



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Agenda Item: _____

Advisory Information

Title: **2015 Budget**

Action Discussion Informational

Date: December 17, 2014

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Attachments: _____

Requested Action

No action is requested. This is for informational purposes only.

Background

The City Council completed work on the 2015 Budget on Wednesday, November 10th. During the public Comment period Commissioners Strand, McKnight, Wetjen, Pass and Houle were among the 60+ people who spoke.

Much of the final discussions on the budget focused on NCR programs, particularly the One Minneapolis Fund. The following summarizes the budget actions affecting the NCR and NCEC:

- **One Minneapolis Fund:** The long and winding road on funding for the program ended with \$182,000 available for 2015. All the funding will come from the general fund.

This follows the Mayor's original budget proposal of \$212,000 for One Minneapolis, \$150,000 of which was to come from TIF revenues. This proposal was cut to \$32,000 after the Council's budget mark up on December 1st. It is interesting to note that many of the speakers on Wednesday cited the need for more funding for One Minneapolis.

- **TIF Guidelines:** An amendment introduced by Councilmember Yang that directed NCR to provide guidelines for expenditure of the Consolidated TIF funds was referred to the Health, Environment and Community Engagement (HECE) Committee. The Committee will determine how this direction conforms to a similar direction approved by the HECE on November 17th in which NCR and NCEC are to develop guidelines for unspent NRP funds and recommendations for spending funds from the TIF District.
- **Evaluation of NCR Programs.** The following staff direction was approved:
Palmisano moved to amend the pending motion to direct the Internal Audit Department to work with the Neighborhood & Community Relations Department and other City Coordinator departments to create a scope of work and then oversee an evaluation of NCR Programs using existing budgeted resources. Staff is directed to report back findings of the evaluation to the Committee of the Whole by August 2015. The motion carried on a voice vote.

At this time we are attempting to clarify how this is to work with the earlier direction from the HECE Committee on recommendations NRP and Consolidated TIF District funds.

- **Immigration Support Services:** An amendment introduced by Councilmember Cano, and approved unanimously, redirected \$50,000 from the Convention Center marketing enhancement to NCR for support services to help implement the President's executive order on immigration.
- **Minneapolis Public Housing Authority – Project Lookout:** NCR was directed to provide \$55,000 for the Project Lookout program, which involves resident council in Minneapolis Public Housing's highrise properties.