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December 30, 2020 at 4:00 pm Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee members in attendance: Ald. Doc Lavieri, Ald. Tom Ptak, Ald. Jordan Crane, Ald. Joseph Jeppson, and Economic Development Director Leah Inman

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

Director Leah Inman presented the La Salle Economic Support Program grant applications received to date to the Economic Development Committee members in attendance. The applications had been reviewed prior to the meeting to ensure that the required documentation had been submitted and the proper forms had been signed.

Ald. Ptak inquired about the methodology of contacting the businesses. Leah stated that she had made her best effort to contact as many businesses as possible in La Salle through emails, e-blasts, phone calls, visits, Facebook posts, on-air radio mentions and an article in the NewsTribune. The program was also referenced in the City of La Salle water bills that had been sent in the prior weeks.

Ald. Jeppson inquired if both non-profit and for-profit businesses would be receiving funding. Leah provided a breakdown of the types of applications received and the reimbursement requests they were seeking.

Ald. Ptak inquired about some applications that included uncollected residential property rent. The committee discussed and determined that the intent of the program was to assist commercial properties and business owners only, not residential properties.

Ald. Crane inquired what would be done with any remaining funds after each of the applications were reviewed. The committee decided to provide grants to as many businesses as possible based on the expenses that were submitted with the applications.

Director Inman explained to the committee that City Attorney Jim McPhedran had suggested that the Economic Development Committee make a recommendation to the City Council at the next meeting to approve the grantees and amounts at the meeting on January 11, 2021. The Economic Development committee agreed and will plan on making the recommendation at that time and issuing payments to the grantees shortly thereafter.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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