

RESOLUTION # 04-14-20-03

A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAM INITIATED BY THE WAUPUN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND SAFER AT HOME ORDER

THIS RESOLUTION is made by the Common Council of the City of Waupun;

FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION:

The World Health Organization has designated the 2019 novel Coronavirus outbreak as a public health emergency of international concern. Also, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary has declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"). COVID-19 is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease.

The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States, significantly affect the lives and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that presents a serious risk to the health, security and safety of the public.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers, on behalf of the State of Wisconsin, declared a State of Emergency under the provisions of Section 323.02(16) of the Wisconsin Statutes, on the basis of a public health emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump, on behalf of the federal government, also declared a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 24, 2020, the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services issued Emergency Order #12 ("Safer at Home Order") in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the provisions of the Safer at Home Order are considered essential to reduce further spread of the COVID-19 virus and save lives, the effect of this Order in restricting travel, business and social interactions has resulted in severe financial hardship to many businesses within the City of Waupun Tax Incremental District 3 ("TID #3").

The financial hardship imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and Safer at Home Order may be disproportionately more severe with respect to businesses located within the boundaries of TID #3, as this District has been found to be in need of blight elimination under Section 66.1335(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The Waupun Community Development Authority ("CDA") has proposed to modify its existing plan to establish and administer the proposed COVID-19 Downtown Business Support Program, to be made available exclusively for businesses located within the boundaries of TID #3 as required by law.

Under the provisions of Sections 66.1331(2) and 66.1335(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, funding and administration of the COVID-19 Downtown Business Support Program as proposed is necessary and expedient for the express purpose of elimination of blight and in order to further community development programs and projects.

Funding and administration of this Program is also necessary and expedient to protect and advance the health, safety, welfare and good order of the City of Waupun.

THEREFORE, in consideration of these findings and determination of the Waupun Common Council,

IT IS RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Waupun Common Council approves and ratifies the COVID-19 Downtown Business Support Program as proposed by the Waupun Community Development

Authority, provided that this Program be available exclusively for businesses located within the boundaries of TID #3, as required by applicable law.

2. To the extent that the creation and funding of this Program requires a modification of the existing budget and operating plan of TID #3, the Common Council approves this modification in its entirety.

3. The Waupun Community Development Authority shall have full authority to administer this Program according to its terms, consistent with the existing authority of the Community Development Authority to administer TID #3 programs.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2020.



Julie J. Nickel
Mayor

ATTEST:



Angela J. Hull
City Clerk

