

SPECIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Aldermanic Chamber and via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84369453164?pwd=enNvbnJEYXFVUWhWTjlhVithQlgzZz09>

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PRESIDENT LORI WILSHIRE CALLS ASSEMBLY TO ORDER

PRAYER OFFERED BY CITY CLERK SUSAN LOVERING

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG LED BY ALDERMAN JUNE M. CARON

ROLL CALL

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Susan Lovering, City Clerk

Re: Certificate of Sufficiency - Citizens Initiative Petition Proposing to Amend the Charter
Relative to the Nomination and Confirmation of Appointments to the Nashua Board of Police
Commissioners

From: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director

John Griffin, Chief Financial Officer

Cheryl Lindner, Chief of Staff

Re: Vision for usage of ARPA Funds & Guiding Principles

PRESENTATION

American Recovery Program Act (ARPA)

ADJOURNMENT

Office of the City Clerk



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Susan Lovering
City Clerk
Allison Waite
Deputy City Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

August 26, 2021

To the Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

On August 24, 2021, the Office of the City Clerk accepted a petition seeking to amend the City Charter relative to the nomination and the confirmation of appointments to the Nashua Board of Police Commissioners.

RSA 49-B:5, II provides that a written petition for an amendment to the city charter may be filed by the number of voters equal to at least 15 percent of the number of ballots cast in a municipality at the last regular municipal election. Whereas the number of votes cast at the November 2019 municipal election totaled 10,260 votes, the minimum number of voters required to petition for a charter amendment is 1,539. Upon review, 1,830 of 2,058 signatures were certified. Since that number exceeds the minimum required for a petitioned charter amendment question, I find, therefore, that the filing is sufficient to have the question placed before the voters in an upcoming election.

RSA 49-B:5 requires that “within 10 days of receipt of a report that a petition is sufficient, the municipal officers shall by order provide for and issue notice of a public hearing on the proposed amendment. The notice of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality at least 7 days prior to the hearing, and shall contain the text of the proposed amendment and a brief explanation. The hearing shall be conducted by the municipal officers and no substantive changes may be made to the amendment.

Within 7 days after the public hearing, the municipal officers shall file with the municipal clerk a report containing the proposed petitioned amendment and shall order the proposed amendment to be placed on the ballot at the next regular municipal election. In the case of municipalities with biennial elections, the municipal officers shall order the amendments to be placed on the ballot at either the next regular municipal election or at a special municipal election that occurs not less than 60 days after the date of the order.”

This *Certificate of Sufficiency* is being provided to the Legislative Offices for the Board of Aldermen for filing as required under RSA 49-B:5,IV. Time being of the essence, it is also being provided to the membership via email. The affidavit regarding the creation of the petitioners’ committee and the petitions submitted to the City Clerk are on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

CERTIFICATION

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the said City of Nashua, New Hampshire, this 26th day of August, 2021.

Attest:



Susan K. Lovering, City Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26th day of August, 2021 by Susan K. Lovering, Clerk of the City of Nashua.



cc: Sonia Prince, Petitioner, via first class mail
Steven A. Bolton, Corporation Counsel



THE CITY OF NASHUA

Office of Economic Development

"The Gate City"

TO: Board of Aldermen

FROM: Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director
John Griffin, Chief Financial Officer
Cheryl Linder, Chief of Staff

Date: August 26th 2021

RE: Vision for usage of ARPA Funds & Guiding Principles

I am writing to request a meeting to discuss a draft framework acting as a preliminary plan and to communicate a vision for how the use of American Recovery Plan Act ("ARPA") funds will be developed.

Municipalities across the nation are the beneficiaries of a significant influx of federal funds via the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). ARPA is intended to address the negative health and economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nashua anticipates approximately \$16,000,000 in funds. We received our first of two installment payments of \$8,000,000 in May of this year. We expect the second installment to be distributed next May 2022.

At the September 14, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting, the Board will have a 1st reading accepting these funds. Over the coming weeks the Office of Economic Development with the assistance of Financial Services and the Office of the Mayor will undertake a community outreach effort to discuss an appropriate framework. We'd like to offer residents an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft framework for spending ARPA funding, which has specific eligibility requirements.

The goals we want consensus on prior to undertaking this outreach exercise is first, that this money will have a meaningful and lasting impact on Nashua. Second, it is an imperative that we be strategic with this infusion of funds and making sure we not only accomplish our statutory obligation, but also enhance our economic wellbeing. These guiding principles should lead our decision-making as we move forward.

There will be a presentation providing an overview of how ARPA funding may be spent and a draft framework for discussion purposes at the Special Board of Aldermen Meeting on September 8th.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORT

Providing Comments

If you have comments to share, please fill this form - by September 30, 2021.

Two Virtual Forums

On September 21st & 23rd 7-8PM the Office of Economic Development will host a Virtual Forum to present the proposed ARPA framework, answer questions, and solicit additional feedback. If interested in attending please contact Amy DeRoche at 603.594.3661 or email her at derochea@nashuanh.gov

In Person Forum

On September 29th 5 PM the Office of Economic Development will host an in-person Forum to present the proposed ARPA framework, answer questions, and solicit additional feedback. If interested in attending or if you would like more information please contact Amy DeRoche at 603.594.3661 or email her at derochea@nashuanh.gov

Virtual Business Forums

On September 22nd 10 AM the Office of Economic Development will host a Virtual Forum to present the proposed ARPA framework, answer questions, and solicit additional feedback. Specifically outreaching and hearing from businesses and their employees. If interested in attending or learning more please contact Amy DeRoche at 603.594.3661 or email her at derochea@nashuanh.gov

Timeline

The goal is to present an updated ARPA framework to the Board of Aldermen in October and seek final approval of the framework shortly thereafter.