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# Council Work Session October 16, 2023

**DATE AND TIME:** Monday, October 16, 2023, 05:00 PM

**Members Present:**

Mayor Mike Fuesser  
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown  
Councilmember Marion Ramsey

Councilmember Charles Brewer  
Councilmember Matt Hickey  
Councilmember Stephanie Jarrett

**Members Present:**

Councilmember Kellie Harrold

**Staff Present:**

City Manager Dalton Pierce  
Municipal Clerk Amy Craig  
Police Chief Brian Trail  
Officer Tyler Williams  
Fire Chief Mike Regal

Human Resources Director Sarah Ramirez  
Community Engagement Director Becky Mestas  
Community Events Coordinator Chloe Jones  
Planning Director David Breakfield

**Participants:**

**Others Present:**

(See Sign-in Sheet)

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**1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mike Fuesser

- Mayor Fuesser called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

**2. PRAYER**

Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Mike Fuesser

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

4.1. United Way

Helen Zimmerman, Summersby Okey, and Rebecca Melton from United Way, York County provided an informative presentation to Council that demonstrated how the organization works with partners to assist the citizens of York County in obtaining financial stability. The advocacy of United Way, York County on behalf of the citizens enables the community to overcome barriers, build credit, and thrive within the community.

**5. DISCUSSIONS**

5.1. FY23-24 H-Tax Grant Applications

Community Engagement Director Becky Mestas spoke about the various H-Tax Event Grant applications that have come into the City. In FY22-23, approximately \$47,000 was requested and this year a significant increase in requests has occurred. \$74,210.17 is the new total amount requested through 14 applications. During Discussion, Council and Ms. Mestas went into detail of in-kind eligibility and ineligibility, and amounts given in prior years for grants and in-kind services. A question was raised concerning the amounts given for grants and in-kind services. City Manager Dalton Pierce stated that in-kind services are included in the maximum amount of \$5,000, but states “or amount set by Council’s discretion.” Council mentioned an H-Tax Committee get together and

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discuss clear rules and regulations of how the money should be disbursed, mainly towards tourism, and that it should be disbursed in the best interest of the events, City, and community. The way other municipalities handle grants were discussed as well, such as increments based on how many tourists are brought into the city or reducing the amounts given per year. Ultimately, Council plans to disburse the \$50,000 in H-Tax Event Grants that would be fair and equitable.

### 5.2. Annexing 1176 Chester Highway

Jamie Smith stated that with the influx of homes, there is a need for storage buildings. Out of 813 units only 40 are available, which means 95% of the storage units are in use. Mr. Smith stated that the facility would be 25,000 net sq. ft., some units would be climate controlled, which York does not have, and that he will be able to expand the facility if necessary due to him owning additional parcels. During Discussion, Council inquired if the landscape would be screened, in which Mr. Smith stated that it would be. City Manager Dalton Pierce wanted to know if Mr. Smith had spoken to SCDOT regarding the driveway. Mr. Smith stated that he had not, but he will do that soon. According to Mr. Smith, he had applied for General Industrial, and the Planning Commission suggested it be zoned as Highway Commercial and the Highway Commercial requirements be amended to allow such uses by special exception subject to the conditions listed in the General Industrial District. .

## 6. ADJOURN

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to Adjourn, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting Adjourned at 5:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Craig  
Municipal Clerk