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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 28, 2021
TO: Mayor and City Councilmembers
THRU: Darin Atteberry, City Manager
Travis Storin, Chief Financial Officer
FROM: SeonAh Kendall, City Recovery Manager
RE: Work Session Summary – May 25, 2021, re: City Recovery Plan

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This memorandum provides a summary of the discussion related to the May 25, 2021, Work Session Item – City Recovery Plan.

Mayor and Councilmembers Present: Mayor Arnt, Mayor Pro Tem Gorgol, and Councilmembers Gutowsky, Pignataro, Canonico, Peel and Ohlson
Presenting Staff: Travis Storin and SeonAh Kendall

DIRECTION SOUGHT:

Does Council agree with the recommended allocation of the 15/85 split (\$4.2M 2021 appropriation) of the City’s American Rescue Plan funding to address current needs while developing the City Recovery Plan?

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

Staff presented a high-level recap of the City’s CARES Coronavirus Relief Fund, a review of the new American Rescue Plan Act’s State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“ARPA”) and previewed the City’s Recovery Plan and timeline.

Key Discussion Points Included:

- Supported an iterative approach of making 15% of the ARPA funds available to meet current and short-term needs due to the uncertainty of the pandemic impacts. Areas of caution are:
 - Not to limit resources needed to the 15%, if more is needed.
 - Not to constrain potential support programs as either response or recovery.
 - Refrain from utilizing ARPA funds to offset budget constraints or shortfalls.
- Encouraged community connections and leveraging funding opportunities with partners such as with Poudre School District, Larimer County, Neighbor to Neighbor and more.
- Suggested focus opportunities included, but are not limited to, housing and childcare, mental health, rent and utility assistance, workforce development, women and historically underrepresented community members.
- Underscored that there are still community members impacted by the pandemic.



- Urged utilizing various outreach and engagement methods to make sure the entire community is aware of resources and support.
- Discussion on whether resiliency planning would be better than recovery.

NEXT STEPS:

ARPA Funding Allocation:

1. Staff will bring forward an ordinance to appropriate the 15% ARPA.
 - a. 1st reading is anticipated June 15, 2021, 2nd reading on July 6, 2021.
 - b. Funds would be available approximately July 19, 2021.
2. Staff will continue to monitor ARPA Interim Final Rule for changes while developing a short-term needs assessment and application process.

City Recovery Plan

1. Begin public engagement process (June 2021) and begin development of the City Recovery Plan.
2. Anticipate a Fall 2021 Council Work Session to review a draft plan.