

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN WORK SESSION

October 26, 2021

5:00 PM

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Coleman, Alderman Cearley, Alderwoman Morrow, Alderman Milton, Alderman Withers, and Alderman Huggins.

The following Staff members were present: Nolan Groce, Development Services Director; Sarah Hamrick, Town Clerk; Robbie Walls, Police Chief; Maria Stroupe, Town Manager; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; Earl Withers, III, Fire Chief; and Brandon Whitener, Recreation Director.

Mayor Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The Mayor then opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Mayor asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Alderman Milton added Item 3C to discuss the Town's infrastructure. Alderman Withers added Item 3D to discuss his concerns with the loud music coming from some of the downtown restaurants. Alderman Withers made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Alderman Cearley, and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Item 3A Parking on S. Gaston St.

At the October 12th Board of Aldermen meeting, a concern was raised about parking along the street and line of sight on S. Gaston St. There are currently 160 parking spaces along S. Gaston St. with many of these spaces too close to intersections and driveways, based on standard parallel parking dimensions. Each space should be 25' long, 15' from driveways and/or intersections, and 10' from hydrants on either side. Town staff has reviewed the situation and has recommended to reconfigure the parking spaces along S. Gaston St. to meet standard parallel parking dimensions. This would result in a loss of approximately 50-55 parking spaces, but leaving approximately 105 spaces. Staff has also recommended to modify the parking ordinance to no longer allow parking of box trucks or box trailers in street parking. Staff believes these recommendations will result in safer conditions along S. Gaston St. for residents and motorists. The Board agreed to bring back this discussion in the November Board of Aldermen meeting.

Item 3B Update on ARPA Funds

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was enacted, which included \$350B for Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery. The Town of Dallas expects to receive \$1,528,791.64 in total funds that are broken into two dispersments of \$764,395.82. The first dispersment was received in July 2021, with the second

dispersment to be received in the summer of 2022. Attached is some information to date concerning ARPA funds. Currently, there is Interim Guidance from the U.S. Treasury; but the Final Guidance on requirements and use has still not been issued (Exhibit 3B, 1-4). Moving forward, Dallas' first priority will be getting up-to-date policies in place to facilitate usage of the funds once the final decisions are made. There is time to explore how to best use the funds to return the best value for the citizens. No action was taken at this time.

Item 3C Town Infrastructure

Alderman Milton had questions concerning the Town's infrastructure, such as will there be a need in the near future to replace any water and sewer lines or any pump stations, to keep up with the growth in the Town. The Town Manager stated that some water lines had already been replaced and the electric grid had been replaced. The Town Manager also stated that the Town has applied for grants to have some waste water and sewer lines replaced and a pump station on Dallas-Stanley Highway is in the process of being replaced.

Item 3D Loud Music from Downtown Restaurants

Alderman Withers stated there has been very loud music coming from some of the downtown restaurants and disturbing some citizens at night. The Board asked that Chief Walls speak to the restaurant owners to see if they can lower the noise level. Chief Walls also suggested that he could talk to other neighboring towns to see what their noise ordinances were.

Alderman Withers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Cearley, and carried unanimously. 5:53 pm.

Rick Coleman, Mayor

Sarah Hamrick, Town Clerk

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

- 1 **\$350B: Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund**
- 2 **\$10B: Coronavirus Capital Projects**
- 3 **\$656.18B: Direct Financial Assistance** (Stimulus Checks, Unemployment, Tax Credits, EIDL, PPP, etc.)
- 4 **\$56.27B Assistance to Individuals & Families** (SNAP, EBT, WIC, Nutrition Assistance, IDEA, Veterans Affairs, Family Violence Prevention, Pandemic Emergency Assistance, OAA, Elder Justice Act, Rental Assistance, Homelessness Assistance, Homeowner Assistance, Rural Housing, etc.)
- 5 **\$211.57B: Education & Childcare** (CCDBG, Education Stabilization, Child Care Entitlements, LIHEAP, LIHWAP, Head Start)
- 6 **\$86.24B: Health** (Emergency Rural Development Grants, Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion, Various Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs, Testing & Vaccine Grants, etc.)
- 7 **\$40.16B: Transportation** (Transit Infrastructure Grants, Relief for Airports, Amtrak)
- 8 **\$61.32B: Other Programs** (Disaster Relief Fund, Emergency Food and Shelter Programs, Assistance to Firefighter and Emergency Response Grants, Emergency Management Performance Grants, Economic Development Assistance Programs, Environmental Justice Grants, etc.)

Period of Performance

LG may reimburse itself for any eligible expenses incurred after March 3, 2021, but watch for UG compliance issues.

**WINTER
2020:
PANDEMIC
BEGINS**

MARCH 3, 2021:

ARPA/CLFRF EFFECTIVE DATE

- **Premium Pay:** May be applied retroactively to beginning of pandemic
- **Assistance Programs:** May address negative impacts from beginning of pandemic
- **Revenue Loss:** Will be calculated from beginning of pandemic
- **Water/Wastewater/Broadband:** May be used for projects that started before March 3, 2021, but only for expenses after that date

**SUMMER 2022:
SECOND ½ DISTRIBUTION**

**SUMMER 2021:
FIRST ½ DISTRIBUTION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2026:
ALL FUNDS FULLY EXPENDED**

**DECEMBER 31, 2024:
ALL FUNDS OBLIGATED**

ARP/CLFRF Allowable Expenditures

Address COVID Public Health

Support public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;

Address COVID Economic Impact

Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;

Replace Lost Revenue

Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;

Premium Pay

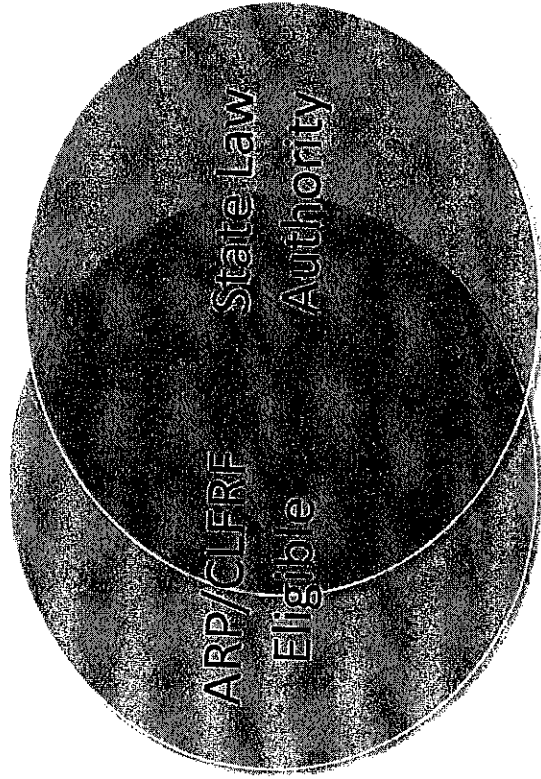
Provide premium pay for essential workers offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,

Infrastructure Investments

Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

ARP/CLFRF are Public Funds!

① A project must be ARP-CLFRF eligible AND authorized by state law



② A local government must follow BOTH federal and state compliance requirements

