

**CITY OF BAYPORT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 7, 2021
5:00 P.M.**

** Due to COVID-19 and social distancing protocols, this meeting was conducted with attendees both in-person and by electronic means as permitted by Minnesota Statute 13D.021 due to a health pandemic or declared emergency. **

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order by Mayor St. Ores at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Susan St. Ores and Councilmembers Michele Hanson and Ethan Gilmore. Councilmembers John Dahl and Connie Carlson present by electronic means.

Staff Present: City Administrator Adam Bell and Public Works Director Matt Kline. Assistant City Administrator/Planner Sara Taylor present by electronic means.

DISCUSS THE CITY'S ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Administrator Bell noted the city's updated allocation estimate of funding is \$395,325, which will be issued in two installments. He reviewed eligible expenditures and those most feasible for Bayport, including COVID relief, loss of revenue, economic impacts related to city staffing, water/sewer infrastructure improvements, tourism/non-profit/business relief, and tax reduction. The funds are not intended to be used to duplicate or supplement other existing efforts or programs offered by the county, state, school, or other entities. The funding is required to be spent or obligated to a specific project for expenditure by December 31, 2024, with final expenditure by December 31, 2026.

Public Works Director Kline noted several infrastructure projects could be implemented with the allocation, specifically a cost-share stormwater improvement project on 2nd Ave N. with the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization. Discussion followed on other potential uses for the funds, including supplemental temporary staffing, environmental initiatives, infrastructure upgrades, business relief, and loss of city revenue from 2020. The consensus of the City Council was to prioritize funding tangible infrastructure projects that would have an impact citywide one-time over intangible expenditures. Staff was directed to identify potential projects and ideas for discussion at a future workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Hanson and seconded by Councilmember Dahl to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. and upon roll call being taken thereon, the following vote via voice:

Susan St. Ores – aye
Michele Hanson – aye

John Dahl – aye
Connie Carlson - aye

Ethan Gilmore - aye