

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
City Council Workshop
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

AGENDA
May 3, 2023
7:30 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:
- B. ROLL CALL: GUSTAFSON___ LEEHY___
 MEYER ___ WASSENBERG ___ WEHYEE___
- STAFF PRESENT: LINEHAN___ VAN DER WERFF___
- C. POLICY ITEMS:
 1. Law Enforcement Contract Discussion
 2. ARPA Update
- D. ADJOURNMENT:

DISCLAIMER: City Council Workshops are held monthly as an opportunity for Council Members to discuss policy topics in greater detail prior to a formal meeting where a public hearing may be held and/or action may be taken. Members of the public that would like to make a comment or ask questions about an item on the agenda for an upcoming workshop should send them to mail@falconheights.org prior to the meeting. Alternatively, time is regularly allotted for public comment during Regular City Council Meetings (typically 2nd and 4th Wednesdays) during the Community Forum.

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Meeting Date	May 3, 2023
Agenda Item	Policy C1
Attachment	N/A
Submitted By	Jack Linehan, City Administrator

Item	Law Enforcement Contract Discussion
Description	City consultant Matt Bostrom of the Center for Values-Based Initiatives (CVBI) will teleconference with the City Council to discuss the next steps in soliciting responses from potential law enforcement agencies.
Budget Impact	N/A
Attachment(s)	N/A
Action(s) Requested	Staff recommends the City Council have a discussion with CVBI and provide direction for the next steps in finding a future law enforcement partner.

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Meeting Date	May 3, 2023
Agenda Item	Policy H3
Attachment	N/A
Submitted By	Jack Linehan, City Administrator

Item	ARPA Funding Plan
Description	<p>Under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), federal funds were allocated to municipalities and counties to help aid the recovery of the nation at the local level. The City of Falcon Heights received \$302,056.11 in the fall of 2021 as the first allocation of funds, and received the same sum in 2022 for a total of \$604,112.20.</p> <p>Funds are intended to cover eligible costs incurred in the time period that begins on March 3, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2024, as long as the obligations for funds are incurred by the end date are expended by December 31, 2026.</p> <p>In Resolution 22-08, the City Council authorized staff to report that the City would be taking the Standard Allowance Election of Revenue Loss as defined in the Compliance and Reporting Guidance – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) version 3.0. This allows municipalities to estimate revenue losses up to \$10 million rather than calculate their losses. This was intended to help communities under 50,000 population, such as Falcon Heights.</p> <p>Under the final rule, municipalities can spend their ARPA allocations on a broad range of uses under the “general government provisions” category. For example, a City could allocate their funds towards a specific project or towards personnel salaries. The only expenses that cannot be qualified are items such as pension obligations, debt payments, legal settlements or any action that undermines the Federal government’s response to COVID-19.</p> <p>Following the April 5th, 2023 City Council Workshop, staff worked on a plan that would spend the ARPA funds in the 2023 year in accordance with the SLFRF final rule requirements for revenue loss. In further discussions with the City auditor, BerganKDV, it was recommended that the ARPA funds be allocated to non-procurement expenditures to avoid the complications of reporting under federal procurement standards. As such, staff identified the City’s sanitary sewage treatment payments to the Metropolitan Council as qualifying expenditures.</p>

Proposed ARPA Funds Allocation Plan		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Allocation</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
Sanitary Sewer – Metropolitan Council Sewer Charges	\$604,112.20	Proper sanitary sewage disposal and treatment is a critical component of combatting COVID-19. Due to major changes in activity in consumer behavior, the sanitary sewer fund experienced major revenue losses and compounding costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
Total	\$604,112.20	

Allocating the ARPA funding towards a major sanitary sewer expense is in the spirit of the act and has been approved by our auditors. The total Metropolitan Council sewer charges for 2023 are \$669,996. ARPA funds would cover the majority of this expense for 2023, creating needed relief in the fund.

Budget Impact The City has \$604,112.20 of unrecognized revenue from SLFRF. Staff did not budget the expenditure of these funds.

Attachment(s) N/A

Action(s) Requested Staff recommends the City Council discuss the proposed ARPA Funds Allocation Plan and provide staff with guidance on how to move forward.