

Community Development Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 26, 2019

Subject: Establish Public Hearing Date-Public Housing Agency Five Year and Annual Plan

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council establish a date to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2020-2024 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Five Year Plan and 2020 Annual Plan. The hearing will take place on August 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

There was general discussion regarding the process, timeline and participant engagement surrounding the Public Housing Agency Plan. Committee members had questions on potential policy changes. Staff stated there will be a future policy level discussion at the Committee prior to the public hearing.

The Committee voted to amend the action and change the public hearing start time to 6:00 PM to accommodate more resident participation.

The item passed unanimously.

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: Monday, June 17, 2019

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Code of Federal Regulations Title 24, Part 903

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Division/Department: Community Development/HRA

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council establish a date to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2020-2024 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Five Year Plan and 2020 Annual Plan. The hearing will take place on August 19, 2019 at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

Background

The PHA Plan is a document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for any agency administering a Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Plan serves as a guide to the Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) programs, policies, operations and strategies for serving the needs of extremely and very low-income households. The Plan is intended to be a convenient source of information for program participants, HUD and the general public.

There are two parts to the PHA Plan. The Five (5) Year Plan (last approved in 2014 for the years 2015-2019) describes the mission of the agency and the agency's long-range goals and objectives for achieving its mission over a five-year period - [Metro HRA Five Year PHA Plan](#). The Annual Plan (last approved in 2018 for the year 2019) is an update relating to the general policies and procedures for providing service in the coming year - [Metro HRA Annual PHA Plan](#).

The Administrative Plan, the Metro HRA's main policy document, becomes an attachment to the PHA Plan. At least annually, the Metro HRA makes mandatory and discretionary policy and program rule revisions to the Administrative Plan which will also be open for public comment - [Metro HRA Administrative Plan](#).

A Public Notice will be published the first week of July with the Plan being open for public comment through August 29, 2019. Comments will be reviewed, and a final document will be presented for approval to the Community Development Committee on September 16, 2019 and to the full Council on September 25, 2019.

Rationale

Federal regulations for the Housing Choice Voucher Program require the Council to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the 2020-2024 Five Year PHA Plan and the 2020 Annual PHA Plan.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The PHA Plan and Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan support the Thrive outcomes of equity, livability, and stewardship. By using a Thrive Lens, discretionary policies of the HRA promote equity

and choice, while ensuring that the federal resources to fund the Housing Choice Voucher Program are maximized to serve families efficiently.

Funding

Developing the Five Year and Annual Plan is a regular part of the Metro HRA's annual workload.

Known Support / Opposition

The purpose of this action item is to conduct a public comment process that will reveal support and concerns about the draft plan that will be released in July.