

Allentown

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Minutes - Final

Community and Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 5:30 PM Council Chambers

Roll Call: Chair Mota, Hendricks, Napoli

<u>15-7546</u> Bill 21

Amending the 2025 Grants Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the State Office of the Budget, Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: Bill 21 Scottish Rite Cathedral RACP

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Ms. Cynthia Mota stated good evening. Can you tell us a little bit about Bill 21.

Mr. Mark Hartney stated that sure, this is really about a bit of clean up work. He stated that a number of years ago, Council had agreed to serve as the pass through and applied for a RACP grant on behalf of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. They were awarded that grant and had been working on that project. His understanding is that the Project is just about done and so they would be requesting reimbursement from the state. He stated what this Bill does is that it establishes the expenditure account so when they get the money in from the state, they can pay them.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Hartney and asked if there were any comments on Bill 21. She stated President Hendricks.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated thank you. He stated that he would like to say that this is an integral part of the community. The Masonic Temple has served them over the years for many of city functions, both Police and Fire and the community at large. He stated that they have a large parking area there and a large building. He stated again, it has been a very critical part of the community and served us very well in the past. He stated that he thinks they are most worthy of this grant money.

Dr. Cynthia Mota thanked Mr. Hendricks. She asked if there were any

other comments from the dais, from the members and non-members of this committee. She asked if there were any comments from the public. She stated that Bill 21 will be in front of full Council.

Santo Napoli made a Motion, seconded by Daryl Hendricks that this Bill be forwarded to the full Council.

Yes: 3 - Cynthia Mota, Daryl Hendricks and Santo Napoli

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Adjournment: 5:33 PM