



City of Tacoma Committee of the Whole Minutes

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April 13, 2021

3:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

Mayor Woodards called the special meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Beale, Hines, McCarthy, Thoms, Ushka, Walker and Woodards

Absent: 2 - Blocker and Hunter

Council Member Hunter arrived at 3:19 p.m. Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived at 3:29 p.m.

All Council Members participated virtually.

Briefing Items

1. [21-0367](#) American Rescue Plan Funding Update

At approximately 3:18 p.m., Katie Johnston, Budget Officer, Finance, provided opening remarks on the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Act funding and introduced Reid Bennion, Lead Budget Analyst, Finance.

Council Member Hunter arrived here, at 3:19 p.m.

Mr. Bennion presented the ARPA funding update, including an agenda; review of the March 23, 2021, Committee of the Whole special meeting discussion; updates on ARPA, noting uses, distributions, and guidance; alignment of ARPA funding buckets with City Council priorities; an overview of Pierce County ARPA funding; proposed focus areas for 2021, noting affordable housing, health, and jobs, with additional funding related to organizational effectiveness; 2020 engagement themes; the recommended engagement strategy; recommendations related to participatory budgeting; City Council feedback; and next steps.

Deputy Mayor Blocker arrived here, at 3:29 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding participatory budgeting, funds administered by Pierce County, funding related to green and sustainable projects, support for non-profits and faith-based community organizations, transit improvements, 2020 budget reductions, funding for specific programs and initiatives, communicating clearly with the public about how funds are allocated, expectations for additional federal infrastructure funds, public safety funding, affordable housing, jobs, previous budget requests, the difference between budget outreach and participatory budgeting, individual Council Members' priorities, and next steps.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the special meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Victoria R. Woodards, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk