FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 25, 2020
11:30AM

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 839 8740 9526
Passcode: 662956

Voting Present: Debra Fixen, Jill Harris, Bob Kelton, Hilda Sanchez
Voting Absent: Kena Fuller
DLBA Staff: Kraig Kojian, Kelsey Mader, David Hughes

I. CALL TO ORDER – Debra Fixen, Treasurer

Meeting presentation. Meeting called to order at 11:34 AM.

II. ACTION: Approve Minutes from September 25, 2020 Meeting

MOTION: 1st: Sanchez. 2nd: Harris.

VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.

III. STAFF UPDATE

Finance Manager’s Report: David Hughes

a. Year-to-Date DRAFT Financial Report through October 31, 2020
   • Hughes presented slides 5-7.

b. Cash Flow Report
   • Hughes presented slide 9.

c. 2019-20 Audit Schedule and Update
   • Hughes presented slide 10.
   • Windes will be conducting the FY 2019-20 audit virtually.

d. Form 990

President & CEO REPORT – Kraig Kojian

• Kojian introduced David Hughes, DLBA Finance Manager to the Committee. Kevin Dickson, accountant to DLBA, will be relied on minimally in the future.

e. CARES ACT Update
   • The Mayor and City Council secured about $53 million in CARES Act money and has dedicated $1 million to the Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Long Beach. The DLBA will be granted $229,390, approximately $114,000 for each district it manages. This amount has already been approved by the City.
   • These monies are reimbursements for funds already spent on COVID-19 related expenses from March of 2020 through December 15, 2020.
   • Kojian presented the breakdown of expenses already incurred on slides 13-15.
   • This funding will be put into the FY 2020-21 budget. These are unrestricted funds and are not required to be spent on additional COVID-19 related programs, but will undoubtedly be earmarked for Downtown’s economic recovery plan.

f. Contract Updates
   • The DLBA has been contracted to manage the Long Beach Transit mall and its restrooms since 2007. This contract is up for renewal. After responding to an RFP, the DLBA is now one of two finalists. The final vendor is expected to be selected by mid-December, with the contract beginning February 1, 2021.
• The City of Long Beach Prop A contract has expired as well. The DLBA maintains the transit corridors at First Street, Pacific Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard, and has been providing these services since 2013. If awarded to the DLBA the new contract will coincide with the expiration of the current PBID in 2022.
• The DLBA also has two contracts with other improvement districts in the city. The Midtown Improvement District’s term expires at the end of this year, and they have yet to renew it, so the future of this district is uncertain. The DLBA also provides additional cleaning and pressure washing services to the Zaferia Business Improvement District. Staff is waiting on the renewal of this contract.
• Lastly, the Blue Community Association at 3rd Street and Long Beach Boulevard has contracted the DLBA to provide additional services above and beyond what is already provided for the Property Based Improvement District (PBID).

g. Extension of Waiving Late Penalties on Business License Taxes and Fees

• Businesses that choose not to pay their business license because of the pandemic will not be charged a late fee when those fees are due. Late fees are waived until March 31, 2021. About 4% of the business city-wide have participated in this program. The DLBA is determining how much of an impact this has on the budget and is negotiating with the City to make the BID fees whole while the City waits for their fees to be paid.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.

NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:
Friday, January 22, 2021
10:00 am.
Location: Zoom Teleconferencing

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