

From City Council to Business Council – Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Note: Tonight's meetings were the first in-person, in-City Council Chambers City Council meeting since a year ago March.



From left to right: Ana Pellumbi, Amie Clarke, Adam Roberts, Zach Clevenger, Mayor Bryant Delong, Jesse Smith, Lisa Tull, Anthony Saper and Wesley Graves

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of this work session was to discuss how to use the anticipated \$922,361.25 funds the City is expected to receive from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA).

FACT SHEET: The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will deliver \$350 billion for State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal Governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs.

Some of the recommended possibilities of the ARPA act are:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control;
- Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs;
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses;
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.

Staff's suggestion is that it be used to replace lost public sector revenue. The City easily lost more than \$922,361.25 for the period ending December 31, 2020. The amounts below are not exact because they

are for the fiscal year rather than the calendar year, but staff calculates the following losses in the following funds in the last fiscal year according to the formula:

- General Fund: \$699,698
- Transportation Fund: \$66,535
- Convention and Tourism Fund: \$159,313
- Gaming Fund: \$1,451,720

A decision on the use of the funds is not needed soon. The first portion of funds is expected to be received in the July/August timeframe. Beginning this discussion now enables the City to make the best decisions. City Council members were very interested in ensuring flexible use of the funds and to be responsive to the needs of the entire community. Apparently putting the funds in the General Fund will apparently limit the flexibility of use.

Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Recognition of City Leaders During Operation Safe

Special recognition was given to Fire Chief Dave Hargis, North Kansas City Hospital CEO Dr Steve Reintjes and Assistant City Administrator Kim Nakahodo for their tireless efforts to make Operation Safe so successful.

KC Regional Climate Action Plan

With one dissenting vote City Council approved endorsement of KC Regional Climate Action Plan. For reference the full plan can be found here: <https://kcmetroclimateplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Climate-Action-Plan.pdf17> The dissent was based on the belief that most of the City Council have not read the full document and that within it is encouragement of some programs that residents may not support. However it was pointed out that this should be viewed as broad guidelines and that any future actions will be specifically discussed and approved or disapproved.

Extension of Temporary Parklet License Program

Approval was given to extend the eligibility for temporary parklets until October 31 to enable qualifying businesses to have extended outside dining areas using parking spaces in front of their businesses.

Staff Comments

Eric Berlin formally advised City Council that this was his last City Council meeting as City Administrator because he is retiring effective July 2, 2021. Assistant City Administrator Kim Nakahodo will be serving as Interim City Administrator until a new City Administrator is hired and on-board.