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SUBJECT: Resolution to set June 12, 2018 Public Hearing Date – June 5, 2018
DATE: June 5, 2018

SUMMARY:

Set June 12, 2018, as the date for a second public hearing on the City of Tacoma's 2018-19 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Housing and Community Development and Public Services.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.

As a result of submitting its AAP to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the City will receive federal funds to manage its housing, community and economic development, neighborhood improvement, homeless assistance and social services programs.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the City submits an AAP to HUD in order to fulfill the requirements associated with receipt of entitlement funding. The AAP outlines the uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The City of Tacoma and the City of Lakewood are a consortium partnership for the HOME program, so the Plan identifies the distribution of funds to each entity.

During February and March of 2018, the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) and the Human Services Commission (HSC) reviewed applications for funding, heard presentations by agencies applying for funding and considered the historic performance of those agencies and the needs of the community. From this, funding recommendations were prepared and were scheduled to be presented to the Community, Vitality and Safety Committee (Committee) on March 22. Due to time constraints the item was removed from the agenda and a recommendation for staff to present the recommendations during regular study session was made by the Committee.

On April 10, 2018, staff from the Community and Economic Development Department (CED) and Neighborhood and Community Services Department (NCS) presented the funding recommendations to City Council during a regular study session. At this time, staff also sought authority from Council to revise the funding amounts, as necessary, to reflect the final allocation numbers granted by HUD. On April 17, 2018, a public hearing was held giving the public the opportunity to comment on the draft AAP which included estimated numbers that were based on last year's funding amounts.

On May 1, 2018, HUD announced the actual federal grant allocation amounts. The City will receive HUD entitlement grant allocations as follows: (1) CDBG: \$2,460,156; (2) HOME: \$1,391,912; and (3) ESG: \$201,861. This represents a change in anticipated funding as follows: (1) CDBG +\$217,812; (2) HOME:



+\$427,081; (3) ESG: -\$520. Staff will make administrative adjustments and also make a recommendation to the HSC to fund one additional shelter service with additional CDBG funding.

On June 19, 2018, staff will seek City Council approval of funding recommendations and the AAP pertaining to the CDBG, HOME and ESG grant allocations. This step is necessary for submittal of the AAP to HUD. Prior to this, the TCRA will provide for a 30-day public comment period in accordance with federal requirements and as outlined in the City's Citizen Participation Plan. This 30-day public comment period will include a public hearing before the City Council to provide the public an opportunity for the community to comment on the final funding recommendations, and any other revisions made to the AAP since its prior publication between April 1 through April 30. This public hearing will occur on June 12, 2018.

ISSUE:

Before submission of the AAP to HUD, the City must fulfill certain citizen participation requirements, to include holding a public hearing on the proposed plan that includes actual funding amounts. The draft AAP including the final funding amounts is made available for a period of 30 days, beginning on May 14, 2018 and ending June 12, 2018.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose not to hold a public hearing. This alternative would put the City out of compliance with its Citizen Participation Plan and make the City ineligible to receive federal funding as outlined above.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends setting a date for the public hearing during the 30-day public comment period, as requested in this memo.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.