

**CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2022**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Council meeting is being conducted through the use of a Webinar invite in which all members of the City Council, staff and citizens are participating in the meeting remotely. Section 610.015 of the Mo. Sunshine Law provides that members of the Council who are not physically in the Council Chambers can participate and vote on all matters when an emergency exists and the nature of the emergency is stated in the minutes. Thus, these minutes reflect that the U.S., and the world, is in a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus—COVID-19. The Missouri Governor and the County Executive have issued Orders limiting meetings and gatherings sizes. These Orders are intended to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus. Therefore, all members of the City Council, and staff, are participating in this meeting electronically as matter of public health and safety for each other and the general public.

Mayor Ella M. Jones called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Naquittia Noah	Present	Mayor Ella M. Jones	Present
Councilwoman Fran Griffin	Present	Councilwoman Linda Lipka	6:28pm
Councilwoman J. Toni Burrow	Present	Councilwoman Phedra Nelson	6:09pm
Councilwoman Heather Robinett	Present		

A quorum was declared. Also present were City Manager Eric Osterberg, Attorney Apollo Carey, and City Clerk Octavia Pittman.

DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ARPA FUNDING

City Manager Overview

City Manager Osterberg explained the solicitation of feedback from citizens regarding the use of ARPA funding based on US Treasury guidelines. He added that as of this day, new iterations regarding the calculations of how the city claims revenues was added; a city of this size can claim a portion of revenue recovery up to \$10M. For Ferguson, we have received \$4M and based on FY2019 can claim an estimated \$1.8M. He again reviewed the eligibility requirements to help communities rebound or recover which include direct responses to the pandemic, recovery from the economic impact, and addressing health disparities uncovered in the pandemic. As also allowed per the guidelines, community partners were invited to present requests for assistance from the city via ARPA funding.

Presentations From Non-Profits and Other Entities

Presentations were heard from EarthDance (Molly Rockamann & Tiffany Brewer); Jeske Park (Bryce Robinson), Unstoppable Extended Hands (Paula Williams), FNIP (Larry Robinett), FYI (Aaron Harris), JADASA (Cynthia Bennett), Operation Food Search (Quintin Ward), Jobs & More (Adrian Shropshire), PAKT (Toni Burrow).

Presentations From City Council / Discussions Regarding Next Steps and Allocation Requests

Discussions were held regarding the presentations and other suggestions of fund usage. Council noted suggestions which included the creation of a PILOT program of food coops and healthy alternatives, residential grants for exterior facades and improvements, street sweeping services, outreach and literature, home demolitions (clean ups/board ups), providing recovery assistance and human services to low income residents, updated amenities and cameras at Nesbit Newton Park, supporting a mobile COVID tests and vaccinations in underserved areas.

DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE RETURN OF COUNCIL MEETINGS IN PERSON

Mayor Jones announced the return to council chambers for council meetings beginning the April 19th meeting. Due to space limitations the chambers will be reserved for newly and re-elected official's families, staff and council with public participation via zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Griffin and seconded by Councilwoman Lipka to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Approved on the 10th day of May , 2022.

ATTEST:

Ella M. Jones, Mayor

Octavia Pittman, City Clerk