



Lowell City Council

Non-Profit Organizations SC

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City Clerk

Date: June 22, 2021
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: City Council Chamber, Lowell City Hall, Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Chau, C. Nuon and C. Samaras. Also present were Conor Baldwin (CFO), Christine McCall (DPD), Allison Chambers (Asst. CFO), C. Conway, C. Drinkwater, M. Leahy and C. Elliott

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Chau called the meeting to order at 5:00PM noting the reason for the meeting and noting those in attendance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Mr. Baldwin provided a presentation entitled "American Rescue Plan Act 2021 – City of Lowell Funding Overview". The presentation provided overview of the Act which outlined assistance with Covid related issues including loss of revenue; economic stabilization; and health challenges. Mr. Baldwin noted the funding was due to being a metropolitan city as well as being part of Middlesex County and that it would be distributed in two installments over two year period. Mr. Baldwin noted that funding could assist with support of public health; replenish loss revenue; water/sewer infrastructure; address economic impact; premium pay for essential workers; and enhance broadband infrastructure. Mr. Baldwin noted funds could not be used to reduce tax revenue or extraordinary payments to pension funds. Mr. Baldwin noted that there would be much public input over the time and that all information would be available over the website. C. Chau noted that it is a good model to follow and the money is needed to recover from pandemic though it is a one shot deal. C. Nuon recognized all of the organizations present and that guidelines are necessary so that role of non-profits remain constant. C. Chau recognized the long process and there must be proper fiscal management from all partners.

C. Chau opened meeting up to public. The following individuals addressed the subcommittee: Elizabeth Cannon (Lowell Assoc. of Blind); Yun-Ju Choi (Coalition for Better Acre); Joe Hungler



(Lowell Boys & Girls Club); Mary Taurus; Diego Leonardo (Center for Empowerment); and a representative from the Lowell Community Health Center. C. Chau commented on the goals of the organizations and partnership with the City. C. Samaras noted it may be time for a systematic change with partnerships with the organizations to ensure upmost in communication. C. Nuon commented on Capital Plan funding for Roberto Clemente Field and that equity runs throughout the non-profit partnerships. C. Elliott noted there is great need for funds and there must be a fair process to identify funding.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to continue matter for future date and time by C. Chau, seconded by C. Nuon. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

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