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Nash Secures Funding For District Projects

Councilman Troy Nash this week secured funding for projects in the district. Many of the projects were ones that Nash and Councilwoman Sandra McFadden Weaver had been advocating for many years.

"This budget cycle has been tough for me because I had to essentially run a political campaign and at the same time work to ensure that projects in my district were funded," said Councilwoman McFadden-Weaver.

This year's budget was particularly difficult because over 60 percent, or \$8.1 million, of this year's \$13 million grant allocation had to go to pay for prior year commitments putting an enormous strain on an already difficult budget.

"While it is true that Weaver and I pushed for

and steered our projects through the budget process, the credit also goes to Mayor Barnes and City Manager Wayne Cauten for working with us to secure the funding, in some cases using general fund money to free up additional grant dollars," said Nash.

The following is a sample listing of some of the projects that Nash was able to secure funding for: Operation Breakthrough, \$500,000; Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, \$400,000; Harvesters, \$150,000; The Old Ballpark Site, \$640,000 for new homes on Brooklyn; Georgetown Estates, \$300,000, for seven town houses with a total of 29 units on Brooklyn; and Restart, a drug treatment facility, \$250,000.

Nash also stated that he was very pleased that

funding for a number of other programs, vital to the progress of the Third District, were included in the budget.

From the general fund will come \$507,000 which will go toward illegal dumping cleanup. And, following through on a commitment that Nash and the City Manager's office made last year, \$400,000 will be used for five to seven grass mowings of all land trust lots

in the district. Nash stated, "Funding these very basic programs will send a message very loud and very clear that this district will no longer be ignored."