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I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Mayor Mamula called the meeting of April 10, 2020 to order at 4:00pm. The following members answered roll call: Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Gigliello, Ms. Owens, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Carleton, Ms. Wolfe and Mayor Mamula.

II) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Holman stated there were no changes to the agendas. Mayor Mamula declared the agenda approved as presented.

III) NEW BUSINESS

- A) RESOLUTION NO. 12, SERIES 2020 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE SMALL BUSINESS RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**
Mayor Mamula read the title into the minutes. Mr. Berry stated this resolution is necessary to comply with the Colorado Constitution in regard to awarding grants to local businesses. Mr. Berry discussed the history of the constitutional article that requires this resolution and how it is historically related to railroad business.

Mayor Mamula opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Bergeron moved to approve RESOLUTION NO. 12, SERIES 2020 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE SMALL BUSINESS RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM. Ms. Gigliello seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

IV) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) ROUND TWO OF BUSINESS RELIEF GRANTS**

Mr. Holman stated we expect to spend around \$500,000 on local business relief on round one. He further stated we are looking to kick off round two as early as next week. He also stated we have heard from other communities that we should consider widening the scope but we are recommending staying with the original intent of the grant process and possibly looking at another half month of relief and opening it up to the next level of businesses, with 18-35 employees. Mr. Holman shared a comment from Coldwell Banker on Main Street indicating they would like to be included in the grants, but Mr. Holman stated none of the other communities are including real estate offices in this kind of relief program at this time.

Ms. Wolfe stated we set this program up to narrow the focus in order to help the smaller businesses and bridge the gap to other programs. She stated we anticipate helping approximately 150 businesses that are small and represent the lifeblood of this community and she thinks we need to keep our focus to what we originally intended.

Mr. Gallagher stated it's important to think about what primes our economy, and having a strong, eclectic group of businesses on Main Street is important. He further stated he would like to stay along the track we have been following and expand up to 35 employees in the next round.

Mayor Mamula stated there are other grants for larger businesses available through the Federal Government. He also noted there is a business on Main Street where the landlord isn't cooperating with rent relief. Mr. Carleton stated for the record his business, The Hearthstone, isn't eligible for this program. He also stated we are trying to maintain the character of our Town and these small businesses make up a big part of our community. He stated all businesses are taking a hit now, and we are looking to the most vulnerable to help them.

Mr. Holman stated this is purely a rental assistance program and we are not addressing those who own their own space. Mr. Holman stated that if we look at these businesses (for mortgage relief), we shouldn't do a month and a half of relief at this time, and we could consider that only if we have money left over after we award the other businesses. Mayor Mamula stated that Congressman Neguse is looking at getting some money allocated to smaller municipalities like ours. Council verbally agreed to include building

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owners and businesses up to 35 employees in this next round. They also noted that those eligible for the SBA loans will not be eligible for this grant. Mayor Mamula stated the intent was to pay April and possibly May rent. Council stated they will stay abreast of developments with the Congressman and reassess before May rents are due.

B) FIBER 9600 2020 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Ms. Haynes stated the memo in the packet details the current construction schedule and staff recognizes we need to decide next steps. She further stated there is a caveat in the contract that allows us to cancel the project if needed. Mayor Mamula asked about the out clause if we don't improve our situation this summer and Ms. Haynes stated it's 7 days and we pay for work done up until that point. Mr. Holman stated investors are afraid of purchasing municipal bonds right now, but we can go ahead and prepare to issue the bonds depending on the economy. He also stated we can start or start this project at any time, but with the Parking Structure we can't start and stop that project so we need to wait and make that decision. Mr. Gallagher stated we were looking at the Downtown Core and the Weisshorn Neighborhood, and he feels this is an essential service and he's prepared to support this project and move forward as recommended by staff. Ms. Wolfe stated our world has changed and right now data capacity is important so we should continue to forge ahead with this infrastructure. Ms. Owens stated it's good that we are spending that money locally. Mr. Bergeron stated we need to make sure we fix the roads quickly after we dig. Mr. Carleton stated he is supportive of the project. Mr. Holman stated these businesses need to operate safely and we will make sure they know that. Mr. Gigliello stated she is in support and she knows the Council has received comments about continuing this project, and we should employ locals to help the economy. Council was in favor of moving forward with the project at this time.

V) OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Holman stated we had planned to bring back a discussion about plastic bags. He further stated Council had talked about increasing the bag fee and he believes now is not the time to be doing anything that impacts our retail community. He stated we will bring this back when the time is right.

Mr. Holman stated Public Health wants to do a presentation for all Summit County Elected Officials and everyone is encouraged to attend. Mr. Gallagher stated he hopes the community can also be part of this because there is still a lack of information for the public. Mr. Holman stated that if they are doing this kind of presentation, it has to be open to the public.

Ms. Haynes stated we are at 64 positive tests today, with 19 tests pending and 187 tested, and this information is on the Summit County health site. She stated the hospital still isn't seeing a surge of patients and the County expects to offer more tests in the future. She stated it is likely that there is widespread community spread here. She also stated the mobile testing unit is doing tests 5-7 tests per day, but are limited to moderate-severe symptoms and first responders and hospital workers so the symptom tracker supports the idea of community spread more than what the tests are seeing.

Mr. Holman stated the turf field is not being closed, but staff are signing it so people understand they cannot have organized games on the field or let their dogs go there. He also stated that tomorrow we are opening Prospector Park restrooms to help our homeless population.

Ms. Wolfe stated MT 2030 will not be held in September of this year, but we are postponing it to the future. Mayor Mamula stated it will be interesting to see what this massive slow-down will do to help the environment.

Mr. Bergeron asked about the basketball court at Little Red and Mr. Holman stated we are discouraging games there by putting up caution tape.

Mr. Carleton asked about Small Business resources. Mr. Holman stated we currently have two staff working on this now using www.onebreckenridge.com as a portal for this information and through the Summit County Chamber we are starting to organize an economic recovery team for county-wide initiatives. Mayor Mamula pointed out accountants should be helping with this, as well as industry associations.

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Ms. Owens stated Mom's Bakery and Magical Scraps are making masks, and Peak a Boo Toys is selling toys for kids. She also stated that mental health is important and we are all going through this together.

Mr. Bergeron wanted to give a shout-out to all of the stores that are servicing our needs under strenuous conditions. Ms. Wolfe stated she went to the vet today and they were very prepared. Mr. Carleton stated he wanted to give a shout out to first responders and medical responders.

Ms. Haynes stated we got a box of face coverings from Out There Colorado for staff and the BTO is doing a summer preview next Thursday at 9am.

Mayor Mamula stated it's amazing to see so much engagement in our community and encouraged everyone to do the Census.

VI) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:15pm. Submitted by Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk.

ATTEST:

Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk

Eric S. Mamula, Mayor