



CITY OF HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA

CITY COMMISSION

MINUTES • OCTOBER 12, 2021

City Commission Chamber

Work Session

5:00 PM

CITY HALL
1065 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE
HOLLY HILL, FL 32117

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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Roll Call

2. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) DISCUSSION

1.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Discussion State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)

(Requested by Valerie Manning, City Clerk)

Mr. Forte read from the agenda staff report to explain the ARPA. The American Rescue Act will deliver \$350 billion to state, local, territorial and Tribal governments to respond to the recent COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs to the American Economy. The funding objectives are intended to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease the spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control. One of the major goals of the Act was to replace lost public sector revenue and to strengthen support for vital public services that would help retain jobs. Another goal of the funds provided to local governments was to support immediate economic stabilization for households and small businesses. Finally, the Act was to address systematic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the un-equal impact of the pandemic throughout our economy.

Statutory Eligible Uses:

1. To respond to COVID-19 public health emergencies or its negative economic impacts;
2. To respond to workers performing essential work during COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to such eligible workers of the recipient, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who have performed essential work;
3. For the provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such recipient due to COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to the revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the recipient prior to the emergency; and
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

As a recipient of an SLFRF award, the City may use SLFRF funds to cover eligible costs that the organization incurred during the period that begins on March 3, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2024, as long as the award funds for the obligations incurred by December

31, 2024 are expended by December 31, 2026. Costs for projects incurred by the recipient State, territorial, local, or Tribal government prior to March 3, 2021 are not eligible, as provided for in Treasury's Interim Final Rule. At this time, the staff will be presenting a large project in the waste water plant to be funded by the ARPA funds. Other ideas will be taken into consideration at the direction of the City Commission after hearing additional input from residents of the City of Holly Hill. Final plans will be developed based on the direction of the City Commission and brought back to the City Commission for final approval.

Antoine Khoury, Public Works Director, passed out a handout showing BTU's for the Wastewater Valve Replacement 2017 maps and discussed this with the Mayor and Commissioners. *(the handout is available in the City Clerk's office)*

Mayor Via opened public participation.

Jim Legary, Holly Hill shared some ideas for the use of the ARPA funds: services for the community and broad-band stations that can benefit the general population; get the citizens more acquainted with the city.

Heidi Heller, Holly Hill suggested doing a couple of projects and not just one; have a "free sales tax day" for the businesses of Holly Hill; free bus passes for citizens; creating bus shelters; hire professional landscapers for the canals; signs for citizens that show them funds were being used to benefit the community and that can say, "City of Holly Hill ARPA Funded Project".

Mayor Via closed public participation.

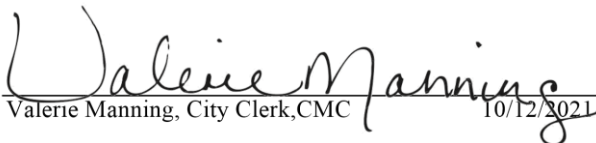
There was some further discussion amongst the Mayor, City Commissioners and staff. ***(A copy of the CD of this workshop is available upon request in the City Clerk's Office).***

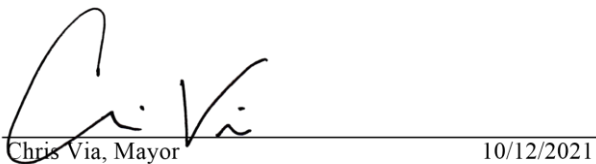
There was **consensus** to have another workshop in December so that the Mayor and Commissioners and read over and make a decision on what to do with the ARPA funds. The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM and if needed, continue it after the regular City Commission meeting.



3. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at approximately 6:05 PM.


Valerie Manning, City Clerk, CMC 10/12/2021


Chris Via, Mayor 10/12/2021