

**MINUTES
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TASK FORCE
SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2021**

Present: Mayor Ben Florsheim; Majority Leader Gene Nocera; Minority Leader Phil Pessina; Pamela Steele; Rev. Robyn Anderson; Rev. Moses Harvill; Cynthia Clegg; Bobbye Knoll Peterson; Joe Samolis; Carl Erlacher; Diana Doyle; Kevin Elak; Bryan Skowera; Brig Smith

Public: Christina Hackart

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None

3. New Business

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mayor Florsheim requested nominations for and a motion to appoint a chair. Minority Leader Pessina made a MOTION that Mayor Florsheim be appointed chair. Joe Samolis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Florsheim requested nominations for and a motion to appoint a vice chair. Minority Leader Pessina made a MOTION that Pamela Steele be appointed vice chair. Bobbye Knoll Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration of ARPA Funds for Water and Sewer Needs

Mayor Florsheim advised that the Common Council, which has final approval authority on the ARPA Task Force's recommendations, tabled a \$2.75M request for design work to address immediate water and sewer needs pending the Task Force's review.

Council Member Pessina advised that the \$2.75M is for three basins in critical need of repair, at \$750,000 per basin, as well as \$500,000 to address significant issues with the water main.

Cynthia Clegg made a MOTION to recommend to the Common Council that it pass a supplemental appropriation of \$2.75M of the available ARPA funds for use on the immediate water and sewer needs Council Member Pessina described. Council Member Nocera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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C. Schedule of Meeting Dates

Mayor Florsheim suggested that the Task Force set meeting dates for the remainder of the year on the second Wednesday in November and the second Wednesday in December at 11:00 a.m. in Room 208.

Bobbye Knoll Peterson made a MOTION to set meeting dates for the second Wednesday in November (i.e. November 10) and the second Wednesday in December (i.e. December 8) at 11:00 a.m. in Room 208. Council Member Nocera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bryan Skowera noted that Room 208 could accommodate hybrid meetings.

Brig Smith suggested that the Task Force formally vote to make the meetings hybrid and that it also vote to ratify all actions it had already taken once the Mayor swore in the members who had not yet taken their oaths. The Mayor administered the oath to all members who had not yet been sworn in.

Bryan Skowera made a MOTION to ratify the Task Force's prior votes. Council Member Pessina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bobbye Knoll Peterson made a MOTION that the meetings on November 10 and December 8 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 208 be conducted as hybrid meetings. Bryan Skowera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Other

The Task Force discussed how to structure the upcoming meetings and what steps to take in order to set them up properly. Joe Samolis will share the rubric used for CDBG projects, which the Task Force can consider and possibly adapt to evaluate projects brought forth internally from the city and externally from the community.

5. Adjournment

Council Member Pessina made a MOTION to adjourn. Bobbye Knoll Peterson seconded it. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.