

CARLIN CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CARLIN, STATE OF NEVADA  
**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING IN 2010**  
CARLIN CITY HALL  
101 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET  
CARLIN, NEVADA  
October 7, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Mayor Cliff Eklund called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Council Members Present: Mayor Cliff Eklund  
Councilperson Lee Griswold  
Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield  
Councilperson David Trujillo  
Absent: Vice Mayor Donnetta Skinner
2. Administrative Staff: City Manager Glenn Trust, City Clerk LaDawn Lawson
3. Public Present: David Jones, Larry Burton, Anna Dean, Tim Gray, John Vanich, Brenda Weaser, Lisa Wolf, John H. Schmidt, Karla Jones, Susan Nufe, Karin Vanich, Thomas Chase, Felix deGuzman, Howard Wright, Tina Mclay, Arnoldo Armendariz, Fernando Sandoval, Randy Watson, Maria Mireles

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**I. Comment and suggestions from City staff and interested parties regarding CDBG projects. (Non-Action Item)**

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund reported they have people from Nevada Health present.
2. Thomas Chase, CEO of Nevada Health Center, stated, "Last year we started to explore with the City Manager the possibility of building a new clinic on land you donated. We went through the first round of CDBG grant funding and had less than optimal success. At that time, there were also a lot of things that were up in the air on the project and it has become more clarified in the meantime and recommends it for consideration and the application again. The first thing that is most dramatic is that part of the ARRA Stimulus Act of 2009 that went into effect on February 17 federally qualified health centers as the beneficiary of over \$1.5 billion nationally. Nevada Health Centers has been awarded almost \$3 million in funding for very specific things. It has come in two waves, the first to help fund the increased cost of demand that we are experiencing because of the recession, which is most predominant in Clark County. We have pointed most of our funding in that area for OB expansion and homeless expansion, but we also focused some of the money on job increase because of the way we are doing things, because of our electronic medical records. The second wave was for capital projects and that was approximately \$2,077,000. We proposed and were awarded six (6) projects, one of those is the prospect of a new clinic in Carlin. The concept being that the federal stimulus dollars combined with the CDBG grant funding would be sufficient to build the clinic and outfit it. That project has been approved and has not been acted upon at all. We are not allowed to put further dollars into it until it really comes to fruition. We have to do environmental surveys and most importantly, we have to secure the additional funding that we anticipated in the application process. In addition to what we applied for, one of the other projects that we had proved not to be 'doable' and the federal government has been very cooperative in telling us that we can redirect it. The redirection goes into two (2) areas, one is to take with what we were going to do with homeless and put it in a child haven in Las Vegas with the balance of the funding coming to the Carlin project, so that the Carlin project would not have to bear, if any at all, community fundraising activities, which is what part of our

original plan had anticipated. At this time, we have been able to secure funding, assuming the Feds will approve the change, and there is every reason to believe they will, approximately \$411,000 for the new clinic. We think the clinic will cost approximately \$650,000 to \$675,000 fully equipped, which would leave approximately \$239,000 to \$264,000 of additional funding required. We are requesting that you apply for \$250,000 and we believe we could provide any gap difference internally if we needed to. I have written the City Manager a letter outlining what I believe to be the essential terms we would have in an arrangement”.

3. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated, “When we donated this land, it was our agreement that it be written in to a contract or into the abstract that should Nevada Health Care close it down for any reason, that property and building would revert to the City. Is this still in play”.
4. Thomas Chase stated, “That would be acceptable to us, with the caveat that the money coming from the Federal Government, they would assert an interest in the property. That would typically be recorded, but it would not necessarily be a lien, just a recording of their interest. As I have discussed with City Manager Glenn Trust, we think the City should have a similar recording of the interest, which would give them a say so. I have no problem with that conceptually at all”.
5. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated, “When it was originally proposed, one of the things you stated was that the enlarged facility would include a larger staff and that would include pediatric care”.
6. Thomas Chase replied affirmatively, “It is in the application”.
7. Councilperson David Trujillo stated, “After the Clinic is built and operational, and something happened and you walked away from it, why would the Federal Government of CDBG have any interest in it”.
8. Thomas Chase stated “Practically they would not. As a matter of right, they want to assert the right to have a say so in its disposition. They would certainly not object to the City taking it for a good and appropriate purpose ”.
9. City Manager Glenn Trust stated, “On the CDBG side, they have a requirement that for five (5) years, the use cannot be changed. We want some kind of right of refusal that someone doesn’t open a beauty shop or something else”.
10. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated what other area is the \$411,000 being proposed for.
11. Tomas Chase stated, “None yet, but the reality is if we cannot get funding for this clinic, I am going to have to decide what to do with that money. No decisions have been made about that.
12. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated, “There was inference if we did not raise the \$249,000, there was two (2) projects, one at Las Vegas and one at Carson City”.
13. Thomas Chase stated, “That is a different inference. I will explain that. In addition to the first two (2) waves of funding, there is a third wave of funding that we have applied for. It is known as the Facility Investment Program, unlike the first two waves which were based on our size and how many patients we serve, this one we actually have to apply for a funding with no guarantee we will get it as there are 100 awards will be made and there are 600 applicants. That is very iffy, but we think we put together a great application, but it is also for two (2) projects, one in Carson City and one in Las Vegas. Those projects are good ones because if we can give up four leased properties, we can save \$450,000 each year net of ownership costs and we would be in a much better financial position because we are serving so many uninsured’s. They have no relation to this project, in fact they cannot use any funding from the second wave to offset the third wave and vice versa. The money is only dedicated to Carlin if we can make this work meaning use the CDBG fund or find another source for the additional monies. If we can’t, we will have to either abandon the \$411,000 or redirect it to another project”.
14. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated, “Let’s say we go ahead and apply for the grant and we don’t get it. That \$411,000 is now going to go to...”.
15. Thomas Chase stated, “We would then have to stand back and decide what we were going to do next. Can the money be raised, can we finance it in some way. Those are things I would rather not think about now, but we will certainly look at as we get closer to the CDBG

funding. We have two (2) years from September 1 to obligate the funding for the project. We can complete the project in 27 months and we are using up some of that time now. We should easily be constructed within 24 months and 90 days after that to finish. We have time to regroup and re-strategize, but not a lot”.

16. Mayor Cliff Eklund stated, “I think this is a very complete and worthwhile list, each and every project on here, I believe, is warranted. They are all needed. The job of this Council is to select one and I am sure no matter which one we pick is not going to satisfy everyone. We need to pick one that is most beneficial to the City of Carlin. It is my opinion that the CDBG grant for the Clinic has the best chance of going through and the reason is that we have a government entity that is not completely convinced that the City of Carlin qualifies for CDBG grants. It is my understanding that medical facilities, such as the Carlin Clinic, are exceptions made to this rule for CDBG grants and low-to-medium income, besides the fact that it has already been applied for once and in this process of applying for it, they were told what they were lacking, what they needed to do to get the grant completed. They went forward and they have done everything that the CDBG Committee asked them to do, such as funding, reevaluating the cost of the building. I know each and every one of you really believes there is a project that is good, but I think if Carlin is to prosper, grow, and have people come to town saying they want to live here, we need a medical facility. Most people look at two things first, school and medical care and then recreation. If we are going to attract people, we need a good medical facility”.
17. Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield stated they could make a point for any of the items on the list. “The thing that I see is that every one of these are beneficial to a certain area with the exception of the sewage and clinic. The Clinic would benefit the entire community, so I agree with the Mayor”.
18. Councilperson David Trujillo stated, “I feel the same way. There has already been a lot of work done on this and it is 2/3rds paid for”.
19. Councilperson Lee Griswold stated, “I am completely convinced that the Clinic is the Carlin overall project and serves a bigger portion of the citizens than any other of the list. If you can apply for a CDBG with a big sum of money, it is a plus on your side”.

**II. Review, discussion and possible approval of a project to be submitted to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and all matters related thereto. (Action Item)**

1. **Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moved for approval of new Carlin Nevada Health Clinic be submitted to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and all matters related thereto. Councilperson Lee Griswold seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**II. Comments by the General Public: Pursuant to NRS 241.020(2C) this time is devoted to comments by the general public and discussion to those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item until the matter has been included on a successive agenda and identified as an action item. (Non-Action Item)**

1. Mayor Cliff Eklund complimented the medical staff for the City of Carlin, noting that Dr. de Guzman is well respected in the community and Carlin is fortunate to have them.

**IV. Adjournment. (Action Item)**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. with Councilperson Lincoln Litchfield moving for approval and Councilperson Lee Griswold seconding the motion. The motion carried.**

**APPROVED:**

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**CLIFF EKLUND, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**LADAWN LAWSON, CITY CLERK**