



September 27, 2023

Roy Tyler, Mayor
Omar Arroyo, Vice Mayor
Anne Huffman, Commissioner
Morris West, Commissioner
Vernel Smith, Commissioner
James Elensky, City Manager

To the City of Haines City:

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 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 new businesses that are moving into our area daily, the chamber is requesting additional funds from the City of Haines City to help us continue our mission of providing quality networking opportunities, lunch & learns, classes and support to promote and showcase our business partners and all that the Haines City community has to offer. We are requesting an additional \$20,000.00 for a total annual contribution of \$40,000 to help us meet our budget needs in seeing these projects fulfilled.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and thank you for your continued partnership. I am available for any questions regarding this request.

Respectfully,

Lana Stripling