

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM  
City Manager

DATE: May 7, 2020

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

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1. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The City of Bowie Economic Development Committee ("EDC") held a Special Meeting via Microsoft Teams on May 6, 2020.

The EDC had a Quorum and had several guests from the community including Representatives from City Finance Office, Representatives from the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce, Representatives from Bowie State University, and the Bowie BIC. In addition to the members, there were 6 guests and 2 City staff attending.

Chair Ragland shared a summary of his comments to City Council as well as his list of "To Do's" based on specific directions provided by the Mayor and Members of the City Council at the Council Meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020.

Mr. Ragland summarized the actions taken by the City of Hyattsville on Monday, as well as the proposed actions being discussed by the City of College Park and others. Participants in the meeting also shared examples of "Best Practices" being done by various entities across the country as well as globally as it relates to business assistance for COVID-19 relief efforts.

It was decided that the EDC members (and guests) should provide to the Chair, their specific recommendations for the allocation of \$1.5 million in City Funds across three (3) phases of relief for Bowie based businesses in keeping with the Best Practices discussed, NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, May 8, 2020. Mr. Ragland and the EDC staff liaison will summarize and distribute to the EDC a DRAFT document for their review over the weekend.

The EDC will meet during its regularly scheduled time, next Wednesday, May 13, 2020, to review a DRAFT and come up with specific recommendations, based on this three (3)

phased approach and after a formal vote, will forward recommendations to the City Council for their May 18, 2020 deadline.

ADL: lfr