

The Special Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruce Armstrong at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Mayor Armstrong advised the Special Council Meeting is to discuss a Community Development Block Grant, which the City is applying for on behalf of area businesses.

Roll was taken by Recording Secretary Ginger Cullen: Kessler here, Walters here, Rardin here, Ewert here, Benner here, Parton here, Crum here, Thompson here.

Mayor Bruce Armstrong advised this special meeting was called at the request of three Councilpersons as required by City ordinance. Mayor Armstrong read in its entirety a letter from the three Councilpersons. The letter read:

“Dear Mayor Armstrong,

We are writing on behalf of all Haysville businesses affected by COVID-19. The CARES Act awarded the state of Kansas with \$9 million to help local businesses retain jobs for low-to-moderate income people.

The money will be distributed using the Kansas Department of Commerce’s Community Development Block Grant Program. The city must hold a public hearing to approve a resolution certifying legal authority to apply for CDBG-CV funds.

Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. We are requesting a special meeting be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 6:30pm, to hold the public hearing, and approve a resolution.

Best Regards,

Councilpersons Steve Crum, Bob Rardin, and Pat Ewert”

Under New Business, Mayor Bruce Armstrong presented A Community Development Block Grant Application, advising a memo from staff was in the packet. He advised a Public Hearing was required and requested a motion to open the Public Hearing.

Motion by Rardin – Second by Ewert

I make a motion to open the Hearing.

Kessler yea, Walters yea, Rardin yea, Ewert yea, Benner yea, Parton yea, Crum yea, Thompson yea.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Armstrong advised he would be reading from a script. He declared the Public Hearing open and asked if anyone from Council had been contacted regarding the case. No one from Council had been contacted. Mayor Armstrong asked if anyone from Council had any conflicts of interest regarding the case. Mayor Armstrong asked if staff had received any written or electronic communication regarding the case. Economic Development Director Zach McHatton advised he received a letter from Kim Kiser at

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Titanium Salon which stated that during the two-month shutdown she continued to pay rent and utilities, which resulted in her business account becoming overdrawn. The letter went on to say that the grant would benefit many Haysville businesses. There were no additional communications. Mayor Armstrong gave the floor to McHatton, who reviewed a memo in the meeting packet which contained his staff report. Councilperson Steve Crum asked if the next day was the first day cities could apply. McHatton advised some other entities have already submitted their applications, and he went on to discuss additional details of the timetable. Councilperson Pat Ewert asked how businesses would apply for the funds, if the City did receive the grant. McHatton advised there would be an application provided to businesses, and that the City will look to hire a grant administrator. Councilperson Bob Rardin asked if these were forgivable loans, and McHatton advised these were grants that would not have to be repaid. Councilperson Dan Benner asked if the cost associated with hiring a grant administrator would be deducted from the grant, and McHatton answered in the affirmative. Councilperson Benner asked if there was a reason for hiring an administrator, and McHatton advised it was recommended due to the paperwork necessary when receiving grant funds. Mayor Armstrong asked if anyone from the public had a comment, giving the floor to Chief Administrative Officer Will Black, who advised that no emails had been sent to the public comment email address. Mayor Armstrong asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Kessler – Second by Crum

I make a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Kessler yea, Walters yea, Rardin yea, Ewert yea, Benner yea, Parton yea, Crum yea, Thompson yea.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Armstrong declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Armstrong presented a RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE CDBG-CV PROGRAM FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION.

Motion by Crum – Second by Ewert

I'll make a motion that we have the RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE CDBG-CV PROGRAM FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION as presented.

Kessler yea, Walters yea, Rardin yea, Ewert yea, Benner yea, Parton yea, Crum yea, Thompson yea.

Motion declared carried.

Councilperson Steve Crum asked about a timeline for finding out if the City's application was approved. McHatton advised the City can expect to hear something in about 14 days.

Mayor Bruce Armstrong presented for approval Adjournment.

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Motion by Ewert – Second by Rardin

I'll make a motion that we adjourn tonight's meeting.

Kessler yea, Walters yea, Rardin yea, Ewert yea, Benner yea, Parton yea, Crum yea,
Thompson yea.

Motion declared carried.

The Special Council Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Janie Cox, City Clerk