

Fairfax Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting to Conduct
American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) Workshop
July 1, 2021
By teleconference only due to COVID-19

Mayor Ackerman called the Special Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Ackerman
Barbara Coler
Chance Cutrano
Renee Goddard
Stephanie Hellman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Garrett Toy, Town Manager
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk
Michael Vivrette, Finance Director

Approval of Agenda and Affidavit of Posting

M/S, Coler/Cutrano, Motion to approve the agenda and affidavit of posting.
AYES: Ackerman, Coler, Cutrano, Goddard, Hellman (through a roll call vote)

Regular Agenda

1. Conduct workshop regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The Council conducted a workshop on the American Rescue Plan Act. The Town Manager made a presentation regarding ARPA, including eligible expenses and restrictions; timeline for receipt of funds, obligation of funds, spending of funds, and reporting. He answered questions from Council and reviewed a worksheet of suggested uses. Suggested uses of funds included:

- Loss Revenue to the Town as defined by the SLRFP
- Storm Drain Pollution Control Improvements
- Homeless Case Management
- Mental Health Services (Countywide)
- Small Business Grants (e.g., outdoor spaces)
- SLRFP Administrative costs (in-house or 3rd party)
- Rental Assistance (replace General funds allocated to local program)
- Storm Drain repairs/improvements (Broadway)
- Premium Pay (limit 150% of county avg. wage)
- Home repairs (e.g., home hardening/weatherization programs)
- Water- gray water, recycled water projects/programs
- Outdoor spaces- restrooms janitorial/maintenance expenses
- Affordable housing assistance programs
- Climate resiliency programs

Mayor Ackerman opened public comment.

Walt Vernon, Climate Action Committee, suggested ideas related to climate change.

Jody Timms, Fairfax resident, suggested ideas related to older adults.

Mayor Ackerman closed public comment.

The Council discussed possible allocations, and requested staff to come back to the July 7, 2021, Town Council meeting with a staff report including a broad list reflecting the discussion, and the process for moving forward.

2. Receive Public Comment on the closed session matter below

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.
Agency designated representatives: Garrett Toy, Town Manager; Michael Vivrette, Finance Director.

Employee Organizations: SEIU Local 1021 (Fairfax non-management employees); Fairfax Police Officers Association; and non-represented Management Employees.

Mayor Ackerman opened public comment on the closed session item, and seeing none, closed public comment.

The Council adjourned to closed session at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Gardner
Town Clerk