

RESOLUTION NO. 21-21

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

WHEREAS, since the first case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was discovered in the United States in January 2020, the disease has infected over 32 million and killed over 575,000 Americans (“Pandemic”). The disease has impacted every part of life: as social distancing became a necessity, businesses closed, schools transitioned to remote education, travel was sharply reduced, and millions of Americans lost their jobs; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Pandemic cities have been called on to respond to the needs of their communities through the prevention, treatment, and vaccination of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, city revenues, businesses and nonprofits in the city have faced economic impacts due to the Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Congress adopted the American Rescue Plan Act in March 2021 (“ARPA”) which included \$65 billion in recovery funds for cities across the country; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal 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, an estimated \$731,952.35 has been allocated to the City of Spring Lake Park (“City”) pursuant to the ARPA (“Allocation”); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted guidance regarding the use of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the City, in response to the Pandemic, has had expenditures and anticipates future expenditures consistent with the Department of Treasury’s ARPA guidance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota will distribute ARPA funds to the City because its population is less than 50,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City intends to collect its share of ARPA funds from the State of Minnesota to use in a manner consistent with the Department of Treasury’s guidance.
2. The Mayor and Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer are hereby authorized to take any actions necessary to receive the City’s share of ARPA funds from the State of Minnesota for expenses incurred because of the Pandemic.

3. City staff are hereby authorized to make recommendations to the City Council for future expenditures that may be reimbursed with ARPA funds.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember .

Upon Vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereon the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted the 7th day of June 2021.

APPROVED BY:

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, City Administrator