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ARPA files approved by Council

During today's meeting of the Common Council, the Council adopted two files related to the more than \$400 million in funds Milwaukee will receive from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The introductions of these files were co-led by **Common Council President Cavalier Johnson** and Finance and Personnel Committee Chair **Alderman Michael J. Murphy**.

File #**201615** establishes the creation of a public dashboard detailing allocation and expenditure of funds received through the ARPA. The intent of this file is to create a public-facing platform for residents and other stakeholders to easily track the usage of the federal ARPA funds. The second file adopted at Council was file #**201600** - a resolution directing the Department of Administration-Budget and Management Division to prepare and submit to the Common Council a report on whether and how the various CARES Act grant funds received by the City were expended. The resolution states that the report shall be submitted within 30 days of the resolution being adopted.

Both President Johnson and Alderman Murphy agree that these files are a step forward in creating a transparent, inclusive and community-oriented process. "It has been said before, but the ARPA represents an immense opportunity for our community, and the items passed today help ensure that funding allocations are strategic, equitable, and make a significant impact for our residents," they said. "We'd also like to thank our colleagues for supporting these items as we all work to make sure the Council leads the way on this issue."

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ARPA Files/ADD ONE

A related file (#201571) was held by the Finance and Personnel Committee and will be discussed in more detail at a forthcoming committee meeting. The item is a resolution directing the Department of Administration - Budget and Management Division to create a transparent and inclusive plan for the allocation of funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The resolution details a minimum of five steps that shall be included as part of this process:

1. Conducting a public survey to identify the community's priorities for ARPA allocations.
2. The Department of Administration - Office of Equity and Inclusion establishing specific and measurable goals related to the allocation of funds.
3. Presenting a proposed budget for allocating and expending the ARPA award.
4. Soliciting comments from the public following presentation of the proposed ARPA budget.
5. Engaging in hearings before the Finance and Personnel Committee to finalize the ARPA allocation plan.

The next Finance and Personnel Committee meeting is set to take place on Wednesday, April 28 at 9a.m. The meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee) and via streaming video on the city website at city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.