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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes

20220317 Council Vice president Freeman and Council Member Newby Noticed Meeting Member to Member Regarding PSG Thursday, March 17, 2022, 1:30 p.m. City Hall – Committee Room B 1st Floor

In attendance: CVP Freeman, (At-Large Group 1), CP Newby, (At-Large Group 5), CM Morgan, (CD 1) Kim Taylor (Auditor's Office) Mike Weinstein (KHA) Peggy Sidman, (OGC) Pam Wilcox, (ECA-At Large Group 5), Gerrie Ford-Hardin, (ECA At-Large Group 1) Rachel Zimmer (Administration) others in attendance citizens.

Meeting Convened at 1:33 p.m.

Council Vice President Freeman called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves. For the record. CVP begin the meeting discussing the purpose of the meeting and talked about the genesis of this was as you think of the \$300,000 that was put out on the street through KHA and the big question and the concerns a lot of us had was where is the OVERSIGHT? Sot that kind of brought us here today to get key factors regarding the funding for the PSG and would be off cycle so its not going to impact the dollars that will be up in upcoming budget and managed.

CVP Freeman speaking directly to CP Newby stated that he has spoken with the Administration extensively, they have been in every meeting that we have pretty much held and so we are looking with your support to have legislation filed to go through the process. So, this is the purpose of this meeting and why we are here today and now Ms. Sidman (Peggy) do you have anything to say or add that I might have missed in the many conversations we've had with other folks.

Peggy Sidman, OGC, answers sure, legislation that CVP Freeman filed on last Friday, March 11, 2022, that will be introduced at Council on Tuesday night establishes what the PSG grant will be in categories that refer to the mini grants process. There is no funding in it but there will be funding in the future legislation that the CVP outlined as he mentioned.

The \$100,000.00 mentioned would be \$60,000.00 for salary for the FTE position, \$20,000.00 for benefits and about \$10,000.00 for outreach and advertising. CVP Freeman is making sure this position has huge outreach so everyone would know about them, go through the process, apply for them. They would be graded if you will by the Public Service Grant Committee as CVP Freeman noted off cycle.

Ms. Sidman also stated that one of the reasons why the FTE position is critical is because it especially dealing with the smaller non-profits. I'm going to call them mom & pops organizations sometimes don't have the back office to prepare an application like large organizations and if they are successful in getting the grant, they sometimes don't have the back office to report so the grants and compliance can evaluate them to see how the funds were used or what they did with the funding. (ie, Boys & Girls Club or United Way).

This position may have a dual function within the grants and compliance office as well stated Ms. Sidman.

CP Newby to the Vice President I think this an excellent idea, I had a conversation with the Chairman of the PSG Council, and we discussed something similar to this, however, but I do have a couple of questions for the CVP.

1. Where will we get the \$100,000.00 from? And I do see the Auditors here maybe they can answer the questions.

Peggy Sidman answered the question instead of the Auditor's office. Ms. Sidman, we talked to the Auditors, and one identified a source of funding, there is \$100,000.00 designated to be used Countywide for all of the Districts, Council At-Large Council Members equally in any calendar year that have not been allocated and those are the Council Contingency Funds so that would be the legislation brought forth to allocate those funds this FTE Position (Countywide).

CP Newby stated let me get this straight, you are talking about the Council Contingency Funds? Not the President's Contingency Funds? Right?

Ms. Sidman, sir you are correct.

CP Newby my other questions is

2. I know you said the salary would start at \$60,000.00 do you think that would be enough because this position will intel a lot of work.

CVP Freeman, the initial conversation we were looking for a Coordinator. There is going to be some ramp up time before legislation is up, and there will be some other areas to keep this position busy such as advertising and funding these groups but then after speaking with Kendra Mervin, she believes its going to be more of a Manager Position which is going to make it up to range that you are the \$60,000.000. I wanted to make sure the \$100,000.00 was enough to get a qualified person and get them started and money on the back end to advertise to get the word out so that is where we landed on that.

CP Newby, I'm 100% in support of this and will ensure the smaller non-profits will be a part of this. Thank you CVP Freeman.

CVP Freeman are there any more questions, thoughts, or comments. After seeing no other comments this meeting is adjourned.

Meeting adjourned: 2:24 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Gerrie Ford-Hardin, Secretary to the Council President Terrance Freeman.

Please Note there is no sign-in attendance sheet taken at this meeting.

The following items were submitted for public record and can be accessed by contacting the Legislative Services Division.

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