



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Special Meeting June 15, 2022

City Council Guiding Principles

ARPA AGENDA 6/15/22

- 1. Introduction – Todd Thompson, City Manager**
- 2. Develop Guiding Principles – City Council develop 4-6 Guiding Principles to assist residents, ARPA Program Manager, City staff, and other stakeholders in understanding Council’s expectations on how to best utilize these funds**
- 3. Public Input– Transparency throughout the process, including a public survey and public meetings**
- 4. Discussion of Time-Sensitive Projects**
- 5. Overview of ARPA Funds allocated for CY22**
- 6. ARPA Next Steps and Timeline**

CITY COUNCIL GOALS

GOAL #1 - FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Achieve financial sustainability through the transformation of the city's budget process, financial analysis and metrics, and resource allocation with a focus on educating, including, and engaging residents and businesses in the process.

GOAL #2 – COMMUNICATIONS

- Utilize dynamic and innovative communications as a primary strategy in marketing, promoting, and engaging with both external and internal stakeholders about city issues, projects, services, and opportunities.

GOAL #3 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Transform local economy through pro-active business retention, entrepreneurial development, and business attraction strategies in a way that enhances community vitality through the creation of jobs, opportunities, and revenue.

GOAL #4 PLACEMAKING

- Leverage Rock Island's assets and existing strengths to foster inclusive growth and development in its diverse neighborhoods; use existing systems such as the creative use of planning, zoning and design guidelines to augment public amenities in neighborhoods; and focus on enhancing the quality of life for City residents

ARPA: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

EXAMPLES TO CONSIDER:

1. Maximize the impact of the available funding by:

- **Providing significant financial resources to address unmet needs**
- **Making investments that improve our residents' quality of life**
- **Supporting and advancing economic opportunities across our community**

2. City government must be sustainable and prepared for new emergencies to ensure the community thrives in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. We will use resources appropriately to balance the City's budget through Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023.

3. People come first in every investment we make, whether in sustaining local government, maintaining, improving or building new infrastructure to serve residents and visitors, providing assistance to small business and addressing the pressing challenges of a post-pandemic environment.

4. Invest in projects that lead to economic opportunity.

PUBLIC INPUT

Survey Forthcoming July 2022

- Notice in newspaper, Facebook, website, and other media
- Pop-up Events
- Paper forms with drop box available at MLK and Library

Public Input – “Buckets”

- Public have the opportunity to make suggestions on how much to spend in each category/guiding principle – Monopoly money to place in each bucket

Final Public Input

- Overall plan is presented and public provide feedback



DRAFT PUBLIC SURVEY

Possible ARPA Survey Questions:

We want your input! How should the City of Rock Island's \$26.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds be spent?

These funds are intended to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery that supports long-term growth and opportunity.

The Rock Island City Council adopted the following Guiding Principles to assist the public, the ARPA Program Manager, City staff, and other stakeholders in understanding the expectations:

- Guiding Principle 1
- Guiding Principle 2
- Guiding Principle 3
- Guiding Principle 4

1. ARPA funding is restricted to specific categories and criteria, please indicate how much of a priority the City of Rock Island City Council should place on that category by ranking each category in order of importance (1 being the most important and 5 being the least important)

- Public Health and Safety** (includes a wide range of issues affecting the wellbeing of the community. Examples: violence prevention and other safety and security measures, physical recreation, youth engagement, vaccine outreach)
- Sustainable Infrastructure** (includes the City's physical infrastructure. examples: water and sewer upgrades and repairs and broadband expansion)
- Economic Recovery and Development Efforts** (Examples: support to businesses and non-profits, workforce training programs, tourism support)
- Housing and Neighborhood Efforts** (refers to all members of the community having access to safe and healthy housing options such as affordable housing; strengthen and grow neighborhoods with emphasis on enhancing quality of life).
- Other (please specify)**

Demographics

These questions are completely confidential and anonymous. These questions are needed to collect accurate data.

1. What is your relationship to the City of Rock Island?
- a) Business or property owner in Rock Island
 - b) Live in Rock Island
 - c) Work in Rock Island
 - d) Other (please specify)

2. Based on this map, what City Council Ward do you live in? **ADD MAP**
- a. Ward 1
 - b. Ward 2
 - c. Ward 3
 - d. Ward 4
 - e. Ward 5
 - f. Ward 6
 - g. Ward 7

3. What is your race/ethnic background:
- a. African American
 - b. Asian
 - c. Hispanic/Latino
 - d. Native American
 - e. White
 - f. Multiracial
 - g. Other:
 - h. Prefer not to say

4. Your gender:
- a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. Non-Binary
 - d. Other
 - e. Prefer not to say

5. Age range: |
- a. Under 18
 - b. 18 – 24
 - c. 25 – 34
 - d. 35 – 44
 - e. 45 – 54
 - f. 55 – 64
 - g. 65 and over
 - h. Prefer not to say

TIME-SENSITIVE PROJECTS

RFP FOR CITY SOFTWARE

- Issue RFP for a Software Consultant to assist the City Software Team in determining the best software solutions for our residents and businesses.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT DOME REHABILITATION

- RFQ for Engineering Services published on June 8 & 9, 2021
- City Council approved CDM Smith on July 26, 2021
- CDM Smith contract approved by City Council on December 20, 2021
- Estimated construction start will be in 2023
- \$1.3 million is estimated, however costs could exceed this number after the evaluation is complete and scope of work is determined
- The southwest water dome is in need of maintenance. New Isolation valves must be installed before the interior of the dome can be inspected and evaluated. The dome will then be drained and inspected to determine the scope of work and recommendations provided to Public Works on the best option for repair. The southwest dome is the only dome out of the 4 that has a liner installed inside the concrete structure and it has begun to separate from the walls and deteriorate.

TIME SENSITIVE PROJECTS

ROCK ISLAND PARKWAY DEFICIT

- The Rock Island Parkway 85th Avenue West intersection project consists of new buried turn lanes, traffic signals and pavement reconstruction north and south of the intersection approximately 600 feet each direction.
- The City applied for and received a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant for \$984,750 to improve the safety of this intersection.
- McCarthy Improvement Company was the low bidder at \$2,616,939.84.
- The remaining grant matching funds will be a mixture of Motor Fuel Tax, Stormwater funds and reimbursed funds received from Augustana College from a previous project.
- The current funding deficit is estimated at \$333,709.84 before construction
- Construction is estimated to begin July 2022

PARKING GARAGE

- The general consensus of City Council after the April study session was to move forward with the design and engineering phase for demolition of the existing parking garage structure and replace with a new surface parking lot.
- The estimated cost is \$2,100,000
- \$1,000,000 is allocated from the Downtown TIF to be used for the parking garage leaving a deficit of \$1,100,000 approximately.
- Public Works estimates to have bid documents complete at the end of June, receive bids back in July and construction begin in August.

ARPA FUNDS ALLOCATED CY22

DOWNTOWN PROJECT – \$2.5 MILLION

ARPA PROGRAM MANAGER – SALARY

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST – SALARY

ARPA NEXT STEPS & TIMELINE

- **Internal ARPA Project Form for City projects – Due from Director’s June 23rd**
- **City Projects – Council will score each City project based on rubric/matrix**
- **Funding recommendations or “Buckets”**

PHASE I (May – July)

Establish Guiding Principles

Public Input

Identify & Score City projects

PHASE II (August)

Special Council meeting

Discuss ARPA survey results

Public Input “Buckets”

Develop Overall ARPA Plan

Phase III (September)

ARPA Dashboard

Final Public Input

Implement ARPA Plan

Thank You!

Questions?

