MEETING MINUTES Small Business Task Force July 16th, 2024

Councilwoman Rebecca Reckers (Chairperson) called the Tuesday - July 16th, 2024 meeting of the City's "Small Business Task Force" to order @ 5:30 pm est.. The meeting was posted and held at the City of Erlanger "City Building" located at 505 Commonwealth Avenue, Erlanger, Kentucky - *small conference room*.

Attendees: Councilwoman - Rebecca Reckers, Councilman Tyson Hermes, Councilwoman - Diana Niceley, Councilwoman - Jennifer Jasper-Lucas, Mayor - Jessica Fette, City Administrator - Peter Glenn, Economic Development Director/ACAO - Mark Collier

MEETING MINUTES

 Meeting minutes from the Small Business Task Force's February 20, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Diana Niceley made a motion for approval of the minutes and Tyson Hermes second the motion. All were in favor approved.

DISCUSSIONARY ITEMS

- 1. Recap 2023/2024 Mark Collier provided an overview of the grant program. He reported that the incentive program did not have a successful year in terms of dispersing funds. Collectively, the programs were down 46% YOY. However, it was only down on average 9.7% on average over the life of the programs.
- 2. Proposed grant changes, if any. None at this time. Mark would like to hold steady and review data before implementing any changes.
- 3. Brainstorm and goals for FY 2024/2025 Set clear and achievable goals for the upcoming fiscal year, leveraging the new marketing contractor's expertise. Mark believes that with increased marketing efforts, the programs should have more success.
- 4. Review any grant requests that require Council approval Mark to review other incentives to bring back to this committee for review. Mark has consulted with City Attorney Jack Gatlin for procedure for additional council approval.
- 5. No Additional Comments

ADJOURNMENT

M/S, Councilman Hermes, Councilwoman Jasper-Lucas .The task force adjourned at 6:12 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Mark Collier

Economic Development Director/ACAO

APPROVED:

Rebecca Reckers, Chairperson Small Business Task Force

ATTESTED BY:

Sherry Hoffmar City Clerk