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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
Meeting: June 30, 2021
Subject: Appropriate Funding for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Background:

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by President Joe Biden establishing the Fiscal Recovery Funds which are intended to provide governments support in their response to the impacts of COVID-19. These Fiscal Recovery Funds build on the support previously provided through the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) of which the City received \$17,299,688.

The City of Roanoke will be awarded \$64,576,671 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Half of the allocation, \$32,288,335.50, has been received in May of FY 2020-2021 and the remaining half is expected to be received in May of FY 2021-2022.

Recommendations for use of the ARPA funding are currently being formulated through Phase 2 of the Star City Strong effort and are expected to be brought before City Council in September, 2021. The recommendations will focus on recovery efforts necessary as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic disaster. The ARPA funding eligible use categories include:

- Support public health expenditures
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency
- Replace lost public sector revenue
- Provide premium pay for essential workers
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

ARPA allows for the recognition of revenue loss with calendar 2019 as the base year with an assumed minimum growth rate of 4.1%. Based on the calculation utilizing allowable revenues, the loss rate for the City of Roanoke is 7.85% for the General Fund. Through December 31, 2020, the city can appropriate \$24,633,386 to the General Fund in recognition of this loss. The General Fund revenue loss for calendar year 2021-2024 must be calculated and appropriated at a later time. Additionally, revenue loss for enterprise funds must be calculated and appropriated at a later time. It has not been determined if fiscal year calculations will be allowed. It is anticipated that in FY 2021-2022, the revenue loss funds will be appropriated with Council's approval in alignment with the approved recommendations from the Star City Strong initiative. Until

such time as Council authorizes such appropriation, the revenue loss funding will be held on the City's balance sheet.

A public hearing was held on June 30, 2021 during a special call meeting to allow for comment by the public. City Council action is required for the acceptance and appropriation of the ARPA funding as well as the appropriation of General Fund revenue loss through December 31, 2020.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the acceptance of \$64,576,671 through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Appropriate \$39,943,285 to the grant fund in an account to be established by the Director of Finance and appropriate \$24,633,386 to the General Fund in recognition of allowable revenue loss through December 31, 2020.



Robert S. Cowell, Jr.
City Manager

Distribution: Council Appointed Officers
Clarence Grier, Deputy City Manager for Operations
W. Brent Robertson, Assistant City Manager for Community Development
Amelia C. Merchant, Director of Finance

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

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AN ORDINANCE to appropriate funding from the United States Treasury for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus Relief Fund, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2020-2022 Grant Fund Appropriations, and dispensing with the second reading by title of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that the following sections of the 2020-2022 Grant Fund Appropriations be, and the same are hereby, amended and reordained to read and provide as follows:

Appropriations

American Rescue Plan Act Expenses	35-C22-2247-3083	\$ 39,943,285
Covid-19 Contingency	01-250-1212-2502	24,633,386

Revenues

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FY21	35-C22-2247-2247	39,943,285
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FY21	01-110-1234-2247	24,633,386

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING - PUBLIC HEARING**

**JUNE 30, 2021
11:30 A.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

The City of Roanoke is a safe, caring and economically vibrant community in which to live, learn, work, play and prosper

A vibrant urban center with strong neighborhoods set amongst the spectacular beauty of Virginia's Blue Ridge

1. Call to Order – Roll Call. **All present.**
2. Invocation. Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America will be led by Mayor Lea.
4. Welcome and Statement of Purpose. Mayor Lea.

NOTICE

Today's public hearing will be televised live and replayed on RVTV Channel 3 on Thursday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, July 3 at 4:00 p.m.; and video streamed through Facebook Live at [facebook.com/RoanokeVa](https://www.facebook.com/RoanokeVa). Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

Due to the recent increase and severity in COVID-19 cases in the City of Roanoke, out of an abundance of caution, the Roanoke City Council has determined that temporary changes are necessary. Roanoke City Council Members will continue to meet in person in City Council Chamber, observing all recommended safety protocols while members of the

community wishing to address the City Council during Hearing of Citizens Upon Public Matters are required to participate virtually or via email by contacting the City Clerk's Office at clerk@roanokeva.gov and (540) 853-2541, by 8:30 a.m., on June 30. The Council Chamber will not be accessible to the general public during the meeting. The meeting will continue to be broadcast via RVTV-3 and on the City's Facebook account.

5. Public Hearing:

- a. Receive citizen comments with regard to the appropriation of \$32,288,335.50 awarded by the United States through the American Rescue Plan Act to provide government entities support in the response to the impacts of COVID-19.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 42093-063021. (7-0).

Will Bulloss, Western Virginia Water Authority, expressed interest in working with the City on how to use the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

6. **Adjourned – 11:48 a.m.**