

Agenda Report

July 7, 2014 City Council Meeting

Item No. 11

ISSUE: Update of Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Consideration of Resolution 14-0730 approving the City of Windsor Heights adoption of the 2014 update to the Polk County Hazard Mitigation Plan

BACKGROUND:

In July of 2013 Polk County Emergency Management began work on updating its county-wide, multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. Statutorily, it is required to update this plan every five years to remain eligible for FEMA mitigation funds [when FEMA makes a disaster declaration in Polk County this triggers federal funding for identified projects within the plan]. The review process involves each municipality and participating school district within Polk County doing a hazard ranking and data collection assessment followed by a public comment period. Through this process of data collection and discussion/prioritization of hazards, the existing plan is updated with the current status of existing mitigation projects from the previous plan as well as identifying new projects to address. The goals of these projects are to take sustained actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from hazardous events.

To this point in the process, the updates have been completed by organizing resources, assessing potential risks, developing new mitigation plans, and going through the public comment period. The updated plan has been approved by the state's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and has been given conditional approval through FEMA. Now each participating entity must adopt the plan before final approval can be given by FEMA.

The updates made to Windsor Heights' portion of the hazard mitigation plan include (1) deleting the following completed projects: replace City Hall generator, add Public Works generator, and (2) adding the following projects: Walnut Creek bank stabilization, adding a storm safe room at Colby Park and for Public Works, and installing a generator and the Community and Events Center. There are five other listed projects that are on-going that remain from the 2009 plan adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the resolution authorizing adoption of the updated hazard mitigation plan.

STAFF CONTACTS:

Dennis McDaniel, Chief of Police
Sheena Danzer, City Inspector

RESOLUTION 14-0730

CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS, IOWA

A Resolution adopting the Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Whereas, the City of Windsor Heights recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

Whereas, the U.S Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

Whereas, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

Whereas, an adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas, the City of Windsor Heights fully participated in the hazard mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII officials have reviewed the “Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan,” and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

Whereas, the City of Windsor Heights desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, adoption by the governing body for the City of Windsor Heights demonstrates the jurisdictions’ commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals outlined in this Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the City Council of the City of Windsor Heights adopts the “Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan” as an official plan; and

Be it further resolved, the City of Windsor Heights will submit this Adoption Resolution to the Polk County Emergency Management Agency to enable the plan’s final approval.

Passed and Approved this 7th day of July, 2014

Diana Willits, Mayor

Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, City Administrator/Clerk

Partners:

We were recently notified by FEMA that the 2014 update to the countywide multi-hazard mitigation plan has been given conditional approval. What this means is that the plan has passed compliance reviews at the state and federal level and will be given final approval once the plan has been formally adopted by the participating jurisdictions.

Just a quick reminder that all mitigation projects require an approved and adopted mitigation plan in order to receive state and federal funding. We are asking all participating jurisdictions to place this item on your Council/Board agenda in the next few weeks in order to obtain final approval. A sample plan adoption resolution is attached for your consideration.

Here are the links to the finalized documents for each section of the plan. Due to file size, they are provided as Dropbox links for you to download. Please share accordingly within your organization and consider publishing in hard copy version or electronically on your jurisdiction's web site. As part of the planning process of public review and comment period was provided earlier this year.

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