

RESOLUTION NO. 6380

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF SEWER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR COMPLETION OF ELEVATION CERTIFICATES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR NORTH ALBANY RESIDENTS FACING POTENTIAL NEGATIVE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES AS A RESULT OF FEMA'S NEW FLOODPLAIN MAPS.

WHEREAS, North Albany has experienced a significant amount of development pressure; and

WHEREAS, land use and permit applications associated with proposed development identified what appeared to be a floodway through North Albany that was not shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) floodplain maps; and

WHEREAS, the floodway is the primary flow path within a floodplain and should be kept free of obstruction in order to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany initiated a study of the floodplain in North Albany in order to respond appropriately to development pressures and protect existing and future development; and

WHEREAS, the North Albany Floodplain Study confirmed that FEMA's maps omitted a floodway through North Albany and that they also incorrectly mapped the depths and extents of flooding throughout the North Albany floodplain; and

WHEREAS, the study results were submitted to FEMA for their review; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has reviewed the study and accepted the study results with minor modifications; and

WHEREAS, FEMA will release updated floodplain maps for the North Albany area that reflect the findings in the North Albany Floodplain Study; and

WHEREAS, FEMA's new maps will impact both the number of North Albany residents required to carry floodplain insurance and the required insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is not directly involved in floodplain insurance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany would like to help property owners understand the potential impacts of FEMA's new floodplain maps and provide assistance; and

WHEREAS, floodplain insurance discussions on a site-by-site basis require site-specific information typically collected through an Elevation Certificate; and

WHEREAS, many property owners have not obtained Elevation Certificates and may not be familiar with how to obtain them and use them; and

WHEREAS, City staff has proposed using Sewer Economic Development funds to complete Elevation Certificates and provide technical assistance for North Albany residents facing potential negative financial consequences as a result of FEMA's new floodplain maps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that up to \$100,000 of Sewer Economic Development money be used for the completion of Elevation Certificates and to provide technical assistance for North Albany residents facing potentially negative financial consequences as a result of FEMA's new floodplain maps; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Works Director, or his/her designee, is authorized to determine if a property owner is facing potentially negative financial consequences and qualifies for funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Works Director is authorized to determine when it is appropriate to cease funding and re-allocate any remaining funds to Sewer Economic Development reserves or as otherwise directed by Council.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2015.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk