



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
May 26, 2020
9:00 a.m.

1. The Governing Body of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas met in special session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 in the City Council Chambers with Mayor Piros de Carvalho presiding. Councilmembers Daveline, Soldner, and Bagwell were present. Councilmember Garza was absent from the meeting.

2. Public Hearing

a. Public hearing to consider the 2020 CDBG-CV Economic Development Grant Application and approval of submittal of a grant application to the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Soldner, to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Todd Davis, Director of Information Technologies, gave a review of how the meeting was to proceed using Zoom for the public hearing.

Ryan Hvitlök, Director of Planning and Development, presented an overview of the grant. He said funds will be awarded on a first come first serve basis; and indicated applications are to be submitted over a 14 to 21 day period.

Todd Davis said there are people watching the meeting on YouTube, Facebook, Channel 7 and Zoom, but no one has indicated at this time they wish to speak.

Councilmember Daveline said he is a strong advocate of proceeding with this grant; and asked Mr. Hvitlok about residency requirements, additional criteria regarding the grant, etc. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hvitlok said there will be a ranking committee made up of representatives of the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundation, staff and possibly someone from SCKEDD who will review the applications. He said recommendations will be presented to the council as soon as possible for approval.

Jackson Swearer called in stating he strongly supports the grant, saying it is something that is needed; and there is considerable interest in the community.

Motion by Councilmember Bagwell, second by Councilmember Soldner, to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve submittal of a grant application to the Kansas Department of Commerce Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program. The motion passed unanimously.

Ryan Hvitløk said this is a complex program that is heavily regulated; and the City needs to hire a grant administrator for the grant as we do not have one on staff. Discussion ensued regarding payment of grant administration fees, the application process, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Bagwell, to approve a proposal from the South Central Kansas Economic Development District for the Grant Administration of the 2020 CDBG-CV for Economic Development.; and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Bagwell, second by Councilmember Soldner, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.