

MINUTES
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Present: Majority Leader Gene Nocera; Pamela Steele; Rev. Robyn Anderson; Christina Heckart; Cynthia Clegg; Diana Doyle; Carl Erlacher; Joseph Fazzino; Brianna Skowera; Brig Smith

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:09 a.m.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Cynthia Clegg proposed an amendment to the minutes under the adjournment to remove Rev. from her name.

Brianna Skowera made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023 regular meeting with Cynthia's amendment and Rev. Robyn Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

A. Middlesex Coalition for Children/Middlesex United Way Reallocation Request

Pamela Steele explained that instead of having two agencies involved, it made more sense to put it all under the Youth Services Bureau.

Brianna Skowera made a MOTION that the funds previously awarded to the Middlesex Coalition for Children and the United Way be reallocated to the Youth Services Bureau and Gene Nocera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Remaining City Project Allocations

Brig Smith explained that in the last meeting Brianna Skowera questioned if the reduced amounts recommended for Public Works would suffice. He stated that he met with Public Works and they indicated that the amounts proposed by the working group would be sufficient. He also noted that if the Public Works projects go forward with the task force's recommendation, it would leave the task force with \$250,901.65. More discussion ensued regarding what to do with the remaining funds and how to let departments know about the funds set aside. Brig Smith suggested bringing the consultant to attend a task force

meeting.

Brianna Skowera made a MOTION to approve the working group's recommendation for the public works sidewalk repairs, detention basin cleaning, and traffic signal upgrades and Gene Nocera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. Report of Current Expenses and Balances

Brig updated the task force throughout the meeting.

B. Report from Water and Sewer

Joe Fazzino gave an update on Water and Sewer. He explained that the projects for sewer basins 25 and 26 are complete for design and will be going out to bid. Basin 27 needs additional work. The Saybrook Road project is going to have a joint venture with Public Works for improvements at the intersection of East Main Street to Clue Avenue. Joe explained that the Oak Ridge Drive design is complete and hopeful to go for bid this year. The Common Council approved the referendum bond for Red Road.

6. Other

7. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn made by Brianna Skowera and Rev. Robyn Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended.