



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 25, 2022

TITLE:

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2022-104 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approving an agreement for the provision of Main Street Program support between the City of Bastrop and the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation attached as Exhibit A; authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement; repealing all resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Submitted by: Rebecca Gleason, Assistant City Manager

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Since the inception of the City of Bastrop Main Street Program in 2007, the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation has helped to fund the Main Street Program due to the work the program does in the Main Street District fostering economic development, business retention, and business expansion through small business support and promotion.

On February 8, 2022, Council approved the signing of a Support Services Agreement between the City of Bastrop and the BEDC in line with the approved Policy Regarding the Economic Development Corporation. This Support Services Agreement included the funding agreement for the Main Street Program support.

On February 28, 2022, the previous City Manager, Paul Hofmann, presented the Services Agreement to the BEDC Board for review. The BEDC Attorney stated that the agreement would require edits prior to being approved by the Board and that a separate agreement would be needed for the Main Street Program.

On March 28, 2022, the Main Street Support Agreement, but not the City Services Agreement was discussed at the BEDC Board Meeting. It was decided that BEDC Board Member, Ms. Wahl would meet to discuss the agreement with the previous City Manager, Paul Hofmann as there was hope to see it renegotiated to a reimbursement contract with receipts turned in quarterly.

On April 18, 2022, the Main Street Support Agreement but not the City Services Agreement, was discussed at the BEDC Board Meeting. Ms. Wahl reported that after meeting with the City Manager, she was unable to gain alignment with what she was seeking. Mayor Schroeder requested that the City Services Agreement be included for discussion on the next Agenda.

On May 16, 2022, the City Support Services Agreement and the Main Street Support Agreement was discussed at the BEDC Board Meeting. The BEDC Chair stated that edits to the City Support Services Agreement had been made but that legal counsel was still working on a draft to present the City. Concerning the Main Street Support Agreement, Chair Spencer stated that he wanted

to make another attempt at an agreement both parties could agree upon as there had been an Agreement in place for several years.

The Bastrop EDC Board of Directors approved funding the Main Street Program Services Agreement which was revised to reflect agreements similar to what was agreed upon in past years at the BEDC Board meeting on July 18, 2022, for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, in the amount of \$50,000. The City Support Services Agreement was not discussed.

Since July 2022, the attorneys for both the City of Bastrop and the BEDC as well as staff have been negotiating the City Support Services Agreement to bring both contracts back to Council. Just recently, it was determined both parties are getting close to an agreement which is expected to be brought to the BEDC soon for signature. The agreement will then return to Council for review.

RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
- Main Street Agreement

