



## **CITY OF LITHONIA**

### **MINUTES—SPECIAL CALLED SMALL BUSINESS GRANT APPLICATION AND RESIDENTIAL RENT AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Thursday, December 17, 2020 @ 3:00 PM**

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#### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The City Council Special Called Small Business Grant Application and Residential Rent and Energy Assistance Program Virtual Meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm by Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds. A roll call was taken, and the following City Council Members were present: Diane Howard, Vanneriah Wynn, and Ric Dodd. Amelia Inman later joined the call. Darold Honore was absent.

#### **II. Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was observed.

#### **III. Discussion**

##### **a. Small Business Grant Application**

City Administrator Lathaydra Sands provided an overview of the prepared application.

Councilwoman Howard made a recommendation to include if a hardship was experienced, what is the hardship, and if taxes are current. City Administrator Lathaydra Sands updated the application to include the reference.

Councilwoman Wynn, Councilwoman Inman, and Councilman Dodd had no questions or concerns.

Councilwoman Inman motioned to approve the small business grant application with the addition of stating the hardship, for \$500.00 per business; the motion was seconded by Councilman Dodd and approved by a vote of 4-0.

##### **b. Residential Rent and Energy Assistance Program**

City Administrator Lathaydra Sands provided an overview of the prepared application.

Councilwoman Howard made a recommendation to include if a hardship was experienced, and what is the hardship for rental or mortgage. City Administrator Lathaydra Sands updated the application to include the reference. Councilwoman Howard recommended a \$500.00 grant fund amount.

Councilwoman Inman made a recommendation to provide separate applications for each hardship; rental/mortgage and utilities assistance with a \$500.00 grant fund amount minimum and a max of \$1,000.00.

Councilwoman Wynn is in favor of the hardship explanation included on the application and a \$500.00 grant fund amount with some exceptions provided to help as many people as possible.

Councilman Dodd is asking for a distinction on the application stating that the grant is for the historic Lithonia district, with assistance up to \$1,000.00 and contributing some of the funds allotted for the Masonic Lodge are used for the residents.

Councilman Dodd motioned to approve the application for the residents with the amount for up to \$1,000.00; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Inman and approved by a vote of 4-0.

**IV. Executive Session (NONE)**

**V. Adjournment**

Councilwoman Howard motioned to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn; the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 pm.