

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
REMOTE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021**

1. Call to Order – Mayor Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

2. Roll Call –

Present:

Mayor Brent Gerry
Mayor Pro Tem Fred Brink
Councilmember Richard Bloom
Councilmember Gail Brown
Councilmember Rich Buel
Councilmember David Fetto
Councilmember Kate Moran
Councilmember John Smart

Police Captain Thomas Grego
Comm. Dev. Manager Eric Mendenhall
Finance Director Erin Gwinn
Public Works Director Roscoe Slade
City Clerk Stephanie Haug

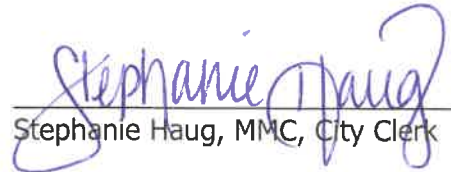
3. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Funding

Finance Director Gwinn presented a staff report to Council on the ARPA funds that have been allocated for the City, including allowable uses and the distribution schedule. She also presented staff's recommendation for spending the money, with a portion spent to update the City Council Chambers, a portion to pay for additional COVID messaging, a portion for a possible utility assistance program, a portion set aside for unanticipated pandemic items, and the remainder, approximately 4 million, to go to water infrastructure. Council held a discussion about the potential expenditures, and also suggested offering a rebate to utility customers, looking further into broadband projects and inquired about the planned updates to the Council Chambers.

4. Adjournment – The workshop was adjourned by Mayor Gerry at 5:54p.m.



Brent Gerry, Mayor



Stephanie Haug, MMC, City Clerk