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| Present: | **Voting Board Members:**  Craig Volwiler- Finance Sector, Chair  Mike Rizzitiello, City of College Place, Chair  ☐Jay Potts, City of Prescott  Byron Olson, City of Walla Walla  Randy Hinchliffe, City of Waitsburg  Jim Johnson, BOCC  Juli Reinholz  Kathy Covey | VETERANS VACANT-Dawn Avery  Renee Rooker, WWHA  Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Transportation  Norrie Gregoire, Corrections/Safety  Tyler Graber, Legal  Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin, DV shelter  Tim Meliah, Youth Services  HOSPITAL VACANT-Meghan to inquire with Susan Blackburn from Providence |
| **Non-Voting Participants:**  Rachel Elfenbein, Catherine Veninga, Pat Reay, Elizabeth Guerra, Jennifer Beckmeyer, Becky Betts, David Lopez  DCH Staff: Nikki Sharp, Meghan DeBolt | | |

**Quorum Present – Yes**

**Welcome:** Mike called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 AM. We went around the Zoom room and did introductions.

**Approval of February 27, 2020 Minutes:** Review of notes by board, Craig Volwiler motioned to approve minutes, Tyler Graber seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of new member Tim Meliah:** Renee Rooker motioned to approve new member; Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Council Bylaws**: Renee Rooker motioned to approve the revised bylaws. Craig Volwiler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Homeless/Housing Plan Update–Sam**

* Discussion that the 5-year plan is a living document, Council agreed to approve and have in place to ensure that the community is eligible for funding. Will send out via email for review to vote on at the 4/24 meeting.

**COVID-19 State Emergency Housing Grant**

* Discussed the outlined plan (Prevention, increased sanitation, monitoring, 24/7 shelter operations, quarantine and isolation sites). Subcontracts to providers, FEMA request in the works to ensure adequate state funding for the plan. No questions or comments.

**CDBG Funding**

* Additional $53,821 of CDBG dollars to Walla Walla, Columbia, and Garfield Counties (excludes City of Walla Walla). Want to discuss best use of funds given immediate needs
* City of WW -- over $236k, the $400k already determined; the City has not yet determined how they want to spend the additional (over $236k) other than the primary emphasis on economic development and recovery, with some funding going to housing; most of the additional money will go to supporting small businesses (especially those that can't take advantage of limited state and federal programs). Byron noted that the city council did not adopt the residential/commercial eviction moratorium.
* Discussed possible use of funding and a local prioritization process. Mike discussed Whitman County mirrors Mercy Corps and recommends teaming up with the City of Walla Walla for a uniformed front across the board.
* Port of Walla Walla working with small business emergency grant as the counties ADO; has a catalog of businesses in need; wants to ensure the process is streamlines.
* Council will convene a workgroup to discuss the use of these funds to support microbusinesses in relation to COVID-19
* Council will convene a separate workgroup to discuss other funding streams and resources to support homeless housing needs of the community in relation to COVID-19 (i.e. housing authority funds, HB 1406, etc.)

**Other Business:**

* Community Council’s Public Outreach and Education taskforce to provide information to the community about state and federal policies and measures. Hoping to compile and have it ready to go out in the next few days. Would like organizations to push it out. This is focused on housing and individuals/families.
* City is working on putting together a streamlined business directory (like what Rachel is doing, but for businesses), including local resources and state/federal. Will be going live in the next couple of days.
* David Lopez, WWU Center for Humanitarian Engagement is hiring 12 students that will help coordinate and assist the community right now. If you see needs, contact David.
* Blue Zones project has been purchased by Adventist Health; Walla Walla County will hopefully be one of the first communities.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM