THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: April 27, 2021

Subject: Non-congregate shelter at Ramada Inn

Staff Resource(s): Nikki Reid, Interim Community & Economic Development Director
Emily Ball, Community Development Analyst

Action(s) Requested: Authorize the ratification of a contract to support an emergency non-congregate homeless shelter at the Ramada Inn; and a budget amendment in the Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $468,407 from American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding to fund the contract with the Ramada Inn and the contract with Sunrise Community for Recovery & Wellness.

Background:

- On Monday, April 19, 2021, the City executed an emergency contract for a non-congregate shelter at the Ramada Inn at 148 River Ford Parkway.
- Tuesday, April 20, 2021, was the end of the seven-day notice to individuals camped at City-owned property at Riverbend Park.
- Approximately 35 individuals were transported and provided shelter at the Ramada Inn.
- The Ramada Inn (dba Five P Mountain, LLC) agreed to provide 42 rooms for this purpose with a total cost not to exceed $381,000.
- The term of the agreement with Ramada is for a period of up to 90 days.
- Additionally, Sunrise Community for Recovery & Wellness, a local non-profit peer support organization, agreed to offer onsite supportive services to the individuals relocated to this shelter at a total cost of $87,407.
- This amount is within the City Manager's authority to approve and therefore does not require a Council resolution.
- These contracts enabled the City to provide a low-barrier shelter option for people experiencing homelessness that have been given notice to remove encampments on City property.
- The attached resolution will ratify the emergency contract for the Ramada Inn and allocate funds for this purpose.

Council Goal(s):

- A Well-Planned and Livable Community
- A Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Addresses public health and safety
- Provides a low barrier shelter option to address the needs of the homeless

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Allocate funds from the American Rescue Plan in the Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $468,407 for a contract with Ramada Inn (dba Five P Mountain, LLC) for the operation of a low barrier shelter for people experiencing homelessness, and for a contract with Sunrise Community for Recovery & Wellness for onsite supportive services.

Suggested Motion(s):

- Motion to adopt a resolution ratifying a contract to support an emergency non-congregate shelter for people experiencing homelessness at the Ramada Inn; and a budget amendment in the amount of $468,407 from American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding to fund the contract with the Ramada Inn and the contract with Sunrise Community for Recovery & Wellness.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 21- _____

RESOLUTION TO RATIFY A CONTRACT WITH THE RAMADA INN (DBA FIVE P MOUNTAIN, LLC) FOR A NON-CONGREGATE EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented an unprecedented need for emergency shelter for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Ramada Inn (DBA Five P Mountain, LLC) has agreed to provide 42 motel rooms at 148 River Ford Parkway to the City of Asheville for operation of a non-congregate emergency shelter for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness at a cost not to exceed $381,000 for a total period of up to 90 days; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2021 the City Manager executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ramada Inn for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

City Council hereby ratifies the City Manager's execution of an agreement with Ramada Inn (DBA Five P Mountain, LLC) for the provision of 42 rooms for this purpose and authorizes the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Read, approved, and adopted this 27th day of April, 2021.

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CITY CLERK MAYOR

Approved As To Form:

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CITY ATTORNEY

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Ordinance be amended in the Special Revenue Fund to fund the contract with the Ramada Inn and the contract with Sunrise Community for Recovery & Wellness as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Federal Revenue Distribution - ARPA	$468,407
Total Revenues	$468,407

Appropriations:

Contracted Services	$468,407
Total Appropriations	$468,407

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this the 27th day of April 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney