



MINUTES

PRESENT:

Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor
Jessica Ortega, Mayor Pro Tem
Ruben D. Plata, Councilman
Norie Gonzalez Garza, Councilwoman
Alberto Vela, Councilman
Gus Martinez, City Attorney
Randy Perez, City Manager
Anna Carrillo, City Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Jose Luis Adame

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Aida Lerma, Deputy City Manager
Angie Vela, Finance Director
Ezeiza Garcia, Asst. Finance Director
Joe Salazar, Accountant
Michael Elizalde, Grants Administrator
Noemi Munguia, HR Director
Robert Hinojosa, Risk Management Director
Eduardo Belmarez, Purchasing Director
Roland Rodriguez, I. T. Director
Roxanne Casarez, Public Information Director
Alex Fajaro, Media Relations
Juan Pablo Terrazas, City Engineer
Joanne Longoria, CDBG Director
Daniel Silva, CEO, Mission EDC
Rick Venecia, Boys & Girls Club Director
Brad Bentsen, Parks & Recreation Director
Cynthia Lopez, Museum Director
Adela Ortega, Food Pantry Manager
Alex Hernandez, Subdivision Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dr. Armando O'caña called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion and Action regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

City of Mission was Allocated- \$25,044,862.00 and had received 50% (\$12,522,431)

Eligible use of funds would only be used to cover costs to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality; to respond to workers who performed essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers; for the provision of

government services to the extent of reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Randy Perez, City Manager reviewed the proposed expenditures for the first allocation as follows:

Category A – Small Business & Individual Assistance (economic) \$1,000,000.00

Category B – Water, Wastewater, Stormwater (DWSRF, CWSRF, Drainage) - \$9,072,431.00

Category C – Public Health - \$650,000.00

Category D – COVID-19 Premium Pay - \$1,800,000.00

For a total of \$12,522,431.00

On category D – City of Mission employees who worked from March 13, 2020 thru March 14, 2021 would receive the following amount minus deductions. Full Time employees \$2,080.00; 30-hour part time employees \$1,560.00; 20-hour part time employees \$1,040.00. Employees who were hired after the March 13, 2020 date would receive a pro-rated check based on their time worked. Active employees would be receiving the premium pay the second week in June.

On category C – Councilman Ruben Plata and Councilwoman Norie Garza recommended for staff to review the allocation that was recommended for the ambulance provider since they were a private entity. Mayor O'caña stated that CARES Act monies were not able to be given to the ambulance company that was why he was recommending helping our primary ambulance company with some relief. Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Ortega requested a report from the ambulance company on their COVID-19 response for citizens in the city of Mission whereby they did not receive reimbursement for services rendered.

Councilman Ruben Plata moved to approve the proposed recommendations of Category A, B, C and D with the stipulation of \$50,000.00 to be allocated to the ambulance provider if approved by the treasury. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ortega and approved unanimously 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:12 p.m., Councilman Plata moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Norie Garza and approved unanimously 5-0.

Dr. Armando O'caña, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary