

The Washington City Council met in a continued session on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Present were: Mac Hodges, Mayor; Bobby Roberson, Mayor Pro tem; Doug Mercer, Councilman; William Pitt, Councilman; Richard Brooks, Councilman; Larry Beeman, Councilman; Brian M. Alligood, City Manager; Cynthia S. Bennett, City Clerk and Franz Holscher, City Attorney.

Also present were: Matt Rauschenbach, Administrative Services Director/C.F.O.; Allen Lewis, Public Works Director; David Carraway, IT Department and Mike Voss, Washington Daily News.

Mayor Hodges called the meeting to order and Councilman Mercer delivered the invocation.

**APPROVAL/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:**

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council approved the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING: TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES' DIVISION OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Mayor Hodges opened the public hearing.

City Manager, Brian Alligood explained that in 2013, North Carolina General Assembly allocated \$26 million in federal Community Development Block Grant funds to the Infrastructure program, and transferred the funds to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Division of Water Infrastructure to administer. The purpose of these funds is to construct public water and sewer infrastructure to mitigate public and environmental health problems in areas where the percentage of low to moderate income persons is at least 51 percent.

Mr. Alligood expressed that at the next Council meeting, staff will present more detail regarding the project. Staff believes there are two drainage basins that qualify under this program.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Hodges closed the public hearing.

**NC DENR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM BACKGROUND AND GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**  
**Program Statement:** In 2013, the North Carolina General Assembly allocated \$26 million in federal Community Development Block Grant funds to the Infrastructure program, and transferred the funds to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Division of Water Infrastructure to administer. The purpose of these funds is to construct public water and sewer infrastructure to mitigate public and environmental health problems in areas where the percentage of low to moderate income persons is at least 51 percent.  
**2013 Funds Grant Application intake:**

	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Award Date</b>	<b>Amount Available</b>
<b>Round 1</b>	<b>April 1, 2014</b>	<b>May 12, 2014</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>
<b>Round 2</b>	<b>May 1, 2014</b>	<b>July 17, 2014</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>

**Maximum Award:** The maximum award is three million dollars over a three year period.

**Eligible Applicants:** Only Units of General Local Government (excludes water/sewer districts, other single purpose governmental units) are eligible to apply.

**Match Requirement:** This program cannot fund house connections to either water or sewer lines. Therefore, the only match required is for projects that extend water or sewer lines to serve homes where there are contaminated or dry wells, or failing septic systems.

**Types of Projects:** This program can cover construction and administrative costs related to the construction or rehabilitation of water or sewer infrastructure to benefit low to moderate income residents.

The types of projects that can be funded include:

- Water and wastewater projects that mitigate situations that have caused regulatory action such as Special Orders by Consent, Notices of Violation, and Administrative Orders.

**WATER:**

- Projects that resolve water loss in water distribution systems.
- Projects that extend public water service to areas with contaminated wells.
- Projects that resolve issues with trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids in public water systems.
- Projects that extend water service to areas with dry wells.
- Projects that assist with low water pressure in public water systems.
- Projects that regionalize two or more water systems.
- Projects that provide a water supply in times of drought, as defined by the DENR Division of Water Resources.
- Projects that provide a secondary water supply as required by regulation.
- Projects that rehabilitate or replace a water treatment plant.
- Projects that construct a new water treatment plant to serve an area with contaminated or failed wells.

• **WASTEWATER:**

- Projects that resolve inflow and infiltration to collection systems and surcharges from pump stations and manholes.
- Projects that extend public sewer to areas with failed septic systems.
- Projects that rehabilitate a wastewater treatment plant to allow for greater efficiency/compliance with regulation.

**Grant Award Criteria:** Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis using the following criteria:

- Economic Need
  - Exceedance of the threshold criteria of 51% LMI
  - Poverty Rate
  - Water and /or Sewer bill as a percentage of median household income (MHI)
- Severity of Need
  - Regulatory Relief
  - Critical Water or Wastewater Need
- System Management
  - Operating Ratio
  - Planning Documents
  - Regionalization

**ADJOURN – UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014**

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm until Monday, March 24, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.