

President Sandie Walker's responses to ARPA questions.

Questions for City Council

30 Day Action Plan January 1-January 31: Goal (Councilmember Members to become informed about ARPA, individually share priorities, thoughts, and recommendations)

ARPA Informational Sessions: The first week of January 2022

January 6 Department of Treasury released the Final Interim Rule

Month of January: Council members individually became familiar with ARPA and individually submit priorities. Individually discuss priorities with department heads and internal employees.

Council President attended the virtual ARPA Final Rule presentation hosted by the Pennsylvania Municipal League on January 31, 2022

ARPA Recovery Recommendation Plan Draft was completed the last week of January

We included internal recommendations from past discussions with the Mayor, an essential employee bonus, as well as a 2 million dollar expense category to assistant non-profits and small business.

Public: February 1, 2022 ARPA Recovery Recommendation Plan was presented to the administration & public.

60 day Action Plan March 1 Goal: (Begin taking action on low hanging fruit, items that are deemed a priority and/or items that Administration and Council can agree upon)

February 2022: Discussions/Input/Guidance from Recommendation Plan

February 3, 2022, Commissioner Muldrow, Director Watson, and Director Green with the permission of the Mayor met with Council President to discuss communication and ARPA Recommendation Plan. The agreement that Department Heads would share with Council Liaisons the detail of internal applications requests that were submitted in the Fall of 2021.

February 3, 2022. Meeting request was sent by the City Clerk on behalf of Council President to discuss ARPA Recommendation Plan with City Solicitor Sabol and Mayor Helfrich

This meeting was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Councilwoman Buckingham, City Clerk Thompson, Mayor Helfrich, and City Solicitor Sabol and myself were in attendance. The meeting was productive. There were things we agreed upon and there were things we did not agree upon. It is my understanding that we will continue these discussions. As long as discussion are productive, there is no need for a mediator.

More discussions will be held throughout the month of February.

Actions Priorities to be addressed in February-early April : ARPA Administrator and Project Manager, Rex Laurel, Penn Market, Police Department Proposal.

Please check the York City Council Page on the York City website to see updates as this is a fluid document.

90-180 Action Plan day take us to July 1: ARPA Administrator (overall management and compliance) and Project Manager (will manage, track, report grant activity through the cycle of ARPA grants) brought on board as contractors to report and work directly with our Grant Coordinator and Special Projects Analyst.

August at the latest: These 3 key position will work together to handle 150 plus applications of the original grants, input of ARPA committee, ARPA Recovery Recommendation Plan (Fluid Document), Administration/Internal Department Inputs to make sure that the City of York ARPA process in properly managed and that we are in compliance.

The latest to have this accomplished by would be August 31, 2022, but honestly believe that a majority of this could be action items could be accomplished by July 1, 2022.

There are still more questions that will be addressed in the near future. As stated in the ARPA Recommendation Recovery Plan, we encourage the community to continue to become involved and engaged in this process. We look forward to hearing from you and will address as many questions as possible within reasonable timeframes given the schedules of all parties involved.