

CITY OF HALLOWELL, MAINE

City Council Meeting Minutes of the May 4, 2020 Special Meeting

VIA ZOOM ONLINE MEETING – DETAILS BELOW

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1. MAYOR WALKER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:03 p.m.

2. MAYOR WALKER ASKED FOR A ROLL CALL: COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE LAPOINTE, AU COIN, COUNCILORS DUFOUR, FRETT, SCULLY, CIRCO, AND WYNNE SIGNED IN.

3. RESOLUTION 03-20-R TO CREATE THE HALLOWELL BUSINESS SURVIVAL GRANT PROGRAM:

The Mayor read Resolution 03-20-R to create the Hallowell Business Survival Grant Program.

Lapointe-Au Coin-Motioned that Council approve an amended Resolution 03-20-R creating the Hallowell Business Survival Grant Program and authorize the Mayor to sign on the City Council's behalf. See Attachment A & B. Mayor Walker asked for a roll call.

4 Yea (Lapointe, AuCoin, Frett, Wynne) 3 Nay (Dufour, Scully, Circo) Motion approved

Lapointe-Au Coin-Motioned that Council approve the appropriation of \$15,000 from the Downtown TIF District to fund the Hallowell Business Survival Grant Program. Mayor Walker asked for a roll call.

4 Yea (Lapointe, AuCoin, Frett, Wynne) 3 Nay (Dufour, Scully, Circo) Motion approved

Mayor Walker appointed Mark Williamson, Roger Pomerleau, and Lynn Quirion to an independent panel who will vet the applications based upon the guidelines in the packet (Item 3.2).

Lapointe-AuCoin-Motioned to ratify the Mayor's appointments. Mayor Walker asked for a roll call.

4 Yea (Lapointe, AuCoin, Frett, Wynne) 3 Nay (Dufour, Scully, Circo) Motion approved

4. Lapointe-Frett-Moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Walker asked for a roll call.

Motion unanimously approved

Diane Polky
City Clerk

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Resolution 03-20-R

Resolve to Create the Hallowell Business Survival Grant Program

WHEREAS, The City of Hallowell is in a State of Emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of Maine has issued a State of Emergency including a Stay at Home Order for many Maine citizens; and

WHEREAS, this State of Emergency, both in Hallowell and in Maine has forced the closing of many businesses, including many of Hallowell's businesses; and

WHEREAS, Hallowell business owners, especially our smallest businesses that include sole proprietorships and self-employed owners do not qualify for existing loan and grant programs, such as the SBA PPP and Disaster Recovery loans; and

WHEREAS, our Hallowell businesses just recently faced the most major reconstruction project along Water Street in our City's history, further harming their businesses; and

WHEREAS, some of these Hallowell businesses may need immediate relief to assist in their survival;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Hallowell City Council now creates the "Hallowell Business Survival Grant Program" which will offer initially up to \$3,000 to sole proprietors and owners of Hallowell's smallest businesses so they may survive and continue to make Hallowell one of Maine's most desirable locations for food and drink; retail and specialty shops, music and the arts.

Read and adopted by the City Council of the City of Hallowell on this fourth day of May in the year Two Thousand Twenty.

on behalf of the Hallowell City Council

Mark L Walker, Mayor



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HALLOWELL BUSINESS SURVIVAL GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- 1) Must show proof of ownership and operation for business years 2018 and 2019
* Two years of business operation needed; and have been open for business in Hallowell
- 2) Complete Brief application stating their need for funding
- 3) Though cannot guarantee, state they are making their best efforts to remain open and viable post-Pandemic
- 4) This Program is for Micro businesses – sole proprietorship; self-employed, and businesses with less than five employees. Verify less than five full time employees
- 5) Any applicant shall provide: Utility Bills; Rent agreement; or payment of personal property taxes to the City of Hallowell. The loan available will be for up to \$3,000.

This is a VERY simple application and very straightforward eligibility guidelines!

It is basically a business to business grant program, with matching TIF funding from the City. Much of this TIF funding came from business expansion, and this type of use of the TIF funds is allowable under our DECD TIF District approval. (See Section ff, which allows TIF funds to be used “throughout the entire municipality” – not restricted in businesses within the TIF District. And Grants are allowable.

Reference: Resolution 03-20-R dated May 4, 2020