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December 1, 2021
McMinnville Economic Vitality Leadership Council
Regular Meeting

3:00 pm
Zoom Meeting
McMinnville, Oregon

Members Present: Carson Benner, Robert Banagay, Dani Chisholm, Jodi Christensen, Heather Miller, Mike Morris, Gerardo Ochoa, and Deven Paolo

Members Absent: Ellen Brittan, Chris Chenoweth, John Deitz, Walt Gowell, Ty Rollins, Steve Patterson, Steve Scott, and Jeff Towery

Staff Present: Heather Richards, Heather Hadley-Blank, Gioia Goodrum, Patty Herzog, Jeff Knapp, and Dave Rucklos

Others Present Representative Ron Noble

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Citizen Comments

No comments.

3. Continued Discussion from October 13, 2021

- State Business Assistance ARPA Funds - \$750,000, Program Development

Ms. Richards presented the Staff report on the Council's recommended programs to be funded with ARPA grants. Her presentation included an overview of the Council's considerations, a detailed description of each program, and an explanation of how each program would fulfill the economic needs in the community.

Staff and the Councilors answered clarifying questions and responded to comments by Representative Noble about the sustainability plans and ongoing maintenance of each program, programs that would be funded if more money was made available, and how he could assist the City. He noted the programs would need to comply with federal regulations in order to qualify for funding.

- Yamhill County/City ARPA Request Update

Ms. Richards announced that both of the projects the Council recommended were approved by the Budget Committee and the City Council.

Staff discussed the program proposed by the Chamber. The initial amount requested for the program was increased after the Council decided to expand the scope of the program. Cost estimates did not need to be submitted to DAS at this time.

It was noted that an update on the County's ARPA requests would be available after December 22nd.

The Councilors and Staff made recommendations on inviting representatives from the County and other organizations to attend the EVLC meetings.

4. Council Member Comments

No comments.

5. Staff Comments

Mr. Knapp announced that the Stable Table Partners would be meeting on December 22nd to discuss their next steps for economic and other issues.

Ms. Richards answered questions from Councilors about the City's options for additional revenue and the Third Street Improvement Project.

6. Rumor Mill

Mr. Knapp said that during the last week, he heard four or five employees say they heard there was a tenant in the J.C. Penny space. Ms. Richards confirmed the rumor was true.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.