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SUBJECT: Resolution to set April 12, 2015 Public Hearing Date – March 29, 2016
DATE: March 29, 2016

SUMMARY:

Setting April 12, 2016, as the date for a public hearing on the City of Tacoma’s 2016-17 Annual Action Plan 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 Annual Action Plan to HUD the City will receive federal funds to manage its housing, community and economic development, neighborhood improvement, homeless assistance and social service programs.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the City submits an Annual Action Plan to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development 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 AAP identifies the distribution of funds to each entity.

The City anticipates that it will be entitled to apply to HUD for entitlement grant allocations as follows: (1) CDBG, in the amount of \$2,247,997; (2) HOME, in the amount of \$992,730; and (3) ESG, in the amount of \$201,163. The City’s share of the estimated HOME program grant funds is expected to be \$805,104, and Lakewood’s share is \$187,626.

During January and February 2016, the City conducted its annual process to allocate funding to specific projects. The Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) and the Human Services Commission (HSC) reviewed applications for funding, heard presentations by programs applying for funding and considered the historic performance of those agencies and the needs of the community. From this, they prepared funding recommendations. These funding recommendations were finalized at the March 15, 2016, special meeting of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, and were recommended for consideration by the City Council at its meeting of May 3, 2016.

On May 3, 2016, Council will be requested to approve funding recommendations pertaining to the CDBG, HOME and ESG grant allocations. This step is necessary for submittal of the AAP to HUD. Prior to this, a 30 day public comment period will be held, in accordance with the City’s Citizen Participation Plan. In addition, a public hearing needs to be conducted to allow for citizen comment on the funding recommendations.



ISSUE:

Before submission of the Annual Action Plan to HUD, the City must fulfill certain citizen participation requirements, including holding a public hearing on the proposed plan. The draft Annual Action Plan is made available for a period of 30 days, beginning on April 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2016.

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.

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.