

## *St. Louis City Ordinance 63374*

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

BOARD BILL NO. [94] 377

INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN MARTIE ABOUSSIE , DANIEL GRUEN

An ordinance, recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to appropriate the sum of Five Million One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$5,180,000) in 1994 Emergency Supplemental Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; authorizing and directing the Director of the Community Development Agency (CDA), upon approval of the Community Development Commission, to submit a "Statement of Objectives and Projected Use of Funds" to HUD as required by CDBG program regulations; authorizing and directing the Director of CDA to contract with municipal agencies, non-profit corporations and other entities as necessary for the expenditure of these 1994 Emergency Supplemental CDBG funds, and directing the Comptroller to issue warrants thereon upon the City Treasury; authorizing the Mayor and the Comptroller on behalf of the City to enter into and execute agreements with HUD for the receipt of funds under the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-211); and containing an emergency clause.

WHEREAS, in response to the flooding in the City of St. Louis in 1993 and the unmet flood recovery needs of the City of St. Louis and other locations throughout the nine state flood disaster area, the Federal government enacted the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1994 and the City of St. Louis wishes to utilize Five Million One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$5,180,000) allocated to it by the federal government through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for flood relief activities eligible under the federal program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the 1993 flooding, many homes in the far southern portion of the City abutting the River Des Peres channel were damaged, and individuals and families were displaced from their homes; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District currently operates ten temporary pump stations along the River Des Peres channel in south St. Louis City and County that operate only during high water stages on the Mississippi

River. When the Mississippi River is in flood stage, backwater creeps up the lower River Des Peres channel. Normally, this channel carries storm water run-off and little flow. Storm water sewers discharging rainwater directly into the channel must be plugged where the Mississippi River backs up to avoid river water from inundating the sewer system. When the storm water sewers are plugged, pumps must be used when it is raining to pump the water normally flowing into the sewers over the top of the River Des Peres levee and into the channel. During heavy rain, these pumps cannot keep pace with the run-off and localized flooding occurs. In addition, the 8-foot and 6-foot sanitary sewers running beneath the lower River Des Peres channel become inundated with river water when the channel itself is full of Mississippi River floodwater. Because of the water pressure created when the sewers are full, the one-ton concrete slab manholes over these sewers pop-out of position, allowing sewage to mix with river water;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. There is hereby appropriated the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$2,780,000) for acquisition and relocation expenses to be incurred by the Land Reutilization Authority for the completion of the City of St. Louis Acquisition and Optional Relocation Assistance Plan. This "Buy-Out" Program will involve approximately One Hundred Seventy (170) Parcels of land affected by flooding in a designated buy-out area as submitted to HUD on July 1, 1994. The Director of CDA, upon approval of the CDC, is hereby authorized to make, negotiate and execute any and all contracts or other documents on behalf of the City of St. Louis which are necessary to carry out said purposes, and the Comptroller is authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury for payment thereon.

Section Two. In the event that any of the 1994 Emergency Supplemental CDBG funds received from the federal government designated in Section One above are not used for the City of St. Louis Acquisition and Optional Relocation Assistance Plan, any and all such unspent 1994 Emergency Supplemental CDBG funds shall be made available to the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District for the proposed River Des Peres Overflow Regulation Improvement Project described in Section Three herein. The Director of CDA, upon approval of the CDC, is hereby authorized to make, negotiate and execute any and all contracts or other documents on behalf of the City of St. Louis which are necessary to carry out said purposes, and the Comptroller is authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury for payment thereon.

Section Three. There is hereby appropriated the sum of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,400,000) of 1994 Emergency Supplemental CDBG Program funds for the proposed River Des Peres Overflow Regulation Improvement Project to be undertaken by the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD). CDBG funds for this project, which consists of the construction of new permanent pump stations, automated sewer gate structures, and sanitary sewer replacement, shall be used on the lower section of the River Des Peres channel, east of Interstate 55. The Director of CDA, upon approval of the CDC, is hereby authorized to make, negotiate and execute any and all contracts or other documents on behalf of the City of St. Louis which are necessary to carry out said purposes, and the Comptroller is authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury for payment thereon.

Section Four. This being an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and providing for public works, an emergency is hereby declared to exist within the meaning of Section 20, Article IV of the Charter and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

<b>Legislative History</b>				
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