

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 20

DATE: June 6, 2006

STAFF: Wanda Krajicek

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 094, 2006, Amending Section 2-182 of the City Code Relating to Membership of the Community Development Block Grant Commission ("CDBG Commission").

RECOMMENDATION

Staff and the Community Development Block Grant Commission recommend adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The membership of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Commission ("Commission") consists of 11 members appointed by City Council. For the past several years it has become difficult to recruit and maintain full membership. The Commission has been experiencing difficulty in obtaining a quorum for some of its meetings, making it difficult to conduct its duties and functions. Commission members and staff have requested that the membership be reduced to 9 members in an effort to make it easier to obtain quorums and to perform its duties in a more efficient and timely manner.

BACKGROUND

The Community Development Block Grant Commission was created on September 4, 1990 by adoption of Ordinance No. 098, 1990. The original membership of the CDBG Commission consisted of 13 members in an effort to include residents of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods that would benefit the most from CDBG Program funds for affordable housing programs and community development activities. Ordinance No. 042, 1995 which was adopted on Second Reading on May 2, 1995, reduced the membership to 11 members. Staff has continued recruitment efforts with agencies and organizations providing services to low- and moderate-income residents and will continue to include recruitment efforts to those organizations and agencies. However, recent turnover and lower numbers of applications received during the annual boards and commissions recruitment efforts have made it difficult for the CDBG Commission to maintain an actual membership total of 11 persons. Staff and the Commission have discussed this problem with the Council liaison, Councilmember Ben Manvel. Councilmember Manvel agrees with staff and the Commission that reducing the membership of the Commission will help eliminate the problem of reaching a quorum and allow the Commission to more efficient and effective in performing its duties and functions.

ORDINANCE NO. 094, 2006
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING SECTION 2-182 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
FORT COLLINS RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, on September 4, 1990, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 098, 1990, which created a Community Development Block Grant Commission (“CDBG Commission”), consisting of thirteen (13) members; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 1995, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 042, 1995 reducing the membership of the CDBG Commission (“Commission”) to eleven (11) members; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Commission has indicated that due to difficulty in reaching a quorum, the membership should be reduced to nine (9) members; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to accommodate the Commission’s request to reduce the membership of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that Section 2-182(a) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-182. Membership; term.

(a) The Commission shall consist of ~~eleven (11)~~ **nine (9)** members appointed by the City Council, including persons of low and moderate income who are residents of slum and blight areas and/or are residents of the low- and moderate-income neighborhood strategy areas that have been identified by the city.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of June, A.D. 2006.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 18th day of July, A.D. 2006.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk