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WAYZATA CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2022

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5:30 p.m. Discussion of ARPA Funds Allocation

Mayor Mouton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council Members present in the community room at City Hall offices: Plechash, MacDonald, and Buchanan. Iverson was absent. Also present: City Manager Jeff Dahl, Administrative Services Director Aurora Yager, and Public Works Director/City Engineer Mike Kelly.

Ms. Yager noted that in March of 2021, the Federal Government passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide state, local, and Tribal governments with resources needed to both respond to the pandemic and its economic impacts. State, local, and tribal governments were to receive their funds in two equal installments, the first half in 2021 and the second half in 2022.

Wayzata's ARPA allocations are outlined below. Wayzata's ARPA Allocations are:

1st Half 2021	\$246,394.94
Extra 2021 Distribution	\$8,068.76
2nd Half 2022	\$254,463.70
Total	\$508,927.40

ARPA Eligible Uses generally fall into these five categories 1) Responding to the public health emergency - Eligible uses include but are not limited to: vaccination programs, medical care, testing, contact tracing, enforcement of public health orders, etc.; 2) Responding to the negative economic impacts of the pandemic - Eligible uses include, but are not limited to: assistance to households, small businesses and non-profits for things like food, rent/mortgage payments or utilities, aid to impacted industries through loans or grants to retain employees, etc.; 3) Premium pay for essential workers - Eligible uses include, but are not limited to: additional pay on top of wages for essential workers who work in person in critical infrastructure sectors; 4) Replacement of lost public sector revenue - Eligible uses include, but are not limited to: claim standard revenue loss of up to \$10 million or complete a full revenue loss calculation. Both options allow for streamlined reporting requirements; 5) Investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure - Eligible uses include, but are not limited to: water treatment and distribution rehabilitation and decontamination projects, sewer treatment and water conservation projects, and broadband improvements that deliver minimum speeds of 100 Mbps.

Ms. Yager recommended that the City move forward with replacement of lost public sector revenue because it has the broadest use, streamlined reporting requirements, and is aligned with how many other cities were using their ARPA allocation.

The Council asked questions pertaining to previous budget allocation of ARPA and previous pandemic-relief related funding from the federal government. Based on budgeting for these funds and the gap in revenue that the pandemic caused, there was consensus on the Council to utilize the ARPA funds as budgeted.

Next Steps will be to proceed with claiming the standard allowance. Staff will bring back a resolution recommended by the League of Minnesota Cities that will memorialize these intentions at the April 19th City Council meeting.

5:50 p.m. Review of Ferndale Road Sidewalk Feasibility Study

Mr. Kelly provided background that as part of the 2021 CIP, funding was allocated to determine the feasibility of a sidewalk along Ferndale Road South, between Lake Street and Wayzata Blvd. This segment is a critical north-south corridor for pedestrians and cyclists and is a direct route between the

1 Dakota Rail Regional Trail and the Luce Line Trail. WSB was hired to evaluate this corridor and
2 determine the viability of a pedestrian facility. The CIP allocates funding for the construction of this
3 project in 2023.

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5 Additionally, staff requested that the City's consulting arborist complete an inventory of the trees located
6 in this corridor.

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8 The Council asked questions on both of the trail options and, ultimately, there was consensus that it made
9 the most sense to pursue planning efforts for a new sidewalk on the east side of Ferndale Road between
10 Wayzata Boulevard and Lake Street.

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12 Next steps include: Sharing the feasibility study with the Parks and Trails Board and solicit comments;
13 Hold a neighborhood meeting to share the study and solicit feedback on the presented options; and
14 Bring comments back to the Council and formally consider selecting an option to move forward with in
15 2023

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17 **6:10 p.m. Update of Emerald Ash Borer Status and Discussion of Mitigation Plan**

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19 Mr. Kelly stated in January of 2020, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture confirmed the first emerald
20 ash borer infestation in the City of Wayzata. Earlier this year, the City's consulting arborist began an
21 inventory of trees in public spaces, including parks and City right-of-way. Unfortunately, the arborist
22 discovered that EAB quickly spread across the City.

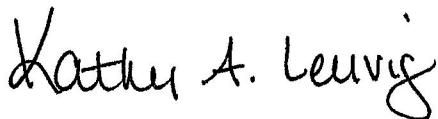
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24 To minimize the spread of EAB to additional trees, a quick response is needed. The Parks Department is
25 preparing a mitigation plan for the removal of infested ash trees and treatment of healthy ash trees. The
26 goal would be to implement the mitigation plan by May 1, before EAB enters its active spreading season.

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28 Staff solicited quotes for removal and treatment of the inventoried trees. The Parks CIP has \$80,500
29 allocated in 2022 for the planting, removal, and maintenance of City trees, including managing EAB.
30 Given the community-wide impact of EAB, staff have already begun informing the public about its
31 presence. It was included in the Wayzata Weekly and is on the City's website, which includes information
32 on how Wayzata's residents can contact the Parks Department for additional assistance in evaluating ash
33 trees on private property. Additional communication will be sent out when the mitigation plan is
34 prepared.

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36 The Council agreed that immediate action was needed and that the City should do as much
37 communication on the front end, related to specific trees to be removed, but then continue
38 communications regarding future actions that will be needed. Mr. Kelly indicated that they would put
39 together a mitigation plan that could be reviewed by the Council in the future.

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41 The workshop meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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43 Respectfully submitted,



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45 Kathy Leervig, City Clerk