

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 21, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Resolution authorizing a Project Budget Ordinance Amendment to cover funding for Habitat for Humanity housing improvements to include the addition of car garages on four (4) homes in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. (Northeast Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



On March 20, 2023, the City Council authorized the conveyance of four (4) City-owned vacant lots located in the Cleveland Avenue neighborhood (18th and 25th streets) to Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County (“Habitat”) for the purpose of increasing the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income persons as permitted by S.L. 2021- 44, S.B.145.

Habitat intends to construct four (4) new houses on the lots and will adhere to the City’s Affordable Housing Ordinance (AHO), Housing Justice Act, and the Declaration of Deed Restrictions with respect to the development of the property.

In an attempt to enhance the value and aesthetic of the properties, Habitat has created a housing design that includes garages (as referenced in Exhibit A). The estimated additional cost to add the garages is \$20,000 per house, for a total of \$80,000.

On December 12, 2022, the City Council authorized and approved a project budget ordinance to appropriate \$500,000 in funding for land acquisition and housing revitalization in the Northeast Ward from the City’s local affordable housing funds made available through ARPA revenue replacement. The \$80,000 for the garage extension will be taken from this said funding source.

Committee Action: Forwarded without Recommendation to CC on 8/21/2023

Committee CD/H/GG 8/14/2023

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Remarks: