



Community Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2020

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Mayor Steve Leary
Commissioner Marty Sullivan
Commissioner Sheila DeCiccio
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper
Commissioner Todd Weaver
Orange County Representative Hal George

City Manager Randy Knight
City Clerk Rene Cranis

Also present:

Kyle Dudgeon, Assistant Director of Economic Development/CRA

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Leary called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

2. Discussion Items

3. Action Items

a. Business Assistance Funding Authorization

Mr. Knight stated that the purpose of this meeting to set the City Manager's spending limits of the \$500,000 CRA funds allocated for funding events. Staff is recommending a \$25,000 limit for expenses such as staffing, entertainment, and equipment rental.

Mayor Leary pointed out that this Agency will have to approve any amount above the limit established in this meeting.

Commissioner Cooper asked whether the \$500,000 allocation money supports the entire business community, what categories of events will be funded and what for the time frame for using these funds.

Commissioner Sullivan stated he feels funds should support not only businesses but citizens in general. Mr. Knight noted that the funds can only be spent to support individuals and businesses within the Community Redevelopment Area.

Motion made by Commissioner DeCiccio to approve city management spending authority up to \$50,000 per vendor with a spending summary provided to the Commission; seconded by Mayor Leary.

Commissioner Weaver expressed his concern with spending funds that encourage large gatherings where not all attendees will wear masks or practice social distancing.

Motion made by Commissioner Cooper to approve city management spending authority up to \$25,000 for items related to the business assistance funding cash pool of \$500,000; seconded by Commissioner Weaver.

Commissioner Cooper stated she feels a policy is needed to address the cap, to define the categories of events to be funded, and whether funds can only be used for businesses within the CRA or used for other COVID related needs. She asked whether the \$500,000 allocation is an annual amount or if it run the duration of the COVID pandemic.

Motion made by Commissioner Cooper that the City Manager provide a list of five categories of events to be funded; seconded by Commissioner Weaver. (Withdrawn)

Mayor Leary noted that that there has been no action to allocate fund beyond the initial \$500,000.

Mr. George said he would be open to looking at needs and suggestions for assistance for individuals as well as businesses. Additional funding may be needed if funds are depleted or if the pandemic continues. He asked Mr. Knight what is needed.

Mr. Knight stated that \$25,000 may be sufficient from a vendor standpoint but may not be sufficient from an event standpoint. He sees three major categories: events, promotions and infrastructure items such as parking and expansion of Wifi.

There were no public comments.

Upon a roll call vote on the motion to approve the spending limit of \$50,000, Mayor Leary, Commissioners Sullivan and DeCiccio and Mr. George voted yes and Commissioners Cooper and Weaver voted no. Motion carried with a 4-2 vote.

Commissioner Cooper withdrew her motion regarding categories of events, accepted by Commissioner Weaver.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Mayor Steve Leary

ATTEST:

City Clerk Rene Cranis