

MINUTES

Committee on Budget and Finance

Date of meeting: July 1st, 2021, 6:00 pm

Meeting post: <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/city-council/events/292041>

Roll:

B&F Members: Councillors McCauley, Zeid
Joined by Councillor Tontar
Finance Director Ethan Manning
Mayor Holaday for ARPA discussion

Public Comment:

- None

Agenda/Actions: (Green = coming out of Committee)

ORDR26 2 06 28 202 1 Accepting ARPA Grant	Recommend approval AS AMENDED, 2-0 (Amended version shown below)
ODNC0 82 06 28 2021 ARPA Fund	Recommend Receive and File, 2-0
COMM333 06 28 2021 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ARPA Funds	Recommend Receive and File, 2-0
TRAN 106 06 28 202 t LIB Sal Staff\$5,000 to LIB Maint-Equipment \$5,000	Recommend Approval, 2-0
ORDR258 06 28 2021 Ch 59 Sec 5N Vet Property Tax Exemption	Recommend Approval, 2-0
ORDR259 06 28 2021 Ch. 59 Sec. 5K to allow the adjustments to the exemptions	Recommend Approval, 2-0
ORDR260 06 28 20 21 Ch. 59 Sec. 5K. changing the income limits	Recommend Approval, 2-0
ORDR26 1 06 28 202 1 Parks Gift Acceptance- Pioneer	Recommend Approval, 2-0
ORDR263 06 28 202 1 FY22 Rec Revolving Fund Order	Recommend Approval, 2-0

2nd Public Comment:

- Jane Snow, 9 Coffin St.

Recording Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/uCEjshTML_zGUJQgX6c8uDx6XXXKNRI9GLwDCDVvaxrZetHTewZa2UaL-fMbU-G_t.nQC63nvfaqGsDW5V

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June 28, 2021

WHEREAS, the federal government, in response to COVID-19, passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which provides financial support to municipalities by way of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

WHEREAS, the grant amount is computed on a per capita basis consisting of a municipal allocation and a county reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the total grant is in the amount of \$5,466,707 to cover eligible costs incurred through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the grant monies are restricted to the following purposes: a) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality; b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers; c) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Holaday is in the process of establishing an ad hoc committee, with representation from the City Council, to determine how the City should utilize these federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the timely acceptance of said grant is in the best interests of the City of Newburyport in order to ensure compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A, as well as, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Single Audit Act requirements required for federal awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF NEWBURYPORT hereby accepts the grant from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) by way of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) in the amount of \$5,466,707. Said funds are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A and pursuant to guidance and regulations issued by the US Department of the Treasury and further promulgated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Executive Office for Administration and Finance (A&F) and the Director of the Division of Local Services (DLS).

FURTHER THAT, upon recommendation of the Mayor, with the concurrence of the ad hoc committee, all appropriations from said funds shall be approved by a majority vote of the City Council.

Councillor Charles F. Tontar