

DATE TUESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2021

THE MAGNA METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021, AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. AT THE WEBSTER CENTER AT 8952 WEST MAGNA MAIN STREET (2700 SOUTH), MAGNA, UT 84044.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: TRISH HULL  
BRINT PEEL  
AUDREY PIERCE  
STEVE PROKOPIS  
DAN PEAY, Mayor

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: PAUL ASHTON, LEGAL COUNSEL



**Mayor Peay**, Chair, presided.



Council Budget Workshop Meeting

*FY2022 Proposed Budget*

**Dave Sanderson**, Financial Manager, stated Magna Metro Township is more self-supporting than other townships. The Council may want to consider completing a feasibility study to become its own city. The cost of the feasibility study will need to be put into your budget. The council also needs to consider what it wants to use its CARES and ARPA money for.

**Council Member Peel** asked if the CARES and ARPA funding can be used to pay for a feasibility study.

**Paul Ashton** stated the CARES money could pay for it.

**Council Member Peel** stated there is \$1.5 million in the CARES fund and \$1.5 million in the ARPA fund. How can those funds be legally spent? What does the Council need to do to start the process of hiring a firm to do the feasibility study?

**Mr. Sanderson** stated the Council needs to budget for it first. The CARES funds need to be budgeted and then it can be spent. The ARPA funds are restricted for capital projects.

**Council Member Prokopis** asked if CARES and ARPA money could be used to purchase land.

**Council Member Brint** stated the Council should consider buying land for future use.

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**Council Member Hull** suggested the purchase of the Cyprus High School property. A feasibility study would need to be done to see if the Metro Township can afford to buy it, fix, or rebuild it.

**Council Member Peel** stated to purchase a piece of property that large, it would need a bond.

**Mr. Sanderson** stated the Council will need to consider a budget adjustment in December and the Council can allocate funds for a feasibility study in that adjustment. He recommended the Council do some research and talk to entities that have purchased an old building like the school to get more of an idea on how that has worked out.

**Council Member Peel** stated he would like to meet with Marla Howard, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD), and Mr. Sanderson to discuss finances for the cemetery and the turn around time it takes to issue a check.

**Council Member Hull** stated the problem with the MSD is that they are slow paying out invoices.

**Council Member Peel** stated he would also like to see cemetery bylaws presented to the Council for approval.

**Mr. Sanderson** stated ARPA funds need to be spent by 2026, CARES funds do not have a time limit. He recommended that the Council focus on what projects are a priority and create a list of 10 items.

**Council Member Peel** stated he would like to use some funds to hire a person to be at the Webster Center to answer the phones or help people in person, for a few hours a day. Residents need someone locally to be able to answer questions.

**Mr. Ashton** stated that Rori Andreason is working on hiring someone that can handle communications and set up the electronic system for the cemetery. He would like to see how she wants to proceed.

**Council Member Peel** stated as a Trustee of the Webster Center, space would be made available to accommodate an office for Ms. Andreason and other employees.

**Council Member Hull** asked if CARES money can be used to upgrade technology to accommodate virtual meetings.

**Mr. Sanderson** stated each Council Member should come up with ten priorities on their own and then come together as a Council to discuss them and decide where the funding should go.

**Council Member Hull** stated Crystal Hulbert, Salt Lake County Engineering and Flood Control, has a list of projects to be completed in Magna, can some of the money be spent to fund those projects.

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**Mr. Ashton** stated after the Council decides on its priority projects, Mr. Sanderson and himself will figure out how to fund them.

**Mr. Sanderson** stated the equipment and upgrades to technology should be put on your list of priorities.

**Council Member Peel** asked how to clean-up the pass-through money that is given to Magna Town Council, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and other events and groups.

**Mr. Sanderson** stated the entities should present an annual budget to show where the money is going and how much is being spent.

**Council Member Peel** stated he was criticized for requesting a budget and accounting.

**Mr. Sanderson** stated these entities should have to show the Council its budget for approval to get funding. They must follow the Council rules to get the contributions and if they do not, the Council has the right to deny the funding request.

**Council Member Peel** stated some of the organizations like Magna in Motion, get funding through the Magna Town Council. Magna in Motion pays for functions out of their own pockets and then request reimbursement from the Town Council. The Town Council takes a while to refund them. Can entities like Magna in Motion come to the Council individually and request funding and then the funds would go directly to them?

**Mr. Sanderson** stated the Council can require that the Magna Town Council finds a way to give funds to these groups so they do not have to pay out of pocket, or they will not be funded.

**Mr. Ashton** stated the Council can have Magna in Motion and other groups present their own budget to get funds from the Council.

**Council Member Prokopolis** stated the Magna Town Council would go away and a sub-committee could be created under the Council to help these groups.

**Council Member Hull** stated the ordinance that covers contributions needs to be reviewed and amended.

**Council Member Peel** asked that the ordinance be revised and put on the agenda.

**Mr. Sanderson** stated the documents that were distributed to the Council, include the administrative budget, CARES and ARPA funds; however, CARES and ARPA are the Councils priority.

**Mr. Ashton** stated Mr. Sanderson will bring back a preliminary budget for the Council to consider and then it will need to set a public hearing.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned.

SHERRIE SWENSEN  
METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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CHAIR, MAGNA METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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