

The Urban Community Development Commission (UCDC) was established by Ordinance No. 1,479, adopted on July 15, 1975. The Commission functions as the governing body for the Local Housing Authority (LHA) and exercises the power, authority, jurisdiction and functions of housing authorities and federal surplus property authorities granted under the Marks Foran Residential Rehabilitation Act to charter cities.

"As a result of the convening of this meeting of the Urban Community Development Commission, each Commissioner in attendance is entitled to receive and shall be provided \$75 subject to a maximum payment of \$150 per month"

**URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
AGENDA
01/28/2020
5:45 PM**

OPENING

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MAY 7, 2019

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

2. A REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING - HOUSING AUTHORITY PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY (PHA) PLAN AND FIVE YEAR PLAN (March 23, 2020 at 5:35 p.m.)

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

May 7, 2019

The Urban Community Development Commission meeting was called to order at 6:56 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Chairperson Aja Brown.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: McCoy, Sharif, Brown
Commissioners Absent: Zurita, Galvan

Other Officials Present: C. Cornwell, A Godwin, C. Rhambo Jr.

5:50 P.M. - JOINT PUBLIC HEARING - HOUSING AUTHORITY 2019 PHA ANNUAL PLAN

On motion by Sharif, seconded by McCoy, the City Council/Urban Community Development Commission joint public hearing was open at 6:57 p.m. by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioner/Council Members - McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Commissioner/Council Members - None
ABSENT: Commissioner/Council Members - Zurita, Galvan

Delmonsha Green, Housing Department Manager, presented a report stating that as required by Section 511 of the Quality Housing Work Responsibility Act of 1988, staff has prepared the Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2019 for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Public Housing Authority (PHA) Plans advise the HUD, Section 8 participants and other members of the public about the PHA's mission, goals and objectives policies, programs, operations for serving the needs of low-income and very low-income families, and the PHA's strategies for addressing those needs. The Annual PHA Plan provides details about the PHA's immediate operations, programs and services and notifies HUD of changes made that were not included in the Five-Year Plan. Ms. Green further indicated that PHA's are required to conduct a Public Hearing. HUD regulations require approval of the Plans by the UCDC. The draft Plan has been made available for review at the City's Clerk's Office and the Local Housing Authority. The City is required to consider written comments, as well as those comments made at the Public Hearing.

The PHA's goals and objectives are identified on page one of the PHA Plan. The primary goal of the program is to assist as many households as possible with the funding provided.

Robert Ray, Compton resident, stated that he is a Red Cross Ambassador and assist residents who have been displaced from their homes due to house fires. Mr. Ray questioned whether displaced fire victims can be placed at the top of the housing waiting list.

Ms. Green replied that if the displaced resident has a Section 8 Housing voucher, they should contact the city Housing Authority for assistance.

Rev. Gordon, Compton resident, requested that non-profit organizations and local churches be presented with housing vouchers, which will greatly assist with those seeking assistance. Rev. Gordon then stated that he was unaware that the city had a Section 8 Housing program. He further stated that on many occasions, the church is approached by homeless families seeking shelter and if the church had vouchers on hand, the residents can be assisted sooner, rather than coming to City Hall or the Housing Department. Rev. Gordon also requested that the city improve the dissemination of information to the residents.

Benjamin Holifield, Compton resident, commented that homeless individuals are flooding Compton and requested that the city develop a strong program to assist the homeless population. Mr. Holifield then reminded everyone that he and his wife assisted the homeless residents for 14 years.

City Manager Rhambo replied that there are funds set aside to assist the homeless, such as HOPICS, Volunteers of America, VOA, LASA and PATH (People Assisting the Homeless).

Candace Leos, Compton resident, stated that she worked at the Midnight Mission and further questioned if there are definitive plans to bring a homeless shelter to the City of Compton.

City Manager Rhambo replied that there are various programs and funding to assist the homeless, indicating that the next step in the process will be to conduct community meetings to determine the location of the shelter.

Janice Jackson addressed the issue of the homeless population and stated that while she sympathizes with the homeless individuals, the Council is not properly taking care of the city, so why would we bring in additional problems. Ms. Jackson stated that she is looking forward to the hearing on a homeless shelter in the proper location site.

Joyce Kelly, Compton resident, commented that the city does not provide any assistance to the homeless resident. Ms. Kelly felt that the Councilmembers/Commissioners should not be paid if they do not attend the Council/UCDC meetings.

Unidentified resident, addressed the Council and requested assistance in removing the individuals sleeping in their cars, SUVs and motor homes around the city. He then requested that the city address the homeless population.

Dr. Michael Tankersley, Compton resident, requested that the City Council work towards moving the city into the 21st Century. Dr. Tankersley suggested that the Council invest in a project manager specifically hired to assist the homeless population. He concluded by stating that the City of Compton must have innovative programs and technology and move toward solar powered energy.

Ms. Dawn, Compton resident, asked do we have a city plan and have we applied for any funding from LASA regarding the different service from Measure H.

City Manager Rhambo replied that the city has an outreach program which provides various community services to the unsheltered and is working actively with community organizations to improve service to the residents. Mr. Rhambo candidly commented that the biggest obstacle to the city's plans to address the situation is the citizens, because they are opposed to the idea of placing a homeless shelter in their community. Mr. Rhambo then stated that the city is continuing to develop a comprehensive plan in conjunction with faith-based organizations to enhance the outreach and provide additional assistance to our homeless population.

Maria Villareal, Compton resident, spoke regarding the homeless crises and noted that she has a program to assist the homeless, however, no Council wanted a homeless shelter in their district. Ms. Villareal stated that the homeless crisis is adversely affecting some of the business owners because individuals are loitering in front of the businesses. Ms. Villareal then stated that the city is required by the State to have a homeless shelter and further suggested that the city utilize many of the empty buildings as a shelter.

Lynn Boone, Compton resident, questioned why the city is counting the homeless population, adding that the Council has no plans to assist them. Ms. Boone then expressed her opinion that the City Manager has not done anything for the homeless population. Ms. Boone further questioned why the homeless are being counted.

Ms. Green responded that the city is mandated to conduct a homeless count to identify the number of homeless individuals living on the street, which is necessary to receive funding to address the homeless population.

Celeste, business owner and resident, commented that she has been promoting and marketing the City of Compton, and urged the city to do more to assist and protect the homeless population. Ms. Celeste stated that she was once homeless, and now she is a business owner and she has been assisting the homeless for 4 years.

There being no further public comments, It was moved by Commissioner/Councilmember McCoy, seconded by Sharif, the hearing was closed at 7:28 p.m. by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioner/Council Members - McCoy, Sharif, Brown

NOES: Commissioner/Council Members - None

ABSENT: Commissioner/Council Members - Zurita, Galvan

Ms. Green commented that the homeless population has significantly increased over the last few years and has now become a National issue, not just in the City of Compton. Ms. Green further stated that a comprehensive project required to open a shelter, as it takes time, planning and partnership with the community. She candidly stated the city has compassion and an overwhelming need to assist the homeless, however, the biggest obstacle remains the community. We all agree that there must be a facility somewhere to assist them, however,

most residents are not willing to place a shelter in their community. Ms. Green then noted that the city is working behind the scenes to assist the homeless population and indicated that there are resources available at 700 North Bullis Road. Ms. Green concluded by stating that she has an 'open door' policy and many times homeless individuals and families come in to request services, however, they are adamantly opposed to going into a shelter.

Mayor Brown thanked the citizens for assisting with the canvassing of our homeless residents which will assist the city in obtaining our fair share of funding. Mayor Brown further indicated that the city is part of a larger consortium of agencies which utilize Measure H funds to assist the homeless. Mayor Brown suggested that an Advisory Board be established to develop a program to work together with the community to provide input on proposed locations for shelters. Mayor Brown further noted that we have a responsibility to serve and protect our residents while providing a comprehensive plan to assist the homeless families in our community. Mayor Brown thanked the City Manager and Staff for tirelessly working behind the scenes.

RECESS OF UCDC MEETING

On motion by McCoy, seconded by Sharif, the Urban Community Development Commission was recessed at 7:36 p.m. by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioner/Council Members - McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Commissioner/Council Members - None
ABSENT: Commissioner/Council Members - Zurita, Galvan

On motion by McCoy, seconded by Sharif, the Urban Community Development Commission was reconvened at 9:20 p.m. by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioners - McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Commissioners - None
ABSENT: Commissioners - Zurita, Galvan

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Robert Ray, Compton resident, commented that the Transit Center was supposed to be a transportation service site for Greyhound bus services.

Benjamin Holifield, urged the Mayor and Council to remove the 'fence' in the Council Chambers. Mr. Holifield thanked Staff for repaving Central and Wilmington Avenues and concluded by requesting that the city change the name of Wilmington Avenue to Barack Obama Avenue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. APRIL 2, 2019

On motion by McCoy, seconded by Sharif, the minutes were approved by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioners - McCoy, Sharif, Brown

NOES: Commissioners - None

ABSENT: Commissioners - Zurita, Galvan

NEW BUSINESS

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACTING AS THE COMPTON LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO SIGN THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY PLAN CERTIFICATIONS AND APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2019 PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL PLAN

On motion by McCoy, seconded by Sharif, **Resolution Number 1,912** entitled ‘**A RESOLUTION OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACTING AS THE COMPTON LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COMPTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO SIGN THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY PLAN CERTIFICATIONS AND APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2019 PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL PLAN**’ was adopted by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioners - McCoy, Sharif, Brown

NOES: Commissioners - None

ABSENT: Commissioners - Zurita, Galvan

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by McCoy, seconded by Sharif, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m. by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioners – McCoy, Sharif, Brown

NOES: Commissioners – None

ABSENT: Commissioners – Zurita, Galvan

**Clerk of the Urban Community Development
Development Commission**

**Chairperson of the Urban Community
Development Commission**

January 28, 2020

To: CHAIRPERSON AND COMMISSIONERS

From: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**SUBJECT: A REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING –
HOUSING AUTHORITY 2020 PHA ANNUAL PLAN AND FIVE
YEAR PLAN**

By mandate of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Housing Authorities nationwide are required to develop and implement an Annual Plan and every fifth year the Five Year Plan. The Annual Plan provides details about the PHA's immediate operations, programs and services and notifies HUD of changes that were not included in the Five Year Plan.

The information that the Public Housing Agency (PHA) must submit to HUD under the Annual Plan, are the discretionary policies of the various plan components or elements (i.e., programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals) and not the statutory or regulatory requirements that govern these components. The PHA's Annual Plan also provides the plans and procedures to be met in order to be consistent with the goals and objectives of the PHA's Five Year Plan

The Housing Authority is requesting that the public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2020, at 5:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Urban Community Development Commission Meeting located at 205 South Willowbrook Avenue, Compton.

**DELMONSHA GREEN, HOUSING DIRECTOR
COMPTON LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITY**

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING:

**CRAIG J. CORNWELL
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**