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The Honorable City Council
City of Mount Vernon
City Hall
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Re: Revised ARPA Budget for 2024

To the Honorable City Council,

I am writing to provide an updated referral letter regarding the allocation of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The revised allocations are designed to address critical needs in our community while ensuring optimal use of available resources. Below are the key updates to the ARPA funding allocations:

Infrastructure: Reductions in the infrastructure categories are being offset by expanded use of the \$163 million in sewer funding received from the state. This will ensure that our infrastructure projects continue to progress without disruption.

Broadband: Funds will be utilized to enhance public Wi-Fi availability in parks and city-owned buildings and spaces. This initiative aims to increase digital accessibility for all residents.

Mayors for Guaranteed Income (MGI): The MGI program has been successfully completed, and the savings (\$285,000) are now being redirected to the Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) and the Associate Commissioner position in Planning.

Zombie Homes: Funding for this category has been increased by \$250,000, relocated from City Owned Buildings to address the emergency demolition of 205 South 5th Avenue.

Violence Prevention: A total of \$861,000 was expended on body cameras, license plate readers, an ESU truck, and dash cameras. These costs were charged back to the 2023 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN), allowing us to reallocate the savings to Zombie Homes and City Owned Buildings.

Technology & Digitalization: Funds have been transferred from Stormwater and Violence Prevention to cover the implementation of a Fuel Management System and Laserfiche for the Buildings and Clerks Office.

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City-Owned Properties: This category has seen an increase due to reallocations from Violence Prevention. The additional funds will cover HVAC and building improvements for the Police Department.

Recreation & Youth Bureau Vehicles: Funds have been reallocated from Emergency Rental Assistance to provide vehicles for youth and senior programs. Emergency rental assistance will continue to be supported through external funding sources.

Fire/Police Staffing: Positions previously scheduled for 2024 have been deferred to 2025 to address current vacancies. This funding strategy will allow us to restore these positions in 2025 without imposing additional costs on taxpayers.

These updates reflect our ongoing commitment to addressing the evolving needs of our community while responsibly managing the resources provided through ARPA. I request the City Council's support in approving these revised allocations to ensure that we can continue to serve our residents effectively and efficiently.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am available to discuss any questions or provide further details as needed.

In Service,

Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, MPA
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Attached: ARPA v5