

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee of the Whole

met in the Council Chamber on June 22, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on

June 9, 2022 at 6:18 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: Councilor Riccardi

Councilor Dominguez joined at 6:10. Councilor McClain joined remotely at 6:10.

Also in Attendance: David Rodrigues, Director of Recovery Strategy and Initiatives; Nick Downing, Federal Funds Manager; and Anna Freedman, Finance Director.

SUBJECT(S)

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Program and Funds

David Rodrigues and Nick Downing presented the current planned allocations in Phase 1. The City is receiving a total of \$35 million: \$27 million earmarked for cities and towns and \$8 million earmarked for counties. All funds must be spent by 2026, and there must be a plan for the funds by the end of 2024.

More information can be found at salem.com/recovery.

Councilors had the chance to ask questions about specific items being funded, plans for how to wrap our arms around larger items like childcare, and mental health, and offered suggestions for possible other funding areas.

Some of the areas that seemed to be appropriate to begin researching how to financially support were a comprehensive plan for alternative transportation, offshore wind workforce investment, climate resiliency, and green energy.

Councilor McCarthy moves to keep this item in committee in order to more easily receive updates from the ARPA team, seconded by Councilor Watson-Felt. The motion passes 10-0.

On the motion of C. McCarthy the meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia Morseth".

(Chairperson)