

CITY OF NORMAN, OK CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Municipal Building, Executive Conference Room, 201 West Gray, Norman, OK 73069

Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

The City Council Finance Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Executive Conference Room, at the Municipal Building, on the 15th day of December, 2022, at 4:00 PM, and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT Mayor Larry Heikkila

ABSENT
Councilmember Ward 6 Elizabeth Foreman

OTHERS

Councilmember Helen Grant Councilmember Lauren Schueler Councilmember Brandi Studley Councilmember Rarchar Tortorello Councilmember Kelly Lynn Councilmember Stephen Holman Anthony Francisco, Director of Finance Jacob Huckabaa, Budget Technician Kim Coffman, Budget Manager Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works Jane Hudson, Director of Planning Kathryn Walker, City Attorney Heather Poole, Assistant City Attorney Kim Zaman, Full Circle Vicki Anderson, Full Circle Mandy Mumma, United Way Diane Murphree, United Way

Chair Holman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM. There was not a quorum.

AGENDA ITEMS

 DISCUSSION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM UNITED WAY REGARDING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR NON-PROFITS.

Heather Poole gave the presentation. She stated that the City of Norman received \$22,245,542 million in federal stimulus funds for Coronavirus Recovery (American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds). These funds are overseen by the US Dept. of Treasury. The goal of these funds is to assist in the response and recovery of the public health emergency, COVID-19. The Norman City Council authorized \$1,786,000 million to be granted to local nonprofit organizations and contracted with United Way to collect recipient applications and conduct the selection process. Poole explained the criteria guidelines, set forth by the US Department of Treasury, that needed to be met for recipients to receive these funds. United Way activated an eight member ARPA Impact Council to review applications.

"We looked and we discussed, at length, the applications and really made sure that we understood what they (the applicants) were asking for. We scrutinized their budget and we scrutinized their use of funds because there are certain guidelines within that treasury packet that say what the use of funds can and cannot be used for; and so, if we saw something that was an ineligible use we would talk about removing that amount from their ask so that we are minimizing the risk of any recoupment from the Federal Government back onto the City of Norman," Mandy Mumma with United Way stated.

Thirty-four nonprofit organizations submitted an application. Twenty of these applications were determined to meet ARPA guidelines and were awarded funds.

City of Norman's Legal Department will enter into an agreement with each recipient that receives the ARPA funds. This is to ensure proper financial reporting. "The reporting requirement will be on an ongoing, quarterly basis to make sure that each of these agencies is in compliance with what they said they would do, which United Way has screened to be eligible," Anthony Francisco said. Each nonprofit's reporting requirement concludes after their last expenditure is reported.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MONTHLY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES REPORTS.

Anthony Francisco gave the report. Francisco stated that December's sales tax continues to be good and that the franchise fee revenue is significantly up. He credits this to the natural gas utility and the electric utility recouping their costs from the winter freeze damage of 2021. "That has increased their revenue which in turn increases their franchise fee payments," Francisco said.

Items for the record: Monthly Financial Reports

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Holman adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:35 PM.