

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CROWLEY CITY COUNCIL HELD Monday, April 27, 2020.**

The Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors and the Crowley City Council met on Monday, April 27, 2020, at 6:00p.m. via Teleconference.

**CALL TO ORDER OF THE EDC / ROLL CALL**

President Christine Gilbreath called the Session to order for the Economic Development Corporation at 6:03p.m. City Secretary Carol Konhauser called roll and noted a quorum was present.

Present were                    President Christine Gilbreath  
   Member Carl Weber  
   Member Johnny Shotwell  
   Member Jim "Mac" McDonald  
   Member Alex Hogan  
   Member Dallas Park

Absent:                            Member Billy P. Davis

**CALL TO ORDER OF THE CROWLEY CITY COUNCIL / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Beck called the Session to order for the Crowley City Council at 6:05p.m. City Secretary Carol Konhauser called roll and noted a quorum was present.

Present were                    Council Member Johnny Shotwell, City Council Place 1  
   Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beck, City Council Place 2  
   Council Member Jesse Johnson, City Council Place 3  
   Council Member Carl T. Weber III, City Council Place 4  
   Council Member Tina Pace, City Council Place 5  
   Council Member Christine Gilbreath, City Council Place 6

Absent:                            Mayor Billy P. Davis

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1. a. Discuss and consider an economic grant relief program to assist local businesses impacted by COVID-19.**

Assistant City Manager Lori Watson began by explaining that the current COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted many of the City's small local businesses. Staff worked to put together this program as an initiative to help local businesses retain the employees and resources needed to survive during this period of time. She further explained that the program would not exceed \$300,000 and the grant amount allowed for each approved business would not be more than \$5,000. Additionally, she went over some of the guidelines and requirements that had been set regarding the types of business what would qualify for the program.

Council Member Tina Pace and Council Member Jesse Johnson both stated they were in favor of the program.

- b. Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider the Crowley Cares Economic Grant Relief Program, an initiative to assist local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, and establish it as Project No. 2020-10, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §505.158, §505.159, and §505.160; not to exceed \$300,000.**

President Christine Gilbreath opened the Public Hearing at 6:12pm for anyone wishing to speak for or against. Mr Colin May, owner of The Breakroom Bar and Grill, stated that he thought it was a good program that would help business owners. President Gilbreath asked if there were any other

people wishing to speak. When nobody else spoke up, President Gilbreath closed the Public Hearing at 6:16pm.

President Christine Gilbreath spoke up and stated she was in favor of the program. Member Carl Weber also stated he was in favor of the program. Member Jim McDonald stated he was in favor of the program. Member Alex Hogan stated he was in favor of the program. Member Johnny Shotwell stated he was in favor of the program. Member Dallas Park stated he was in favor of the program. The EDC Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the project.

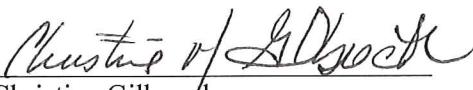
#### EDC ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Consideration and approval of Resolution R04-2020-333 by the Board of Directors of the City of Crowley Economic Development Corporation approving the Crowley Cares Relief Grant Program for Crowley Businesses to Assist with the retention and training of employees during the Covid-19 Pandemic and National Disaster, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 per business.**

Member Jim McDonald made the motion to approve Resolution R04-2020-333, second by Member Dallas Park, the EDC Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

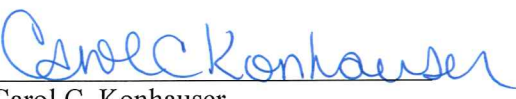
As there was no further business, President Christine Gilbreath adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

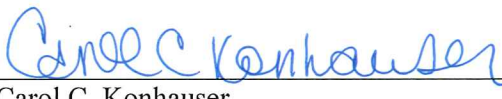
As there was no further business for the Crowley City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Beck adjourned the meeting at 6:31p.m.

  
Christine Gilbreath  
President EDC Board of Directors

  
Jerry Beck  
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
Carol C. Konhauser  
EDC Secretary

  
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