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CITY MANAGER MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

Through: James R. Elensky, City Manager

From: Omar DeJesus, CPA, Finance Director

Date: September 28, 2023

Subject: Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce Additional Funding Request

Executive Summary

This item is an additional funding request from the City partners at the Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce due to growth.

Staff Contact: Omar DeJesus

Introduction

The intent of this item is to request Commission approval for an additional funding in the amount of \$20,000 (total funding to be \$40,000) to the Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce.

Background

The Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce is appreciative of the long-term partnership it has had with the City of Haines City, since 2009, and hopes to continue this valuable relationship for many years to come. We believe a strongly entwined liaison with the City of Haines City, the Haines City CRA, and Haines City Economic Development Council is vital to the growth and welfare of the community.

The Chamber is a non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors that has, at this time, one (1) full-time employee and a part-time employee, which includes the Executive Director (full-time) and a Communications and Administrative employee (part-time). Due to Haines City's growth, and the new businesses that are moving into our area daily, the Chamber is requesting additional funds from the City of Haines City to help them continue their mission of providing quality networking opportunities, lunch & learns, classes and support to promote and showcase the business partners and all that the Haines City community has to offer. They are requesting an additional \$20,000 to help them meet their budget needs in seeing these projects fulfilled.



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Organizational Goal(s)

Partnership: Encourage public and private partnerships.

Budget Impact

The total budget impact for fiscal year 2024 is \$40,000 and budgeted in the general government department under aids to private organizations.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Commission approval of the additional funding request of \$20,000 from the City partners at the Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce due to growth for a total annual contribution of \$40,000.