

Regular Meeting of the American Rescue Plan Task Force
September 11, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.
City Hall West Meeting Room 1, 131 North Main Street Bristol CT 06010

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Caggiano, Michael Dumas, Mickey Goldwasser, David Maikowski, Thomas O'Brien, David Preleski, Susan Sadecki, and Glenn Heiser. Katie D'Agostino, Morgan Urgo, Howard Schmelder attended via Zoom.

Absent: Mark Peterson, John Smith and John Leone

Also present: Robin Manuele, Roger Rousseau, Tom Conlin, and Justin Malley

1. Call to Order

Mayor Caggiano called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting – August 14, 2023

Commissioner Maikowski made a motion seconded by Commissioner Heiser "To approve the regular minutes from August 14, 2023" Motion approved.

4. Discussion with UHY Advisors

Martha reviewed the trackers. She noted there needs to be clarification on BARC as at the last ARPA meeting the date of January 30th was approved for sub recipients to start drawing funds, and it was clarified that BARC has until January 31st to obtain their matching funds.

Bristol Bazaar will be closing out their project as they have received all their funds and are operational.

Bristol Hospital just closed their RFP process as there were some issues with the steel for the roof, but their project should be underway soon.

Justin stated the funds for the City ARPA Coordinator can be rescinded.

Commissioner Maikowski made a motion seconded by Commissioner Heiser "To rescind the \$75,000 appropriation for the ARPA Coordinator" Motion approved.

Martha has been performing a six-month desk review, as the City received a response from the quarterly reporting that some UEI numbers were not current. During the review it was found several fidelity bonds and insurance certificates was not up to date either. Martha reached out to everyone reminding them to keep their information current, and for those with expired information to update it so it is correct for the next quarterly report. The Mayor questioned approximately how many did

she find, Martha state about four have expired UEI numbers and around ten need a current fidelity or insurance certificate.

5. Building Bristol Grant Program Update

Martha reviewed the Building Bristol tracker.

6. Subcommittee Updates

Dave Preleski explained the Business Subcommittee met prior to this meeting with MOVIA. The former CEO of MOVIA reached out to the Mayor's Office recently requesting if the remaining funds could be transferred over to the newly formed company and he was referred to the ARPA Business Subcommittee. However, the new company Movia Inc., explained Movia Robotics has been successful in bankruptcy and the next few months will determine how bankruptcy will affect the new company. Mayor Caggiano explained the new company, Movia Inc., will be staying in Bristol. All employees have been retained, so many of the components of the original application are intact.

JP, the original owner, would like a portion of the funds for his new company as well. Discussion was held on this being a request from a new company for funds. Commissioner Goldwasser stated this is a new request which he would not support. Commissioner Goldwasser stated this is a different entity, not associated with Movia Robotics, and the City is no longer accepting applications for new projects. Commission Preleski will respond to the informal request put forth by JP stating the Committee is no longer accepting applications after the January 2022 deadline.

7. Any other business

Commissioner Sadecki questioned if a formal motion should be made for BARC.

Commissioner Sadecki made a motion seconded by Commissioner Maikowski "To exempt BARC from the 1/30/24 deadline for the first draw as they already have a deadline of 1/31/24 to show their matching funds." Motion approved

Commissioner O'Brien questioned if the City Hall project is closed, Roger explained the City Hall project is still open and payments are being made on the project and will continue for the next few months at least.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Preleski made a motion seconded by Commissioner Heiser "to adjourn" at 4:37 p.m. Motion approved.

Jodi A. McGrane
Recording Secretary