

SPECIAL MEETING
APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 - 5PM
BATTERY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
1 BAY AVE., APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA 32320

Agenda

You are welcome to comment on any matter under consideration by the Apalachicola City Commission when recognized to do so by the Mayor. Once recognized please rise to the podium, state your name for the record and adhere to the five minute time limit for public comment. Comments may also be sent by email to the City Manager or to Commissioners.

I. Call to Order

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance

II. Agenda Adoption

III. Workshop / CDBG-DR Grants and other Water & Sewer funding

- a. Presentation by grants consultant Mary Gavin.
- b. Discussion

IV. Public Comment

V. Adjournment

Any person who desires to appeal any decision at this meeting will need a record of the proceeding and for this purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office 48 hours in advance of the meeting

APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: October 13, 2020

SUBJECT: CDBG-DR Grants Workshop

AGENDA INFORMATION:

Agenda Location: Unfinished Business

Presenter: Mayor Begos, Mary Gavin, Commissioners

BRIEF SUMMARY:

The City is publishing its own RFP for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) economic development consulting services, and other grant writing, administration, and management consulting services.

Several individuals or firms have expressed interest in applying.

The City has also applied directly to DEO for a Technical Assistance Grant.

In addition, grant consultant Mary Gavin is funded by DEP with a specific mission of helping small rural communities develop Water & Sewer funding packages.

Ms. Gavin will present an overview of how the CDBG process ties in with other grant possibilities. Gavin is affiliated with <http://www.southeastrcap.org/services/water-wastewater>

The first round of CDBG applications includes \$111 million available for General Infrastructure Repair. Minimum grant is \$250,000. Allowable projects include:

Restoration of infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Michael.

Removal of debris and other damage.

Water and sewer facilities.

Demolition, rehabilitation of publicly or privately owned commercial or industrial buildings.

Economic revitalization which includes any CDBG-DR eligible activity that demonstrably restores and improves some aspect of the local economy.

FUNDING SOURCE: A City match will help an application score higher.

ATTACHMENTS: Description of previous FL-DEM Grant for a Market Street Vacuum Booster Station, and map of that project.

1. Describe the type(s) of protection that the proposed project will provide:
This project proposes the construction of a new vacuum sewage station located on a City-owned parcel near the intersection of Market Street and Avenue G. This project will upgrade the existing wastewater infrastructure and mitigate future occurrences of sanitary sewer overflows that result in contamination of the historic downtown commercial district's stormwater system, which outfalls into the bordering Apalachicola River.
This station will service an area of approximately 150 acres of the nationally-designated historic downtown commercial district that includes prominent historic resources such as Orman House Historic State Park and the Raney House Museum, as well as dozens of homes and commercial structures dating back to the 1830s.
The station will serve one of the four vacuum collection lines (Line A) currently served by the existing vacuum station located near Avenue F and 9th Street, and will be sized to serve the existing area of Line A and approximately 500 additional customers. Because the proposed parcel lies in a flood zone with a Base Flood Elevation of 12.0 feet, all equipment, except for the collection tank and discharge pumps, will be housed in a concrete building elevated approximately eight to ten feet above the existing grade. Further, this project includes the purchase and installation of a generator to ensure non-stop operation in the case of a sustained power outage, such as might accompany a storm event.
This vacuum station will include duplex vacuum pumps, a collection tank, duplex discharge pumps, electrical equipment, a diesel-driven generator and automatic transfer switch, situational alarms, and an auto-dialer. The discharge pumps will be capable of pumping approximately 800 gallons-per-minute through an eight-inch diameter force main from the station to an assumed connection to the existing twelve-inch force main located at 9th Street and Avenue M, approximately 4,500 feet away.
With proper maintenance, the life expectancy of this project is approximately 20 years or more, providing long-term protection for the community.
Ultimately, this project will:

- mitigate damage to property, including a large number of historic structures in the area that are of significant cultural benefit to the City and the vitality of its tourism industry;
- eliminate displacement costs resulting from residential property damage;
- limit business closures for clean-up measures and the accompanying negative economic impacts;

- protect the City's natural resources by reducing the release of contaminants into the Apalachicola River and Apalachicola Bay, and
- protect the health and safety of residents of and visitors to Apalachicola.

