Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

Present: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.

Absent: None.

President Thomas advised the recessed meeting was for the purpose of discussion of the proposed CDBG grant the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors plans to apply for to build a new community center at Velma Young Park. CAO Mike McGrevey stated that the city can sponsor this project or let the county submit the application. If the city decides to submit this application then the city would have to withdraw the previous application for a CDBG grant to replace the bridge on Highway 80. President Thomas asked if in-kind service can be counted as part of the match. Mrs. Jennifer Buford with East Central Planning & Development District stated that in-kind services can be counted as part of the local match. This is a competitive grant and the more match monies you commit the better the chances are of getting the grant. The city had previously submitted an application for a CDBG grant to replace the bridge on Highway 80. These two grant applications would be in competition with each other and the city could only be approved for one grant. The other grant application would have to be withdrawn if the city wanted to take the lead on the grant application for the new community center. The cost of the new community center project is estimated at $1.9 million. With the in-kind services in the amount of $250,000 and $50,000 cash that the county has committed, the $600,000 grant, and maybe $50,000 from the Housing Authority, the city would have to commit $1,000,000. Councilman Markham advised that this type facility is needed in Ward 2. The current Velma Young Center is out of date and is too small to meet the needs of the community. President Thomas asked Supervisor Joe Norwood if Lauderdale County would be willing to do what they said they would if the city applies for the grant. Mr. Norwood stated yes they would. Councilman Hammon stated he is not in favor of committing $1,000,000 but would agree to $300,000. Mr. Norwood said that he needed to know if the city was going to submit the application instead of the county and report back to the rest of the Supervisors. Friday, May 16th is the deadline for receipt of the grant application. President Thomas stated he would support committing $750,000 if the city took the lead on applying for the grant. In order to take any action the agenda has to be amended to add proposed resolutions for adoption. Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to amend the agenda to add a resolution to apply for the CDBG grant and add a resolution supporting the project.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5897 RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (NEW COMMUNITY CENTER AT VELMA YOUNG)

And, Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:
Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Councilwoman Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:
RESO. #5898  RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COMMUNITY CENTER AT VELMA YOUNG PARK AND EXPRESSING INTENTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

And, Councilman Markham seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea:  Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay:  None.

Motion was made by Councilman Markham duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to amend the agenda to add a resolution withdrawing the application for a CDBG grant to replace the bridge on Highway 80.

Councilman Markham offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5899  RESOLUTION WITHDRAWING APPLICATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE LOCATED ON OLD HIGHWAY 80)

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea:  Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay:  None.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned. Sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam McInnis, Clerk of Council