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Office of the City Attorney

Prepared By: GDW
Requested: Mayor Date: 5-12-2020
Council Presentation: 5-12-2020
Suspension of Rules: No Yes

Proposed amendment

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT OF THE TUSCALOOSA CITY COUNCIL
IN REGARDS TO SUPPORT OF RESTART TUSCALOOSA
(A20-0589)**

WHEREAS, the City Council was presented with the Restart Tuscaloosa Plan by the Mayor on April 28, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has discussed the merits of Restart Tuscaloosa Plan at four separate work sessions of the City Council and now wish to express their support for the same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TUSCALOOSA CITY COUNCIL that the City Council expresses support for the Restart Tuscaloosa Plan as follows:

1. Support for budget amendments to the Elevate Tuscaloosa Fund which shall be made pursuant to a separate ordinance to support the initiatives of Invest Neighborhoods; Invest Jobs; Invest Services; and Invest City.
2. In order to further demonstrate accountability, support for suspension of out-of-state travel by city employees; support for the implementation of a hiring freeze for non-public safety employees, subject to exceptions approved by Mayor; support for review of major equipment purchases.
3. In furtherance of the Invest Neighborhoods initiative, support for authorization of purchase of equipment, vehicles, and technology for Tuscaloosa Police Department and Tuscaloosa Fire Rescue in the amounts of \$2,000,000 for FY21 and \$2,000,000 for FY22.
4. In furtherance of the Invest Jobs initiative, support for entering into a funding contract with the Community Foundation of West Alabama of \$1,000,000 from FY20 with a minimum of \$50,000 being awarded to businesses in each council district.
5. In furtherance of the Invest Neighborhoods initiative, support for neighborhood street resurfacing, curb/gutter and sidewalk rehabilitation in the amount of \$500,000 per Council district with \$3,500,000 appropriated in FY21 and \$3,500,000 appropriated in FY22, and further that bids for work pursuant to FY21 funding due no later than 10/1/2020.

6. Support for resuming public hearings by the City Council, as well as meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Historic Preservation Commission.
7. In furtherance of the Invest Services initiative, support for the authorization for application and acceptance of HUD grant in the amount of \$484,268 to provide funding to agencies who have worked to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 emergency.
8. In furtherance of the Invest City initiative, support for the authorization for acceptance of grants in various amounts from the Department of Justice, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Federal Transit Authority to bolster general fund services.
9. In furtherance of the Invest City initiative, support for authorization of a \$25,000,000 line of credit through Regions Bank.
10. In furtherance of the Invest Jobs initiative, support for authorization of \$250,000 for FY 20, \$1,500,000 for FY21, and \$1,250,000 for FY22 for significant tourism and entertainment events, including quality of life events and sporting events.
11. In furtherance of Elevate Tuscaloosa, the following projects are "green lighted":
 - a. Education initiatives
 - b. Saban Center
 - c. Runway Improvements
 - d. TPD Hangar
 - e. Western Riverwalk
 - f. Northern Riverwalk
 - g. Workforce and Downtown Transit
 - h. Downtown-University Corridor
 - i. McAbee Center
 - j. McDonald Hughes Center
 - k. River District Park
 - l. All-Inclusive Playground

FUNDING REQUIRED: Yes No

By: _____
 Chief Financial Officer

COUNCIL ACTION

Resolution _____
 Ordinance _____
 Introduced _____
 Passed _____
 2nd Reading _____
 Unanimous _____
 Failed _____
 Tabled _____
 Amended _____
 Comments: _____

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Adopted 5/12/2020
City Clerk