

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

FOR: Council Meeting of March 1, 2022

FROM: Council Members D'Andre Jones


ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DELAY THE DEADLINE FOR ITS APPLICATION PROCESS FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING FOR NON-PROFITS AND CONDUCT A CITY COUNCIL INPUT SESSION

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

Approved by email

City Council Member
D'Andre Jones



City Attorney Kit Williams
Approved as to form

3-1-22

Date

March 1, 2022

Date

Batker, Jodi

From: D'Andre Jones <dre91732000@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2022 4:34 PM
To: Batker, Jodi
Subject: Re: Resolution and Agenda Request

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On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 2:45 PM Batker, Jodi <jbatker@fayetteville-ar.gov> wrote:

Council Member Jones,

Please find attached the Resolution and Agenda Request for your review and signature. If the Resolution does not need any changes made, you can approve by email also.

Thank you.

Jodi Batker

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Williams, Kit

From: D'Andre Jones <dre91732000@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 4:11 PM
To: Williams, Kit
Subject: Resolution to change ARPA guidelines

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Hey Kit,

I have spoken with various nonprofit leaders and citizens concerning ARPA funding. The current guidelines projects must be provided by a qualifying non-profit that has been in existence for a minimum of 3 years, must have a minimum funding request of \$50,000, and American Rescue Plan Act funding will be provided on an expenditure reimbursement basis only are viewed as barriers for those who have been more severely impacted by COVID. The resolution is asking for council members to focus on pausing the application process for guidelines changing before the 18th deadline and reopening with a revised program and extending the end date. The resolution is recommending for the council to work on what an equitable distribution would look like across disbursement areas like NGOs and economic vitality and consider discussing a format for hearing from the NGOs that apply. Should there be a listening session to vet out all possible ideas and needs, need groups present to come forward to the council with needs seen in the community and how NGO have been impacted, and invite groups throughout Fayetteville to be a part of the process? The focus could be on 1) improvising quality of housing 2) brand new housing - Earmark money with the intent and purpose for this and put in place a process for those monies and put forward criteria for how RFP would be needed - who in the population most impacted and a special watch for making equitable disbursement.

Best Regards,

D'Andre L. Jones - MSW, MA
Fayetteville City Council
Ward 1 Position 2

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, some City Council Members would like to have additional input through a work session on the current Administration process for non-profit organizations to request American Rescue Plan Act funding from the City of Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate this work session and any possible changes in the application requirements and process, the City Council requests that the application deadline be extended into April.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby requests that the Mayor delay the current application process for non-profit organizations to request grants into April, 2022 and conduct a work session for those Council Members who wish to share ideas and have input on how the American Rescue Plan Act funds should be distributed and how the application process should be administered.

PASSED and APPROVED this 1st day of March, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
KARA PAXTON, City Clerk/Treasurer