

**RESOLUTION NO. 973**

**A RESOLUTION TO ELECT THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE FOR REVENUE LOSS AND TO STATE SEVERAL INTENDED USES OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE'S ALLOCATION OF LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which provides fiscal relief funds to State and Local Governments, and other program areas aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, ARPA is intended to provide support to local governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, ARPA includes State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support urgent COVID response efforts to decrease the spread of the virus; to replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services; to support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to unequal impacts of the pandemic on certain populations; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted the final rule as guidance regarding the use of ARPA Funds; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the United States Department of Treasury deposited the City of University Place first tranche of funds, which is \$ 4,750,291, and the City will receive a second tranche of an equal amount in 2022; and

WHEREAS, that as recipient, the City of University Place has accepted award of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocation up to the maximum allowed by the terms and conditions of the ARPA; and

WHEREAS, ARPA permits local recipients to expend these funds in the following broad categories: (1) Expenditure of Lost Revenue on Governmental Services; (2) Public Health Measures to Respond to COVID-19; (3) Water and Sewer Infrastructure (4) Address Negative Economic Impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is intended as a statement of intent of the City Council to govern the budgeting and expenditure of the City's ARPA Funds in accordance with Federal Law and to provide guidance, for the current critical needs and establish priorities for which there is consensus as set forth below; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of Section 4 below, the proper officials of the City of University Place are authorized to apply for, obtain, or otherwise assure use of ARPA funds as set forth in this resolution.

Section 2. The City of University Place affirmatively elects, pursuant to the United States Department of Treasury's Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds Final Rule, the standard allowance for revenue loss in the amount of \$9,500,582.

Section 3. The City Council expresses its intent and authorization to expend a portion of the City's allocated ARPA funds for expenses, which the Council deems eligible, necessary and appropriate, as identified below:

- A. The research, design and construction of sewer infrastructure – Six Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000).
- B. The provision vital police/public safety staffing and services – One Million, Eight Hundred Five Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars (\$1,805,582).
- C. Additional IT staffing and equipment to facilitate public meetings during the COVID-19 Pandemic and to enhance cybersecurity preparedness and defense, remote work support, cloud technology, core business application support, and records management – Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000).
- D. The remaining allocation to be held for future allocation by the City Council for the provision of Governmental Services, as defined in the United States Department of Treasury’s Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds Final Rule –Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000).

Section 4. Compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act. The City will ensure compliance with prevailing Federal guidance at the time the funds are committed for expenditure.

Section 5. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as taking the place of any action otherwise required by the City Council to approve requisite contracts, exercise its budgetary authority, or establish appropriate programs and regulations in conjunction with preliminary expenditures outlined above.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 7, 2022.**

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Steve Worthington, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Emelita J. Genetia, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney