

RESOLUTION NO. 24-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A BUSINESS MENTORING PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CHIPLEY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR PROGRAM OBJECTIVES; PROVIDING FOR A FUNDING SOURCE; PROVIDING FOR REPORTING OBLIGATIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chipley recognizes the importance of fostering economic development and supporting local businesses within the community, particularly within the boundaries of the Chipley Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”) District which includes downtown Chipley; and

WHEREAS, a Business Mentoring Program has been proposed by and approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Chipley CRA as an initiative to provide guidance, support, and mentorship to local entrepreneurs and businesses located within the CRA District; and

WHEREAS, the program aims to enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem, encourage innovation, and contribute to the overall economic vitality of the City of Chipley, Florida; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between experienced business professionals and emerging entrepreneurs has proven to be an effective means of fostering business growth, sustainability, and success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA:

Section 1: Establishment of the Business Mentoring Program

The City Council hereby approves the establishment of a Business Mentoring Program within the jurisdiction of the Chipley CRA District. The program will be administered by the Chipley Redevelopment Agency which shall be responsible for its implementation, coordination, and management.

Section 2: Program Objectives

The objectives of the Business Mentoring Program shall include, but are not limited to:

- a. Providing mentorship and guidance to local entrepreneurs and businesses.
- b. Facilitating knowledge transfer and skill development.
- c. Fostering networking opportunities between mentors and mentees.
- d. Enhancing the overall business environment and economic development in the City of Chipley, particularly in downtown Chipley.

Section 3: Program Funding

Funding for the Business Mentoring Program shall be allocated from the Chipley Redevelopment Agency, and additional resources may be sought through grants, partnerships, and other means.

Section 4: Collaboration with Local Organizations

The City Council encourages collaboration with local business associations, chambers of commerce, educational institutions, and other relevant organizations to maximize the impact and reach of the Business Mentoring Program.

Section 5: Reporting

The Director of the Chipley Redevelopment Agency shall provide regular reports to the City Council on the progress, outcomes, and effectiveness of the Business Mentoring Program.

Section 6: Implementation

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chipley, Florida, this 13th day of February 2024.

CITY OF CHIPLEY

Tracy L. Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Snell, City Clerk