for funds for the project Tioronda Bridge Support for Water and Sewer Lines. But, the Council has the option tonight to reallocate the funds to the Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County in the amount of ten thousand dollars, which would be ten thousand dollars less for the project Tioronda Bridge Support for Water and Sewer Lines

On a Roll Call: Council Member Leake – Yes, Council Member Kelly – Yes, Council Member Thompson – Excused, Council Member Casale – Yes, Council Member Pasti – Yes, Council Member Fredericks – Excused, and Mayor Steve Gold – Yes. Five Ayes and Two Excused. Motion carried

On a Roll Call Resolution Adopted

Resolution 148 of 2009 Resolution of 2009 A Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of The Fiscal Year 2010 Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant Program Application

PROJECT: Tioronda Bridge Support for Water & Sewer Line

WHEREAS, City of Beacon is participating in the Dutchess County Community Development Consortium for Fiscal Year 2010, and

WHEREAS, input from citizens and groups has been received and considered, and

WHEREAS, an application has been prepared which addresses Beacon community concerns, and

WHEREAS, Up to ten thousand dollars of the Community Development Block Grant money be applied from the HOME program funds, if available, for Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County, if such an action will not reduce funds from the total 2010 CDBG allocation that the City Council intends to use for the Tioronda Bridge Support for Water and Sewer Line project., and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Community Development Consortium Fiscal Year 2010 application for City of Beacon including the certifications included therein be and hereby is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the submission of said application to the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development for the Project: Tioronda Bridge Support for Water and Sewer Lines be and hereby is authorized.

Motion to Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Fiscal Year 2010 Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant Program Application PROJECT: Tioronda Bridge Support for Water & Sewer Line by Council Member Leake, Second by Council Member Pasti.

Discussions:

Mayor Steve K. Gold asked if we would take the ten thousand dollars and put it towards Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County, how would that leave the City of Beacon for the Tioronda Bridge Support for Water and Sewer Line project. City Administrator Robson stated the total estimated project is approximately (which is just to support the water and sewer lines under the bridge not to fix the bridge) is four hundred and twenty thousand, including engineering. The application is for two hundred thousand. The balance would have to come from the Water and Sewer Fund Balances. This is a decision that the Council would have to make whether to leave the total amount earmarked for the Tioronda Bridge water and sewer line project, or reduce the amount by ten thousand to put towards the Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County, and the City can take the ten thousand from the water and sewer funds.

City Administrator would need to contact someone from the County to see if there are separate Home Program funds to support Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County. Historically, Beacon has used the CDBG funds for infrastructure.

Council Member Kelly agreed that yes the City needs funds for infrastructure, but on the other hand this organization Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County targets low income families in the City of Beacon. Since the water and sewer funds are restricted and cannot be used for other things, but CDBG funding can be used for a variety of projects. I would support allocating Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County the amount of ten thousand dollars.

Council Member Casale asked if the ten thousand dollars will go to Beacon residents only. Mr. Dobson stated that it would. The Home Program is part of the CDBG Block Grant Program; it's only a portion of it. Council Member Casale would like the Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County to get the Home Program Funding. City Administrator stated that she would have to check with Dutchess County in the morning if this is possible.

Council Member Pasti asked if the County has other funds available for the Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County. Mr. Dobson stated yes, but there are restrictions.

Council Member Pasti agrees that the Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County is a great program, but the infrastructure is so badly needed in the City of Beacon.

Mayor Steve K. Gold suggested amending the Resolution as follows:

- 1) Apply five thousand dollars to the Community Development Block Grant for Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County.
- 2) Find out if Community Development Block Grant Agreement that the funds can be used for Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County.
- 3) Contingent upon that fund for Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County is not available for any other home building fund source.

Due to time constraints as the application needs to be submitted by week's end, this resolution would need to be voted on as is or have it amended.

Council Member Casale, Leake and Pasti would all like the funding go toward infrastructure specifically, for the Tioronda Bridge Support for Water and Sewer Line.

For the Record, Mayor Steve K. Gold, he is in favor of amending the Resolution to have some of the funds go towards the Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County.

Mayor Steve K. Gold stated the following statement would have to be added to amend the resolution:

Motion to Amend Resolution by Council Member Leake as follows: **WHEREAS**, Up to ten thousand dollars of the Community Development Block Grant money be applied from the HOME program funds, if available, for Rebuilding Together in Dutchess County, if such an action will not reduce funds from the total 2010 CDBG allocation that the City Council intends to use for the Tioronda Bridge Support for Water and Sewer Line project Council Member Leake, Seconded by Council Member Pasti.

On a Roll Call: Council Member Leake – Yes, Council Member Kelly – Yes, Council Member Thompson – Excused, Council Member Casale – Yes, Council Member Pasti – Yes, Council Member Fredericks – Excused, and Mayor Steve Gold – Yes. Five Ayes and Two Excused. Motion carried

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn Special Council Meeting of September 28, 2009 by Council Member Leake, Seconded by Council Member Pasti, meeting closed at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Swift

Executive Assistant to Mayor Steve K. Gold

Date: September 29, 2009

Date: Approved: October 5, 2009