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AGENDA

I. Approval of minutes – Chair

MOTION to Approve March Minutes: COMMISSIONER Ken Carson
SECOND by COMMISSIONER Tim Nisly
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

II. Additions/deletions to agenda – Chair

III. City Update – Director Jaramillo, Deputy Director Damian Lara, Sr. Economic Developer Monica Mitchell, and Small Business Office Manager David Sayers

- 2021 New Mexico Legislative Session Update
  - Paid Family & Medical Leave Act
    1. City working on developing a FAQs Document.
    2. Effective July 1st, 2022.
    3. 64 hours per 12-month period, 8 8-hour days.
    4. Technically, the 64 hours PTO can be rolled over but the employer is not required to give more than 64 hours in the 12-month period.
    5. Children school events is an acceptable reason to use PTO.
6. Notice Policy being developed by EDD.
7. If a business already covers the 64 hours in a 12-month period, that business is already in compliance.
8. If an employee is asking for 2 consecutive days off or more, business may ask for documentation.

- Liquor License Changes
  1. Delivery License Permitting: 3rd Party Delivery (UberEATS) but the establishment themselves can also apply for a delivery license to make their own alcohol deliveries. If you are asking for one of these licenses, you cannot have a 3rd party deliver alcohol. Both are not allowed. Curbside is not considered delivery. The containers themselves are still required to be sealed.
  2. Miniatures are banned. Anything less than 3 fl oz of spirits, are banned.
  3. Everyone who received a license between 2017-2021 are exempt from the issuance or renewable fees that they have from 2022-2031.

- Other legislation effecting small businesses
  1. GRT
     a. Starting March 1 – June 30, 2021, some establishments don’t have to pay GRT. You can either not charge or charge customers and not pay it.
  2. Unemployment Tax Rate
     a. Most establishments and businesses will see an increase, probably 80 – 90% are going to see an increase going forward.
     b. Governor has mentioned placing federal money into the unemployment fund, but nothing has been decided.
     c. Matt Biggs: Governments are still spending money. The idea that there is no money to put into the unemployment fund is ridiculous to me. When it comes to paying the bill, it falls on small businesses. I’ve closed 5 businesses now.
     d. Chair will draft a letter expressing SBRAC’s opinion to then share with the commission.

- Restaurant Revitalization Fund Webinar Overview
- Application is live on SBA website
- Red to Green Framework
- Upcoming Events
  - Fire Department to be added as a future guest
  - Dept. of Finance to have a virtual vendor event
- Future guests/topics
  - Workforce Development Liaison
  - Presentation for Home for Life Campaign
  - City Recovery Plan
  - Federal Fund Plan
  - Planning Department
  - Gateway Center
  - Downtown Strategy with Jonathan Teeters
  - Meetings with City Councilors
  - Meetings with State Representatives
• City Lobbyists
  • Monica to work on an excel sheet with scheduling ideas, to be shared with the team and approved

IV. Committee Update – Chair
  • Business Updates – updates on how your business is doing.
  • Mike Silva has left and a new commissioner is needed.
    • Matt Biggs suggests someone in the cannabis industry.
  • Downtown Recovery Strategy

V. Adjourn at 11:22am

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