

**ORDINANCE NO. 07-22 AC CMS**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO AMEND THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to submit a request to the State of Ohio, Department of Development, to amend the City of Oberlin Fiscal Year 2005 Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization Tier 2 Program Grant Agreement to undertake certain different public facility improvements.

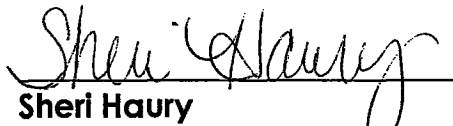
**SECTION 2.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


**SECTION 3.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, to wit:

**"to attempt to timely amend the City's CDBG Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio so that grant funds can be timely utilized" and shall take effect immediately upon passage.**

**PASSED :** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – February 5, 2007 (E)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading –  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading –

**ATTEST:**

  
Sheri Haury  
INTERIM CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
Daniel Gardner  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

**POSTED:** February 6, 2007

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 6, 2007


INTER-OFFICE

*Office of the City Manager*

## ***Memorandum***

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To: City Council and Appointees

From: Gary Boyle, Interim City Manager 

Subject: Traffic Signal Project  
South Main Street/ Vine Street Intersection

Date: 26 January 2007

Attached is a copy of a proposal to install new traffic signals at the above-noted intersection. It is proposed that this project would be undertaken as part of the Downtown Revitalization Grant Program, and will be considered as part of a proposal to amend our Grant Agreement with the State. That request is scheduled to be considered at a "public hearing" to be held on February 5, 2007.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Cc: Steve Dupee, Director, OMLPS



OBERLIN MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER SYSTEM ♦ 289 SOUTH PROFESSOR STREET ♦ OBERLIN, OHIO 44074

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MEMORANDUM

**To:** Gary Boyle, Interim City Manager  
**Re:** Community Development Block Grant Amendment  
**From:** Steve Dupee, Electric Director  
**Date:** January 22, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Steve Dupee", is written over the "Re:" and "From:" lines of the memorandum header.

In anticipation of the public hearing on February 5<sup>th</sup> related to the Community Development Block Grant amendment, I have prepared the following information for City Council and the public. As you are aware, in 2005, the City applied for and received a second Community Development Block Grant. Two (2) public projects were included in the grant application - (1). a project to convert a portion of the overhead electric distribution facilities in the East Alley downtown business district to underground and (2). a project to purchase and install twelve (12) new street lights for a proposed new street connecting East College Street to South Pleasant Street to support the proposed SCA project. Original engineering estimates for these two (2) projects were:

- East Alley Overhead to Underground Distribution System Conversion - \$444,800
- Furnish and Install Street Lights - \$70,400.

In June of 2006, we received updated engineering estimates on the East Alley project. The estimate for the project including engineering and construction was nearly twice as much as the original estimate used in the grant application. The contributing factor for the increase was due to the complexity and difficulty of performing a phased approach to the distribution conversion work in that area. The original estimate contemplated only converting the overhead electric distribution system from South Pleasant Street (near the old Firelands building) to a point just north of the New Union Arts Center. The updated estimate included converting the remaining facilities up to the alley way adjacent to the Apollo Theater. As a result, a decision was made to substitute a different project for the East Alley project. (Please see attached memo to City Council from City Manager DiSpirito dated September 15, 2006).

During the capital budget hearings, we proposed to rebuild the traffic signal system at Main and Vine Street at an estimated cost of \$130,000. City Council has authorized the funding for this project for 2007. This traffic signal system will mirror the recently installed system at Main Street and College Street. The same features in terms of decorative poles, mast arms, bases and lights will be used. The new traffic signal system will also include the Opticom fire department traffic control devices and pedestrian "walk/don't walk" signs. The amendment to the Community Development Block Grant will authorize the substitution of the Main and Vine Street traffic signal system project for the East Alley project and allow grant funds in the amount of \$160,000 to be used for reimbursement of project costs. If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Thanks Gary.

/sd

*Steve*

# City of Oberlin

85 South Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio 44074  
(440) 775-1531

September 15, 2006

To: City Council & Appointees

From: Robert DiSpirito, City Manager *RSD*

**Re: Reconsideration of the Proposed East Alley Electrical Distribution Project**

About a year ago, during the course of the City's discussions with Sustainable Community Associates (SCA) regarding their proposed East College Street project, SCA expressed their desire for the City to perform a project that would result in the re-location (burying) of the electric power lines presently within the East Alley area. Council will recall that OMLPS was last year in the midst of completing a similar project in the City's West Alley, which was completed early this year.

City staff saw an opportunity for Oberlin to obtain some outside funding as we were compiling our application last fall for a *second* round of competitive Downtown Revitalization Grant funding. We included this proposed East Alley project (as we had the then-proposed *West Alley* project) as the substantial part of the City's *public* sector construction match, as the City was required to do in order to be eligible for funding. OMLPS included for this application cost *estimates* made to the best of their knowledge at that time (a year ago). As Council is aware, the City was ultimately notified by the State that Oberlin would in fact be awarded the second round of funding that we sought.

With the benefit now of the past year's experience doing this type of project, and armed with knowledge of the *actual* costs for the West Alley project, OMLPS Director Steve Dupee has revised his estimation of the expected costs to the City to proceed with doing the West Alley project. (Please see attached memorandum from Mr. Dupee). *The bottom line is that the estimated cost for us doing this proposed project has soared from a year ago, and can no longer be justified in proportion to the benefit. The City needs to identify another downtown infrastructure project.*

The good news is that the State of Ohio *will* allow for a project substitution, and that performing the East Alley project was *not* directly related to the needs of the East College Street project anyway. The power feed to that project was always planned by OMLPS to come from another location than that alley. What is most necessary to the East College Street project is that the electrical system in the proposed new rights-of-way (eg., light poles and fixtures, underground power feeds, etc.) be completed. *What Mr. Dupee is proposing does not interfere with that need.* From staff's standpoint, the only benefit to SCA for the East Alley project being accomplished is *aesthetic*. Additionally, the City has *not* committed to performing the East Alley project in either the City's "Letter of Understanding" or the "Development Agreement" that Council authorized with SCA.

In the very near future, Mr. Dupee and I intend to present City Council with some alternate projects for your consideration. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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MEMORANDUM

**To:** Rob DiSpirito, City Manager  
Sal Talarico, Finance Director

**Re:** Proposed East Alley Distribution Improvement Project

**From:** Steve Dupee, Electric Director

**Date:** August 18, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Dupee", is written over the signature line of the memorandum.

I am writing this memorandum to share with you some new information on our proposed project to underground the overhead electric distribution system in the East Alley. Before I do that, I wanted to provide you with a summary of the West Alley project.

The West Alley Distribution Improvement project encompassed three (3) significant improvements. The first improvement dealt with converting the distribution voltage in that area from 4,160 volts to 12,470 volts. The higher rated voltage meant more efficient delivery of electrons with less line losses. The second improvement dealt with the conversion of the overhead electric distribution system to an underground electrical distribution system feeding numerous downtown retail establishments and three (3) Oberlin College facilities (Oberlin College Conservatory). A third improvement included the purchase and installation of new parking lot lighting for the alley and adjacent properties.

The original impetus of this project goes as far back as 1998 when you, Fire Chief Kirin, and former Electric Director, Bob Morse, first broached the idea of converting the distribution system to underground based on Chief Kirin's concerns regarding access to upper floors of buildings because of the multiple overhead secondary services. This project was resurrected when the City decided to apply for CDBG funds in 2002. This project made a lot of sense not only from Chief Kirin's perspective but also from a reliability, efficiency and aesthetic perspective as well.

This project was earmarked to receive \$179,700 from the Community Development Block Grant in December, 2003. Work commenced on this project in mid-2004 and was completed in December, 2005. The total cost for this project including engineering and construction was \$769,039. As you know, we completed a second downtown improvement project (traffic signal at Main and College) which totaled \$144,172. Total downtown infrastructure improvements came to \$913,211. With the \$179,700 received from CDBG funds, the net cost of these improvements was \$733,511. The West Alley project certainly had its fair share of challenges, but all in all, it turned out to be a very nice improvement to our downtown business district.

In September of 2005, the City desired to make application for a second Community Development Block Grant. I was asked to determine if there were any Electric Department projects that could be considered for the application. The natural progression would be to consider the East Alley for converting facilities to underground.

I asked AMP-Ohio engineering staff to provide an estimate for undergrounding a portion of the East Alley as well as lighting a new street for the proposed SCA project. We received estimates from AMP-Ohio that were used in the grant application. The estimate for converting distribution facilities to underground was \$444,800. The estimate for purchasing and installing new street lights was \$70,400. For your information, no parking lot lighting was considered in the estimate and a portion of the East Alley was to remain overhead as a potential second phase.

Following the completion of the West Alley project, my staff turned their attention to the East Alley. We performed a more in depth review of the work necessary to underground these facilities. Again, we face many challenges, but not completely unlike the West Alley. It is important to note that the East Alley distribution system has already been converted to 12,460 volts (in the 1980's) and therefore customers are already receiving the benefit of higher efficiency and reliability of electric service.

In April of 2006, we sent out a Request for Qualifications for the East Alley project. We received three requests and following our review, selected GPD as the obvious choice based on our experience during the West Alley project. In June, we asked GPD to perform a preliminary walk-through of the East Alley in preparation of developing a cost proposal for design and construction management services. We are in receipt of that proposal (copy attached). Design services are estimated at \$63,200 and construction management services are estimated at \$51,300 for total of \$114,500. Based on our experience with the West Alley and the walk-through performed with GPD, I asked GPD's representative, Dwight Niederkofler, for a rough estimate of the proposed work. That number is approximately \$750,000 not including engineering. We have received an earmark of \$160,300 in CDGB funds. Using GPD's rough estimates, this project could cost nearly \$865,000. Subtracting CDBG funds would net out to \$704,700. This means that over a three year period, the utility would spend \$1.4 million on infrastructure in downtown electric improvements.

As you know, the utility has experienced dwindling margins for several years and has not been able to fund capital reserves to the fullest extent as a result of load growth not keeping pace with inflationary increases. I am concerned that this project along with other projects on our radar screen will adversely impact our ability to maintain a healthy capital reserve. Moving forward with this project on a cash basis may not be in our best interests. In my opinion, we should examine other options such as financing, rate increases or re-evaluation of project necessity. I will be glad to share with you my opinions on those options.

I would like to discuss this issue with both you and Sal prior to presenting GPD's proposal to the PUC and City Council for approval and funding. I am available at your convenience.

Thanks Rob.

/sd



**GPD ASSOCIATES**  
Engineers . Architects . Planners

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July 14, 2006

Mr. Steve Dupee, Director  
Oberlin Municipal Light & Power System  
289 S. Professor Street  
Oberlin, Ohio 44074

**Fee Proposal for Professional Services  
Oberlin Downtown East Alley  
Overhead to Underground Utility Relocation Project**

Dear Mr. Dupee:

GPD is pleased to provide this proposal for design engineering and project management services for the proposed Oberlin East Alley Overhead to Underground Utility Relocation Project. Per our site meeting and inspection on June 21, 2006, your June 23, 2006 Request for Proposal, and the scope of work listed in our qualification submittal, GPD proposes to perform the following work to complete your project:

**PHASE I: PROJECT DESIGN SERVICES**

1. Conduct a project kickoff meeting in Oberlin with OMLPS, Verizon, and Cable Coop personnel to discuss the West Alley project experience, conceptual project design, review coordination issues with all local utilities in the area, and establish a preliminary project schedule. Perform a site walkover with OMLPS, Verizon, and Cable Coop personnel to review and confirm the scope and design concept of the project. At the conclusion of this meeting the conceptual design will satisfy OMLPS, Verizon, and Cable Coop requirements and detailed design will proceed.
2. Perform a field survey to develop a new base map in AutoCad 2005 for the East Alley area. The base map will be developed at 1" = 30' scale.
  - a. The following visible planimetric features will be located and mapped:
    - i. Building outlines, fences, signs, trees, planters, and landscaped areas.
    - ii. Street/alley/parking lot/driveway/sidewalk boundaries and curbs.
    - iii. Existing surface utilities including utility poles, guys & anchors, handholes, pedestals, manholes, gas meters, water valves, sewer drains, etc.

- b. Coordinate with OUPS and local utilities and utilize existing OMLPS and City maps and records to locate known underground facilities and plot on the base map survey.
  - c. The following subsurface features will be located and mapped based on locates obtained in Item b above:
    - i. Existing electric underground cable & conduit.
    - ii. Existing underground facilities for other utilities (TELCO, CATV, gas, water, storm & sanitary sewers, etc)
  - d. Identify and map existing road right-of-ways based on tax maps, deeds and plats, county roadway data, and other available records.
  - e. Assumptions:
    - i. Based on our experience in the West Alley, base map topo contours should not be required and are not included in our proposal.
    - ii. Research, plats, legal descriptions and documentation of existing and proposed utility easements will be provided by others. Coordination with the City's local title company and/or right-of-way agent to perform necessary title searches, generate title reports, and develop easement agreements is included in our scope of work.
3. Develop a project base map of the project area using in-house field survey data, available aerial survey, USGS mapping, and other locally available mapping information. The drawings will include, at minimum, the following information:
    - a. Existing buildings, roads, driveways and railways
    - b. Property lines and easements
    - c. Existing overhead and underground utilities (electric, telephone, CATV, etc.)
    - d. Existing and proposed transformer, vault, handhole, pole and guy locations
  4. Perform a detailed field investigation to gather data and develop a preliminary project plan, which will include the approximate location of all known existing underground and overhead facilities.
  5. Investigate and analyze existing electric services to all customers in the project area and develop proposed service upgrades to optimize voltage utilization and standardize on a common secondary service voltage.
  6. Develop a master customer service summary for existing and proposed electric services.



7. Perform NEC service load calculations to enable sizing of distribution transformers and customer service laterals.
8. Develop a preliminary single-line schematic diagram depicting the installation of temporary and proposed underground electric facilities including the interface of these proposed facilities with existing electric distribution facilities. The preliminary schematic will represent an optimized equipment location plan. Review the preliminary single-line with OMLPS personnel and perform site inspections, where required, to firm up the single-line schematic and equipment plan.
9. Prepare detailed plan drawings for the proposed temporary and permanent electric facilities and demolition of existing electric facilities. Digital photos in conjunction with the plan drawings will be used to indicate demolition and new construction. The proposed underground electric facilities will be shown in plan view with profiles in selected areas as required to coordinate with other underground and overhead facilities (e.g. gas, sewer, water, Telco and CATV, traffic control signals, etc) where required. The plans will include parking lot security lighting.
10. GPD will develop an easement location map and coordinate with the City's local easement and right-of-way agent as needed to assist the agent with development of plats, legal descriptions, and agreements for easements and right-of-ways.

The GPD survey group will be available to perform boundary surveys and develop plats and legal descriptions, if required, to assist the City's local easement and right-of-way agent. Not knowing the extent of existing easements, we have not attempted to estimate the amount of time required for this task. The cost of these additional services is not included in our base price. If boundary surveying and legal descriptions are required, GPD will estimate the fee for these services and obtain authorization from you prior to proceeding with this additional work. We have also assumed that all negotiation, acquisition, payment and recording of new easements and right-of-way will be by others at the City's expense.

11. Develop detailed construction specifications, construction detail drawings, and associated approved material list.
12. Develop a construction cost estimate based on final plans.
13. Review completed bid document package and construction cost estimate with OMLPS personnel, revise plans as necessary, and obtain final approval for bidding.

**Phase II: PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

1. Prepare and maintain a project schedule that includes engineering, bidding and construction activities.
2. Publish and distribute approved bid documents to qualified electrical contractors. Respond to all contractor prebid inquiries and issue addendums, if required.
3. Conduct an on-site prebid meeting and record and issue meeting minutes.
4. Conduct the bid opening, evaluate bids, and issue a letter of recommendation for contract award.
5. Prepare construction contract documents and coordinate with the City and the contractor to execute the contract documents.
6. Prepare and issue construction drawings and specifications to the contractor to begin construction.
7. Conduct a pre-construction kick-off meeting in Oberlin to review and discuss the plans, specifications, construction sequencing and coordination, and Community Development Block Grant issues with the contractor and OMLPS personnel.
8. Assist the Contractor and OMLPS with communicating construction activity and outages for service cutovers with the affected business/property owners.
9. Review and approve all contractor shop drawings in conjunction with material specifications.
10. Coordinate all construction activities with the contractor and OMLPS personnel throughout the project. GPD will conduct biweekly on-site progress review meetings during active construction. We have assumed sixteen weeks of active construction.
11. Issue periodic progress reports and schedule updates for OMLPS to report to Council and the City Manager.
12. Perform periodic construction inspections during the course of active construction. We have included ten detailed site inspections in our proposal. We have assumed that daily construction inspection and oversight will be provided by OMLPS personnel.
13. Coordinate with the local Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coordinator for all project activities. Submit construction status reports to the CDBG coordinator and attend CDBG meetings, as required. One meeting with Oberlin's CDBG coordinator is included in our base bid. Additional meetings with Oberlin's CDBG

coordinator or community development and planning personnel would be billed based on a negotiated fee.

14. Provide ongoing contractor and OMLPS technical support, including interpretation of plan and specifications.
15. Review contractor invoices and authorize monthly progress payments based on contractor's detailed payment schedule of values and observable field progress. We have assumed Oberlin's prevailing wage coordinator will handle all prevailing wage reviews.
16. Process construction change orders, if required.
17. Perform a final project inspection near the end of construction activities and develop a punchlist for completion of construction.
18. Assist the contractor and OMLPS with phasing and startup activities.
19. Complete and issue as-built drawings, authorize final payment, and close out project.

GPD proposes to perform the above scope of work on a lump-sum basis for \$114,500 including travel and expenses. Our fee is based on the following breakdown of engineering fees and expenses to complete the work. Please note that our fees for Phase 2 engineering services which will be performed in 2007 have been adjusted for inflation. We plan to invoice monthly based on percent complete.

<b>Phase 1: Project Design Services (2006)</b>		
Task No.	Task Description	Eng Fee
100	Site Survey	\$ 10,500
110	Detailed Engineering Plans & Specifications	\$ 32,500
120	Customer Electric Load Survey, Service Inspections & NEC Compliance Work	\$ 5,800
130	Parking Lot Lighting Design	\$ 3,200
140	Easement Coordination & Mapping	\$ 4,400
150	TELCO & CATV Relocaton Coordination & Plan Integration	\$ 6,800
	Subtotal Phase 1 Services	\$ 63,200
<b>Phase 2: Construction Management Services (2007)</b>		
Task No.	Task Description	Eng Fee
200	Project Management	\$ 35,300
210	Construction Inspection	\$ 12,800
220	As-Built Drawings	\$ 3,200
	Subtotal Phase 2 Services	\$ 51,300
	Total Engineering Services	\$ 114,500

As with the West Alley project, we look forward to working with you to successfully complete this project. Please call me at 330-572-2258 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

GPD GROUP



Dwight Niederkofler, P.E.  
Project Manager

cc: Brad Cramer – GPD  
Dan Klecha – GPD

# City of *Oberlin*

85 South Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio 44074  
(440) 775-1531

January 23, 2007

Leslie J. Warner, Office Chief  
Office of Housing and Community Partnership  
Ohio Department of Development  
P.O. Box 1001  
77 S. High St.  
Columbus, OH 43216-1001

Re: *Extension of Grant Number: A-T-05-160-1*  
*Downtown Revitalization Grant*

Dear Mr. Warner:

This letter will serve to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated January 19, 2007 on the above-referenced subject. That correspondence provides an extension of the grant period as requested by the City. Your decision to extend the grant period is very much appreciated by the City as it will enable us to complete a number of projects that will serve to enhance our downtown district and to continue our revitalization efforts.

Per your request, please find enclosed three (3) copies of the extension forms executed by the City.

Should you require anything else on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Gary Boyle  
Interim City Manager

cc: K. Fabiano, OHCP  
L. Falcone, Poggemeyer Design Group  
A. Jindra, Main Street Oberlin, Inc.

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## OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Ted Strickland  
Governor

Lee Fisher, Director  
Lt. Governor

January 19, 2007

Robert G. DiSpirito, City Manager  
City of Oberlin  
85 S. Main Street  
Oberlin, Ohio 44074

Subject: Extension of Grant Number: A-1-05-160-1

Dear Mr. DiSpirito:

The grant extension requested for the City of Oberlin's FY 05 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Downtown Revitalization Competitive Program Grant Agreement is approved pending execution of the enclosed forms. Forms executed after the grant period will invalidate the extension.

The extension period is specified on the enclosed extension forms. The grantee's CEO must execute all three copies of the extension form and return them to OHCP. Once they are received by OHCP, the office will complete the extension process and return one copy to the community.

If you have any questions regarding this extension, please contact **Karen Fabiano** at (614) 466-2285.

Sincerely,

Leslie J. Warner, Office Chief  
Office of Housing and Community Partnerships

LJW/KF/ps  
Enclosures

cc: Lauren Falcone, PDG

**RECEIVED**

JAN 22 2007

**STATE OF OHIO  
SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM  
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMPETITIVE PROGRAM  
GRANT AGREEMENT EXTENSION**

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Extension No. 01

Grant No. A-T-05-160-1

It is hereby mutually agreed that the grant agreement of **January 18, 2006**, grant number **A-T-05-160-1**, by and between the state of Ohio, Department of Development and the **City of Oberlin** be amended to extend the grant period as follows:

Project Completion:	<b>October 31, 2008</b>
Payment Requests:	<b>November 30, 2008</b>
Final Performance Report:	<b>December 31, 2008</b>

This extension is valid for the following activities:


**Entire Grant**

It is expressly understood by the parties that all other terms of grant number **A-T-05-160-1** shall remain binding on the parties and that no terms of the Agreement, except as heretofore amended and as set forth above, are modified by this grant extension.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have executed this Grant Agreement Extension as of the dates set forth below.

**City of Oberlin**

State of Ohio  
Department of Development

  
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Robert G. Di Spirito, City Manager  
*GARY BOYLE INTERIM*

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Lt. Governor Lee Fisher  
Director of Development

*January 22, 2007*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

cc: Lauren Falcone, PDG  
Karen Fabiano, OHCP

**CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING****GRANT AMENDMENT****COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
FY 2005 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

The City of Oberlin, Ohio intends to apply to the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for approval of an amendment to the City's Grant Agreement related to the FY 2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Downtown Revitalization Tier 2 Program.

The present Grant Agreement identifies that the City will undertake public utility improvements in the "East Alley" of downtown. The City does not intend to pursue that project, and intends to request an amendment to the Grant Agreement in order to undertake a different public facility improvement. That proposed project would be the installation of new traffic signals at South Main Street and Vine Street as well as crosswalk safety enhancements proposed on South Main Street between College and Vine Streets and on East and West College Streets.

A "public hearing" to consider the proposed request to amend the Grant Agreement is scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 85 South Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio to provide information on the proposed grant amendment with the opportunity to review and comment on the City's proposed projects under this grant program.

The public is encouraged to attend this important meeting, and to express comments or recommendations on the program. Persons unable to attend this hearing may submit written comments prior to the hearing date to Sheri Haury, Interim City Clerk, City Hall, 85 South Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio 44074. Further information is available from the Planning and Development Department, 69 South Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio during normal business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), please call (440) 775-7182.

Should any participant need auxiliary aids due to a disability, please call (440) 775-7203 at least two (2) days in advance of the public hearing.

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Sheri Haury, Interim City Clerk

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