

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR REQUESTS:

1. Email from Nat Hyman, Received April 30, sent to Mr. Hendricks, Clerk copied.

Dear Councilman Hendricks:

As you know, at the last Council meeting you selectively read an email from a former employee of mine which was both defamatory and untrue. Accordingly, I think it only reasonable that you read the following publicly at the next Council meeting:

“ I would like to publicly apologize to Mr. Nat Hyman. At the last Council meeting I read an email from a former employee of his, which contained false statements. Mr. Hyman is a respected member of the Allentown business community and that email should not have been read without first verifying it’s validity.”

So that we can put this matter behind us amicably, I would ask that this statement be read exactly as written herein.

Thank you,

Nat L. Hyman,CEO
The Hyman Group

BILL 22

Glenn Hunsicker, received today:

Bill 22-2020

Would you please answer the following:

a) Is it legal to authorize expenditures of revenue from CDBG program funds when it is apparent that, the current CDBG account has insufficient revenue. As of march 31 the CDBG fund has only 437,413 dollars. As a matter of fact all Community Development accounts together show a total of 2.3 M .

In addition last week the administration announced a 400K rental assist program. Which I assume is tagged to the 2.3M stated above.

Please explain your account/financial strategy on this Bill 22

Response from Mr. Lightner: CDBG is not insufficient revenue. The funds are not held in a city revenue account, the funds are held in a HUD account, and the funds are withdrawn on a reimbursable expenditure basis. I'm not sure where he is getting the \$437,413 figure; our revenue status does indicate a shortage.

Also, in response to the Rental Assistance Program, I took money from 2019 home funds dollars. These funds were not tied to the \$2.3M, and the CARES-ACT rules allowed for us to use old money for COVID relief.

Resolution 52: COVID CARE:

Councilperson Gerlach and Hendricks made this inquiry:

- Requested more detail on Resolution
- What is the criterion for distribution of funds?
- Who determined who would receive funding? How was the decision made?
- What other options exist for the spending?
- How will the reimbursement take place?
- What guarantees exist that there the funding stream is secured?
- What is the spending exactly for?
- What is the nature of the borrowing – terms, length

Response: Worked out additional meeting next week to answer all questions.

KIOSKS ENCROACHMENT:

Ms Gerlach:

Mr. Morgan replied in regard to her question about meters in residential zones: if there are meters today in the residential permit zone they will be replaced by pay stations.