

Special Committee on ARPA Expenditures

April 16, 2024

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, FOIA STATEMENT

Present: Bruce Kleinman (Mayor, Chair), Randy Gilmore, Alan Glen, Leonard Kupersmith (Virtual), Elizabeth Lagana, Lynn Lillibridge, Karen Nuttall, Susan McLaughlin, Sue Myrick

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joe Cronin (Town Administrator), Katharine Watkins (Asst. Town Administrator)

Guests Present: Chief Ryan Kunitzer (St. Johns Fire District)

Mayor Kleinman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- A. **Special Committee on ARPA Expenditures Meeting**: February 20th, 2024
- B. **Special Committee on ARPA Expenditures Meeting**: March 5th, 2024
- C. **Special Committee on ARPA Expenditures Meeting**: April 2nd, 2024

Asst. Town Administrator Watkins noted a scrivener's error in all the minutes that will be updated prior to posting the approved minutes.

Mr. Gilmore moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of February 20th; Ms. Lagana seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of February 20th were approved.

Ms. Lillibridge moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of March 5th; Ms. Myrick seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of March 5th were approved.

Mr. Gilmore moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of April 2nd; Ms. Myrick seconded.

Ms. Nuttal moved to amend the meeting minutes to include the creation of the Greenspace Subcommittee in the minutes; Ms. Lagana seconded. All voted in favor.

The amendment was approved.

Using the original motion, a vote was taken; all voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of April 2nd were approved as amended.

3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

A. Discussion on proposed projects submitted by the Survey

Chief Kunitzer presented the request for a high-water vehicle for a proposed project for the ARPA expenditures.

Discussions were had with members of the committee.

Mayor Kleinman summarized the proposed projects for use of ARPA Expenditures: Greenspace, Seabrook Island Road, High-Water Vehicle, and an updated Municipal Complex.

Ms. McLaughlin updated the committee on the Greenspace proposed project from the subcommittee initiatives.

Discussions were had with the committee on each of the projects.

Ms. Lagana moved to recommend council to give \$200,000 for the high-water vehicle and the remaining portion to the Seabrook Island Road project, contingent if STJFD can move forward with the partial portion, if not, to fund the full amount to the Seabrook Island Rd project; Ms. Nuttall seconded.

Discussions were had with the committee members.

A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Gilmore, McLaughlin, Myrick, Kleinman

Nays: Glen, Lagana, Lillibridge, Kupersmith, Nuttall

The motion failed.

Ms. Nuttall moved to recommend that the council approve \$400,000 to SJFD for the purchase of a high-water vehicle, with the remaining balance going to the Road & Drainage Fund to be used for the Seabrook Island Road project. Ms. Lillibridge seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The recommendation was approved.

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mayor Kleinman thanked the committee members for their hard work and noted the next steps in the process.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gilmore moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Lagana seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

Date: April 16, 2024

Prepared by: *Katharine E. Watkins*
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