



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, June 21, 2021
5:00 PM

Pre-Council

Council Chamber
Columbia City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Treece called the meeting to order at approximately 5:04 p.m.

Present: 6 - Thomas, Treece, Skala, Pitzer, Fowler, and Waner

Absent: 1 - Peters

II. ALL OTHER ITEMS COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

American Rescue Plan Discussion

Attachments: [American Rescue Plan Eligible Uses](#)
[CoMo Qualified Census Tracts 2021 map](#)

The discussion began at approximately 1 minute into the meeting.

Matthew Lue, Director of Finance presented on the eligible uses for the American Rescue Plan Act. There are four main categories these funds can be used for: public health or negative economic impacts, premium pay, investments in stormwater, sewer, and broadband, and the last category was governmental services that may have resulted in a revenue loss.

It was noted that these funds cannot be used to cover costs incurred past March 3, 2021. These funds have three years to be spent.

Lue highlighted how these funds can be used to assist travel, tourism, and hospitality industries. One way is to respond to the negative economic impact of the pandemic and the other is a planned expansion that was delayed as a result of the pandemic.

Another highlight was how these funds can be used to establish a jobs program. This could include public job programs, subsidized employment, combined with education and on-the-job training.

Council Member Waner asked in regards to the economic impact eligibility, if there was anything like new child care how it could be implemented if it was supposed to be one time spending? Lue said it would have to be a pilot program for 2-3 years, not something permanent.

Council Member Pitzer asked if the revenue reduction calculation had been done for revenue loss. Lue said it was about \$5.1 million. This was based on the general fund numbers. Pitzer also asked if there were any other potential funding sources that they knew about? Lue said they were awarded \$2.1 million for Community Development to be used for affordable housing. This has been

awarded but the City had not yet received this funding.

Mayor Treece asked what the amounts of other funding sources the City had received? Lue said the federally awarded CARES program was about \$26 million, to date the City has received about \$7.7 million of that. \$18 million went towards the airport, CDBG received \$573,000, \$131,000 was from the DOJ, CVB was awarded \$500,000 but only received \$252,000. For transit we were awarded \$6.5 million. \$9.1 million was received from the County, \$2.4 million of that went to public health. \$1.7 was for contact tracing, \$400,000 for public safety and about \$600,000 for CDBG. That means there has been about \$2 million invested in CDBG.

Council Member Thomas asked on the philosophy of one time construction costs, these could be used for construction of a facility and 1-2 years of operations for that facility? Lue said that would be correct. Thomas followed up with if some of these funds could be used and go towards the Community Land Trust? Lue said that would be only in those QCTs (Qualified Census Tract). Thomas asked if the public jobs program would have to be for the City or for other outside organizations? Lue said it could be used for both.

Council Member Fowler asked about the logic behind \$5.1 million as lost revenue. She wants to make sure these funds are used for the right purposes under the law, while not making things more complicated for City staff.

At approximately 5:30 Treece opened up for public comment to hear from the community for what they believe the priorities should be for using these funds. The following are a list of names who spoke for public comment and an approximate time for which they spoke.

Tiwan Lewis, 5:31pm.
Bill Folk 5:34 p.m.
Alica House 5:39 p.m.
Ed Stansberry 5:41 p.m.
Curtiss Hartley 5:46 p.m.
Patrick Finney 5:51 p.m.
Steve Calloway 5:53 p.m.
Dr. Janice Dawson-Threat 5:58 p.m.
Dani Perez 5:59 p.m.
Peter Norgard 6:03 p.m.
Emily Lessner 6:05 p.m.
Renee Maxwell 6:09 p.m.
Andrew Grabau 6:12 p.m.
Hannah Larrick 6:16 p.m.
Randy Cole 6:18 p.m.
Christine Gardner 6:22 p.m.
Marjorie Sable 6:25 p.m.
Brittany Fatoma 6:28 p.m.
Jeff Stack 6:30 p.m.
Adam Saunders 6:33 p.m.
Anthony Stanton 6:36 p.m.
Mat Gass 6:40 p.m.
Rebecca Shaw 6:42 p.m.
Traci Wilson-Kleecamp 6:46 p.m.
Annette Triplett 6:49 p.m.

David Webber 6:51 p.m.

Barbara Jefferson 6:53 p.m.

Sydney Olsen, PIO, provided examples of how the City is planning on publicly engaging to gather more input from how else to get feedback on what the community sees as where these funds should go. She detailed different ways of gathering information from virtual engagement to in person engagement to make sure people of all.

Ms. Fowler recommended that Ms. Olsen speak with the people in the community.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:58 p.m.

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