

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 16, 2015

Councilors Attending: Civiello, Plourde, Blanchette, Baldacci, Sprague, Durgin

Staff Attending: Conlow, Emery, Farrar, Higgins, Hamilton, Martin, Nicklas

Other attending: Media representatives

Committee Chair Civiello called the meeting to Order at 5:55pm

1. Request to Donate Surplus Police Cruiser

Corey Leighton from Beal College explained their request for the city to donate a surplus police cruiser for use in their law enforcement program. These vehicles would normally go to auction and be sold for approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500. The city will have a vehicle available later this spring and staff supports the request with the understanding that the vehicle will be used for training purposes only, it will not be registered for on road use, all Bangor identification will be removed, and will be donated in where-is, as- is condition. It was moved by Sprague and seconded by Baldacci and voted by the Committee to make the donation, with the above terms and conditions.

2. Resolve –Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development – Shelter Plus Care Renewal

This is the annual grant for operation of the City's Shelter Plus Care Program for the period 4-1-15 to 30-31-15 which supports 40 units of housing for qualified homeless individuals. The grant amount is \$326, 699. It was moved by Baldacci, seconded by Blanchette to recommend approval of the Resolve, and so voted by the Committee.

3. Resolve- Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to Support an In-Home Asthma Education Program.

This grant would provide \$136,000 for in In-Home asthma education program for the period 4-1-15 to 8-31-16, and would serve residents of 22 area communities. It was moved by Baldacci and seconded by Sprague to recommend approval of the Resolve and so voted by the Committee.

4. Multi-Family Rental Housing Inspection Program

Community and Economic Development Director Emery explained details of the proposed rental housing inspection program. This program would encompass more units than the previously discussed proposal that would have only included General Assistance rental units. Several departments will be involved with this effort including Fire, Code and Fire Inspectors. Director Emery outlined the elements of the program, as included in the background memorandum to the Committee. The Committee asked several questions and indicated their support for the revised rental housing inspection program. It is anticipated that the target date for the program is May 1st, preceded by an informational/ public relations campaign. As this was an update, no specific committee action was required.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.