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Bigger and broader relief is what Milwaukeeans need

Joint statement from Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderman José G. Pérez and Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic

Today the Milwaukee Common Council held a special meeting to consider a proposed freeze on the Mayor's street light fee for the first two quarters of 2021. This special meeting was brought forth yesterday by five Council members. We hoped the matter could be taken up next week at a hearing during the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting where the public could weigh in.

The proposal called for the use of federal American Recovery Plan Act funds to help cover the street light fee freeze.

The proposal failed at the close of today's special Council meeting.

We have been consistent in our call for full inclusion of the legislative branch and the people we represent in the allocation of these much needed federal funds.

Utility relief for residents should be on the table and we are committed to a transparent community conversation of this and additional needs while we rebuild our city with this exceptional opportunity brought about by the ARPA funds.

But this last-second proposal was far from inclusive of public comment. The intent to save homeowners and landlords about \$20 is a start but we can do more, together.

We want a broader and deeper relief impact for Milwaukee residents, and that is what we will be striving for in the coming weeks and months.