



Houston City Council
Housing and Community Affairs Committee

Tiffany D. Thomas (Chair) - David Robinson (Vice Chair)

Karla Cisneros - Mike Knox – Martha Castex-Tatum

Michael Kubosh – Tarsha Jackson - Carolyn Evans-Shabazz

Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

City Hall Council Chamber

901 Bagby, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77002

This meeting will also be broadcast on [HTV](#), the City of Houston's Municipal Channel.

Presentation handouts will also be available at

<https://www.houstontx.gov/council/committees/housing.html>

I. Call to Order/Welcome/Attendance

II. Compliance & Grant Administration

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Ninth Amendment, extending Contract #13-181-000-7294 between the City of Houston (City) and the Texas General Land Office (GLO) through September 30, 2024. (District B)

Keith W. Bynam, Director

Kennisha London, Deputy Director

III. Public Facilities

HCD recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Forgivable Loan Agreement (Agreement), which is the equivalent to a grant with conditions, between the City of Houston (City) and Houston Business Development Inc. (HBDi), to provide \$1,780,000.00 in Economic Development Initiative – Community Project Funds (EDI-CPF) for the Bethune Empowerment Center Phase 2A located at 2500 Victory Drive in the Acres Homes Complete Community. (District B)

Keith W. Bynam, Director

Sheronda Ladell, Division Manager

IV. Public Services

- a. HCD recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a new Agreement between the City and SER Jobs, providing \$433,776.58 of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Project Funds (HUD-CPF) and \$68,310.00 in American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA-SLFRF) for the Houston Financial Empowerment Center (HFEC). (Districts: B, D and I)

- b. HCD recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Third Amendment to the Agreement between the City and the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County (Coalition), providing up to \$554,540.00 of Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) and \$64,104.00 of Ending Homelessness Funds (EHF) for the operation of the Housing Navigation Center at 2903 Jensen Drive, Houston, Texas 77026. (District B)
- c. HCD recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Fifth Amendment to the Contract between the City and the Coalition, providing \$85,000.00 of Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds and \$66,005.00 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds for the operation and maintenance of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is used to track services received by individuals that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. (All Districts)
- d. HCD recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a new Contract for Services between the City and the Coalition, providing up to \$130,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for strategic homeless planning services. (All Districts)

Keith W. Bynam, Director
Melody Barr, Assistant Director

V. Single Family

- a. HCD recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Midtown Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ 2) appropriating \$2,300,000.00 of Uptown TIRZ Series 2021 Affordable Homes Funds (2430) for down payment assistance through the Affordable Home Development Program (AHDP). (District D)
- b. HCD recommends Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing an Agreement between the City and Benchmark Acquisitions, LLC providing a non-amortizing, forgivable loan of \$2,000,000.00 in Uptown TIRZ Series 2021 Affordable Homes Funds, to finance the acquisition and infrastructure costs for a single-family development to be located at Wayside Village at 8003 Vanilla Orchid Drive Houston, Texas 77016. (District B)

Keith W. Bynam, Director
Cedrick LaSane, Assistant Director

VI. Director's Comments

- a. Intro/Overview, Keith W. Bynam, Director
- b. CDBG DR-17 Update and HCD Production Report, Temika Jones, Assistant Director & CFO
- c. HCD Project Highlights, Keith W. Bynam, Director
- d. HCLT Presentation, Dr. Ashley Paige Allen, Executive Director
- e. HLB Presentation, Christa Stoneham, Chief Executive Officer/President

VII. Public Comments