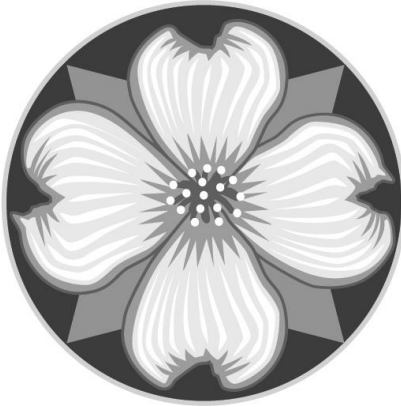




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AGENDA

APRIL 27, 2021

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1. Federal and State Funding Priorities - Discussion (5:15 p.m.)

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Staff: Ann Ober, City Manager

2. Adjourn (7:15 p.m.)

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MINUTES

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Council Present: Council President Kathy Hyzy; Councilors Angel Falconer, Lisa Batey, Desi Nicodemus, Mayor Mark Gamba

Staff Present: Kelly Brooks, Assistant City Manager
Bonnie Dennis, Finance Director
Justin Gericke, City Attorney
Ann Ober, City Manager

Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director
Natalie Rogers, Climate Action & Sustainability Coord.
Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

Mayor Gamba called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

1. Federal and State Funding Priorities – Discussion

Ober explained that Oregon state legislators had funding available to support local projects through the federal American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA).

The group participated in a brainstorming session to draft a list of potential city projects to submit for ARPA funding. Proposed projects included little libraries, bike lending and loan programs, sustainability and tree canopy projects, community gardens, an outdoor pool, and the completion of city park properties. It was noted that ARPA funds could not support ongoing programs and needed to be spent within the next three years.

Councilors Falconer and Nicodemus and **Mayor Gamba** supported requesting ARPA funds to build Balfour Park and Bowman-Brae Park. The group noted the importance of creating equitable park spaces and working with Milwaukie's Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) community on the park designs.

Neil Schulman, Executive Director of the North Clackamas Watershed Council, supported funding projects that improved fish habitat and stormwater systems.

The group discussed next steps in the process. They noted that the federal government may provide more funding for infrastructure and capital improvement projects soon. They continued to brainstorm and remarked on the types of projects state legislators were likely to fund. **Mayor Gamba** and **Ober** noted the timeline to submit projects ideas.

Council President Hyzy and **Councilor Batey** expressed support for seeking ARPA funds to complete Balfour and Bowman-Brae parks. The group noted park design elements and project costs. It was Council consensus that Balfour Park would take priority over Bowman-Brae Park.

Councilor Falconer noted that street trees had been planted in the right-of-way near her home and commented on that permitting process.

2. Adjourn

Mayor Gamba adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Stauffer".

Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

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- 17:44:10 From Desi Nicodemus to All panelists : Outdoor pool?
- 17:49:18 From Councilor Angel Falconer (she/her) to All panelists : Come check out the three street trees Friends of Trees just planted in the ROW adjacent to my house on SE 30th
- 18:10:59 From Councilor Desi Nicodemus to All panelists : Balfour

COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**To:** Mayor and City Council**Date Written:** April 26, 2021**From:** Ann Ober, City Manager**Subject:** **Federal and State Funding Priorities****ACTION REQUESTED**

Council is asked to continue conversations about federal and state funding opportunities.

HISTORY OF PRIOR ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

[April 13, 2021](#): Council discussed the city's allocation of \$1.03 million in reimbursements from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and \$4.2 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

ANALYSIS

Over the past few months, the city has received direct allocations of federal funds to assist in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and has been invited to weigh in on several funding priority requests by the state. In total, the city is projected to receive an allocation of \$5.2 million and has been contacted by state leaders to consider additional funding opportunities. This report provides a brief update for each of these funding opportunities and opens a dialogue for Council to further prioritize funding requests and expenditures.

ARPA/CARES Funding

During the April study session, Council prioritized rental assistance and small business support in addition to using funds that are required to stabilize the city's fund balances and existing construction projects. Staff has initiated discussions with non-profit partners to determine the allocation recommendation based on need and distribution timing requirements. Staff will return when a recommended number is finalized.

As a reminder, the federal government directed states and local governments to spend CARES Act and ARPA funds on:

- Revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue was due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent fiscal year prior to the emergency,
- COVID-19 expenditures or negative economic impacts of the pandemic, including assistance to small businesses, households, hard-hit industries, and economic recovery,
- Premium pay for essential workers, and
- Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Qualifying expenditures must be made by December 31, 2024.

Lottery Backed Bonds

In March, staff was asked to submit projects for funding consideration using lottery backed bonds. The city submitted the Monroe Street Neighborhood Greenway and the Milwaukee Bay

Park Trolley Trail alignment for consideration based on current city priorities and funding shortfalls. Those projects have been included in the legislature's lottery prioritization process.

Governor's ARPA Prioritization

Two weeks ago, the city was asked by the Governor's Regional Solutions team to submit projects for funding consideration for ARPA funds. The city again submitted the Monroe Greenway and Milwaukie Bay Park trail alignment project shortfalls for the regional ARPA funding opportunity. The North Clackamas Watersheds Council (NCWC) also submitted the Kellogg Dam removal project for this funding opportunity and listed the city as the owner of that project.

State Legislative ARPA Funds

Last week, state legislators were informed that they would receive direct ARPA allocations for use in their districts. State representatives are scheduled to receive \$2 million to allocate and state senators are receiving \$4 million to allocate. The city's legislators are working together to reduce duplication and assure distribution across their shared communities.

The following are guidelines staff has received associated with using these ARPA funds:

- 1) Projects need to be complete by December 31, 2024,
- 2) The funds should not be spent on previously budgeted expenses,
- 3) Projects should not be for ongoing expenses such as employees,
- 4) Projects should tie to the impacts of the pandemic, and
- 5) Ideally, the funding will take a project over a finish line or allow for the full project to be completed once the funds are expended.

BUDGET IMPACT

Budget impacts will be discussed on a case by case basis during the council conversation. Allocations that are not currently budgeted or staffed would require additional city resources.

WORKLOAD IMPACT

Requests that heighten existing programs and projects do not require additional staffing. However, new programs and projects would require new staff or resource allocations.

CLIMATE IMPACT

None.

COORDINATION, CONCURRENCE, OR DISSENT

Council and staff have been in communication with Milwaukie's state legislators.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Council is asked to make requests consistent with current Council goals or shift prioritize to remove a goal and replace with a new initiative.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

- **Bike Library:** bike check-out or share program (Councilor Nicodemus)
 - o Build on to Library of Things program
- **Bike Loan Program** (Natalie Rogers)
 - o Zero percent loans
- **Broadband** (Councilor Batey)
- **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects** (Councilor Falconer)
 - o **Safe Access for Everyone (SAFE) Projects** (Councilor Batey)
- **Clackamas Community College (CCC) Cross-Discipline Programming Support** (Council President Hyzy)
- **Community Gardens** near multi-family homes (Councilor Nicodemus)
 - o Pollinator Garden
 - o Sensory Gardens
- **Economic Development** (Councilor Batey)
- **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations** (Natalie Rogers)
- **Device Replacement Program** (Natalie Rogers)
 - o Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) Program
- **Habitat Connectivity Corridors Program** (Natalie Rogers)
- **Land Banking for Affordable Housing** (Councilor Falconer)
- **Little Libraries** near multi-family affordable housing (Councilor Nicodemus)
 - o City provide infrastructure, perhaps programming
 - o Different from Ledding Library satellite branch discussion
 - o **Bookmobile** program (Council President Hyzy)
- **Parks: Build/Complete** (Mayor Gamba)
 - o Accessible Playground(s) (Councilor Batey)
 - o Balfour Park (Councilor Batey, Mayor Gamba)
 - o Bowman-Brae Park, resolve access issue (Council President Hyzy)
 - o Dogwood Park (Councilor Batey)
 - o Milwaukie Bay Park and Trolley Trail (Councilor Batey)
 - o Nature Play Areas (Natalie Rogers)
 - o **Outdoor Pool** (Councilor Nicodemus)
 - o Update park master plans (Councilor Falconer)

- **Seismic Retrofit City Buildings** (Councilor Batey)
- **Solar Arrays at JCB** (Natalie Rogers)
- **Sparrow Site Access Resolution** (Council President Hyzy)
- **Sustainability Programs for City Buildings** (Natalie Rogers)
- **Tree Canopy Goals** (Council President Hyzy)
 - Food forest program
 - Providing tree care funding for low-income residents
 - For a limited duration, target specific invasive species
 - Planting trees in low-income neighborhoods
 - Support programming with partners (Friends of Trees)
 - Waive tree care related fees