

Memo

To: City Council

CC: Tracey Nicholson, City Administrator
Ron Brooks, City Treasurer
Lesley Riddle, Director, Public Works

From: Jim Chandler, Assistant City Administrator

Date: June 1, 2021

Re: Maryland DHCD - SGIF Grant Extension Request

The purpose of this memorandum is to request City Council authorization for the City Administrator and Mayor Ward to execute a grant agreement extension with the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD).

In 2019 and 2020, the Maryland DHCD awarded the City \$250,000 in Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Funds (SGIF) for demolition and grading of the site to be redeveloped by Urban Investment Partners (UIP) for the Canvas (formerly Armory) project. Due, in part, to the pandemic, the project was delayed but is now ready to proceed with demolition and grading activities. The grant funds are due to expire on June 30, 2020, however Maryland DHCD is prepared to extend the grant through December 31, 2021, pending an amendment from the City of Hyattsville.

The City has been in regular communication with UIP's development team and anticipates demolition activities to commence in late June 2021. Demolition and site grading are expected to continue through Fall 2021 and be completed in early 2022. Grant funding for the project is anticipated to be drawn down in early November 2021.