# **BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

Council President Jr. Drago called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and decided to forego the pledge of allegiance as the meeting was mainly virtual. Roll call for attendance was taken.

**Councilors Present:** 

Paul Beagle, Katy Norton, Leslie Pierson, Roy Drago, Jr., and Isaac Williams

(all via Zoom)

**Councilors Absent:** 

Paul Keefer, and Brenda Profitt

Staff:

Karen Pettigrew – City Manager, Rick Stokoe – Police Chief, Marta Barajas

- Finance Director, and Jenn Rollins - City Recorder/HR (in person)

Audience:

Rod Walter (via Zoom)

Council President Drago recessed the special meeting at 5:34 p.m. Council President Drago opened the public hearing at 5:34 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

<u>Public Hearing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing to Close Out the Migrant Head Start Community Development Block</u> Grant

Council President Drago announced the purpose of this hearing is to hear from the public regarding the grant for the Boardman Migrant Head Start and hear from the community.

### **Abstentions**

None

## **Objections to Jurisdiction**

None

#### **Staff Report**

Finance Director Barajas read the following information regarding the Boardman Head Start Project into the record:

The City of Boardman was the sponsor for the Migrant Head Start located at 123 Willowfork Drive in Boardman, Oregon. The city received funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under contract # C15009. The city received additional funding for this project through the Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC). OCDC will be occupying the building. After the City of Boardman holds the title for the first five years of occupancy, they will transfer title to the OCDC.

OCDC has provided the additional funding to complete this project as the Community Development Block Grant awarded an amount of \$2,000,000.00 and OCDC contributed an additional \$1,500,000 to the project.

The building is modular with 8,000 square feet with four classrooms which are able to be broken down to eight smaller classrooms to be able to meet regulations regarding the number of children allowed in a classroom. The project began with a Federal Award on July 22, 2015 and the CDBG effective date in January, 2016.

The project was initially delayed because additional funding was needed as the project came in over budget. Once the OCDC provided the additional funding, the site work began in July 2020 after the

contract was awarded to Tapani. The modular building was ordered in June 2020 with a tentative delivery date scheduled for the end of the year in 2020. This was eventually delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic which delayed several pieces of the building. The site was winterized until supplies and equipment became available in early Spring, 2021 and the modular building production was finalized. The modular building was delivered in September, 2021 by semi-trucks, unloaded via crane, and pieced together on the building site with the final installation of kitchen equipment which was also delayed due to COVID-19. Currently, the site is still waiting for playground equipment to be delivered and installed once the weather is warmer.

A Certificate of Occupancy was issued on October 18, 2021 which started the process of closing out the Community Development Block Grant necessitating the need for this Special Hearing. The keys will be turned over to OCDC who will hopefully have children starting there after Christmas Break.

Finance Director Barajas introduced Rod Walker with Oregon Child Development Coalition who thanked everyone on the project who he said were pleasant to work with and have been supportive of the project. OCDC is still dealing with delayed supplies for the project due to the supply chain issues, but Mr. Walker is confident the project will be a success.

# **Opponent's Case**

None

### **Cross Examination**

None

## **Public Agencies**

None

## **Rebuttal Evidence**

None.

Council President Drago closed the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. Council President Drago resumed the special meeting at 5:40 p.m.

### **Deliberation by Council**

Councilor Beagle made a motion to close the Block Grant and adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Norton. Roll Call Vote: Beagle – Yes; Norton – Yes; Pierson – Yes; Williams – Yes; Drago – Yes. The motion to passed 5-0 with 2 absences.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Paul Keefer - Mayor

enn Rollins – City Recorder/HR