

COUNCIL ARPA REVIEW COMMITTEE

August 3, 2021

1:30 p.m.

Councilman Denny Whayne Conference Room (Busch Building, 4th Floor)

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Matthew Simpson, Chair; Abe McGull, Heather Hardinger, and Andrew Lear*.

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ABSENT: None.

STAFF/ COUNCIL

PRESENT: Jason Gage, City Manager; Collin Quigley and Maurice Jones, Co-Deputy City Managers; Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney; David Holtmann, Director of Finance; Cora Scott, Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement; Melissa Haase, Assistant Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement; Anita Cotter, City Clerk; Johnathan Saunders, Deputy City Clerk.

GUESTS: Lauren Mustoe, Chamber of Commerce; Linda Simkins, Citizen.

Clerk's Note: * indicates participation via Zoom.

Chairman Matthew Simpson called the meeting to order at approximately 2:21 p.m., and roll call was conducted. Present: Andrew Lear*, Abe McGull, Heather Hardinger, and Matthew Simpson. Absent: None.

Chairman Simpson noted the minutes from the July 27, 2021 were provided to all members and asked if anyone had a motion. Councilwoman Hardinger moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman McGull and was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Hardinger, and Simpson. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Chairman Simpson welcomed everyone to today's meeting. He noted the purpose of today's meeting is to finish discussion that ran overtime from the previous meeting. He then turned the meeting over to the City Manager.

Jason Gage, City Manager provided an overview of topics that require staff follow up (*See Exhibit A*). The following is an outline of the presentation:

Status	Topic/Categories for Consideration
Baseline	ARPA Eligibility
Baseline	ARPA Project Obligations
Quantify	Total Cost/Cost Sharing Opportunity
Quantify	Future Ongoing Cost Obligations
Core	COVID Relief Needs
Discretionary	Meets City Council Priorities
Quantify	Economic Transformation Impact
Discretionary	Address Existing IBU Projects
Discretionary	Alignment with Public Feedback

Mr. Gage noted the review criteria are a basic framework for consideration and can be adjusted as necessary in the future. Mr. Gage reiterated the need to collaborate with Greene County as well as seek cost-sharing opportunities where appropriate.

Councilman Lear noted the need to spend ARPA money before the federal deadline. He asked how the timeline would work if the City obligates money to another agency to execute a project. Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager noted the money must be spent by 2026.

Chairman Simpson asked if an additional category could be added that addresses the alignment of public feedback with funding opportunities. With the consensus of the Committee, the category "Alignment with Public Feedback" was added.

Councilman Lear asked if a numerical score would be utilized to quantify certain criteria. Mr. Gage outlined several options, expressing it is up to the Committee to decide how to move forward. Councilman Lear expressed his desire to whittle down funding opportunities by starting large and narrowing down options that provide money to businesses that were profoundly impacted by COVID-19 and help the community as a whole.

Mr. Gage asked which items the Committee would like to have quantified. By the consensus of the Committee, the criteria "Total Cost/Cost Sharing Opportunity", "Future Ongoing Cost Obligations", and "Long-term Economic Transformation Impact" were noted as quantifiable. Councilman Lear expressed his belief quantifying and synchronizing cost-share opportunities with Greene County and their timeline may prove difficult.

Chairman Simpson asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman McGull made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hardinger and approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lear, McGull, Hardinger, and Simpson. Nays: None. Absent: None Abstain: None.

There being no further business to come before the Council ARPA Review Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:51 p.m.