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Public Hearings and Possible Actions RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Hew#18

Subject: Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the City's (1) Draft Annual Action plan for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, related to allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds, and (2) Community Develoment Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Program required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373, including proposed funding allocations.

Additional Backup Material

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To receive certain federal entitlement grant funds, federal law requires the City to develop an annual Action Plan. In addition, Chapter 373, Texas Local Government Code, requires a city that utilizes federal funds to establish an approved community development program that is determined to assist a public purpose. This Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Action Plan and Chapter 373 Community Development Program (the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Plans) are one-year strategic plans that describe community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be undertaken under certain Federal housing and community development grants programs in accordance with Chapter 373, Texas Local Government Code.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and state law require that the public have opportunities to participate in the development of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Plans through two City Council public hearings and a thirty-day written citizen comment period. The City provides further opportunities by conducting two Community Development Commission (CDC) public hearings. The first set of public hearings on needs assessment were conducted by Council on March 23, 2006 and by the Community Development Commission on March 29, 2006. The Community Development Commission conducted a second public hearing to receive comment on the draft Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Plans May 9, 2006.

This public hearing on the draft Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Plans is the second public hearing conducted by the Council. The City must submit its Council approved Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Action Plan to HUD by August 15, 2006. Notice of the public hearings is published in three local newspapers.