



# FINANCE COMMITTEE

## COMMITTEE MEETING

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5:30 PM

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### The Finance Committee will meet to discuss ARPA funding

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Dennis J. Carlone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Nolan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Alanna Mallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marc C. McGovern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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A communication was received from Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs, David J. Kale, transmitting a presentation regarding ARPA Committed and Pending Projects.



**CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE**

COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE, CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 02, 2022

5:30 PM, SULLIVAN CHAMBER

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Welcome, everyone. I call this meeting of the Finance Committee to order. The call of the meeting is to discuss ARPA funding from the federal government.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, adopted by Massachusetts General Assembly and approved by the Governor, the city is authorized to use remote participation at meetings of the Cambridge City Council.

Um, most of the council is indeed, um, participating in this meeting remotely. Um, to watch the meeting, please tune into Channel 22 or visit the open meeting portal on the city's website. Today's meeting will be conducted in a remote format. If you would like to provide public comment, please go to [www.cambridgema.gov/publiccomment](http://www.cambridgema.gov/publiccomment), [www.cambridgema.gov/publiccomment](http://www.cambridgema.gov/publiccomment) to sign up.

We will hear-- No, this is, uh, a misprint, so we will accept people signing up until six o'clock. Uh, Mr. Clerk, please take a roll call of members present, and with that, all of today's votes will be by roll call.

**City Clerk Anthony Wilson called the roll:**

Councillor Burham Azeem- Absent

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon- Present

Councillor Marc C. McGovern- Present

Councillor Patricia M. Nolan- Present

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui- Present

Councillor E. Denis Simmons- Absent

Councillor Paul F. Toner- Present

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan- Present

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone- Present

**Present-7, Absent-2. Quorum established.**

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

So, as you might recall, we've had meetings on ARPA, uh, last year. Uh, I believe the first one was in July, and then we followed up with another meeting in December just to understand the parameters and what, um, kinds of funding would be considered.

That has been refined somewhat by the federal government. Um, David Kale and Michelle Kincaid will talk about that, uh, a little later. Uh, today, we're going to have a presentation by the finance staff, uh, on what has been accomplished to date. Um, most-- All of the work to date has focused on, uh, city-oriented work that the city staff would be undertaking.

Uh, David will go into more detail about that. Uh, as

far as public submissions and evaluations, that will come in the next meeting. We intend to have a meeting approximately every month, at least for the near future, as the submissions are reviewed and approved by the city and the council.

We will let you know the next meeting's, uh, schedule as soon as, uh, that is concluded, we are going to wait on that until after today's meeting. You will see, uh, today that a number of, um, proposals by the city have been funded. Others are still pending.

If you're interested at looking at that chart that lists all of them, please go to the meeting portal and then look under, pull down the, the, uh, the link above, the connection above and look under finance department and you will see today's dated, uh, document.

And in that, uh, there's an explanation and the funding that's, um, being associated with it including a few pending. But again, these are all city-oriented projects that have been discussed in-house for some time.

So what the agenda will be today is we will have to present a discussion by finance department. Uh, we will have, uh, questions by council members to clarify any

comments by the finance department, although, given the number of public speakers, I am going to ask you to add a--ask pretty specific questions that generate short answers at this phase of the meeting.

Then we'll have public comment, and then we can go into more depth with questions and comments to the staff. So, once again, I'll open the meeting and I welcome everyone, um, and, uh, look forward, uh, to the presentation. This is a very exciting opportunity where even though we went through a difficult time with COVID, uh, this federal grant has really allowed us to think beyond where we normally are in the budget.

And we all should be excited about it and understand the limitations since it all has to relate to COVID. Um, Councillor Nolan, do you wish to have any opening comments, my Co-chair?

**COUNCILLOR PATRICIA M. NOLAN:** Thank you Co-chair Carlone, and chair of the meeting. I don't-- I just wanna reiterate part of what you said. This is, uh, the first meeting at which we're hearing the specific allocation of funding for ARPA. We have started that process. It's an ongoing process.

It is-- There will be a series of meetings, and as noted, it's important to note the applications and requests that have come in from the community have yet to be fully reviewed.

So they are not on the list, not because they won't-- there might not be some possibility eventually, but currently we are looking at as the, as the, the finance staff will, will show us what has been committed and allocated, uh, prior to any kind of review of the existing-- um, the, the other projects.

And I believe in their presentation, the finance staff will talk a little bit and touch upon the criteria that will be used and the process that will be, uh, will all-- the city will run into, and then the council will run into, in order to move forward to decide how it is that we will allocate the rest of the funds that are not yet committed. Thank you, Chair Carlone

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Thank you, Co-chair Nolan. So at this point, if, uh, other councillors have joined the meeting, uh, would you please announce yourself? Okay. We will, um, announce their coming if they're able to arrive, uh, when they do. So, Mr. Kale, the floor is yours,

um, and we look forward to the presentation. Thank you.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Thank you, Mr. Co-chair and Madame Co-chair. Um, I know the City Manager may be on the, uh, call. I don't know if he wants to make a, uh, comment before we begin. Um, I'll let him.

**CITY MANAGER:** Uh, I wasn't, I wasn't gonna. I thought Mr. Chair, through you I would just say, first of all, I want to thank the chairs for putting this meeting together, and I really wanna thank the staff of all the work they've put in. Uh, I think you'll see tonight we're moving forward with a solid presentation of what we're gonna fund.

But the important thing is, as we said, we would work with the council and at the time of this, and I think you'll see that even what we're recommending tonight, there's still a large sum of money that still needs to be spent, and we'll have a lot of good ideas. We continue to work with them to come up with these ideas.

But obviously, this is a process where the council and these administrations needs to work together. As much as \$80 million sounds like a lot of money, with all the demands out there, it can go pretty quickly.

So on this first batch, I really believe we prioritize



what we've heard from the council over and over again, and we'll just continue to work with you to make sure that we're really listening to the priorities.

Because like I said, \$80 millions a lot, but it can go quickly. And again, I want to thank Michelle for her leadership and trying to make sure that every project that we've moved forward with is absolutely gonna be defensible because that, to me, is the most important piece with this.

We don't wanna assume money that we can spend is not eligible to be reimbursed. I think taking the time to make sure that happens is important. So thank you everybody, and I'll turn it back over to David.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Thank you, Mr. Manager. Mr. Kale.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Thank you, Mr. Manager. Um, seated at the table is Michelle Kincaid, who's the Assistant Finance Director. And, uh, she, uh, is at point, uh, for the reporting and compliance for the, uh, um, ARPA funds. And seated behind her is Betty Lyons, who, uh, is the retired federal grants manager for the city, uh, but is not so retired after all.

So I want to thank them both for their help. I would

remind folks that we do have a webpage, um, which is, uh, on, uh, [www.cambridgema.gov/arpa](http://www.cambridgema.gov/arpa). Uh, it's all-- That, that webpage is, uh, contained within the City Manager's, uh, homepage.

Uh, and the document that we are going to be talking about is posted on that webpage also, in addition to the open portal that Councillor Carlone mentioned. Um, so in terms of a few opening comments, uh, this is the third meeting, uh, with the Finance Committee to discuss ARPA projects.

Uh, this is a process that will continue, um, as the City Manager communicated with the city council when the ARPA funds were initially received. Um, as the co-chairs have, uh, noted, there will be more meetings scheduled

with the Finance Committee as we develop more project initiatives for review.

Over the last several weeks, we've had meetings with constituent groups such as the Small Business Advisory, uh, and/or Association Group, uh, housing providers, including the Cambridge Housing Authority and the Nonprofit Coalition.

And there is a meeting scheduled for next week as a

follow up, uh, that we had with the Nonprofit Coalition, uh, next week to, uh, receive further information. Um, as you had noted, Councillor Carlone, requests from the public, uh, even though we have received them, are, are not being reviewed, uh, tonight and are not part of tonight's presentation.

Um, I would also just note that requests received from the public will be reviewed, uh, but does not-- does not mean that they will automatically be funded. They will go through a review process and the funding is, uh, something that is not considered automatic.

Public requests received to date, um, include items related to broadband infrastructure, food insecurity, Magazine Beach, Cambridge Local First, Small Business Support, Starlight, Soccer Night, Charles River Con, Con, Conferences, I can't say the word, uh, and Jerry's Pond improvements.

Uh, opportunity programming, College Success Program, sewer mitigation, uh, submitted by the CHA. Uh, also CHA housing, uh, uh, support, uh, CHA, Cambridge Housing Authority Wellness Program, Cambridge Housing Authority, Cambridge Rise Program, Green Cambridge, Outdoor Church

Proposals, and Cambridge HEART Proposals.

As we have discussed, we have received an initial direct allocation of \$65 million, which was appropriated by the city council. We have been fortunate because the city has also received an additional \$23 million through a state allocation, uh, through-- on a county, uh, based formula, which will be submitted to the city council for appropriation at an upcoming city council meeting.

The total amount received by the city with the addition of the \$23 million is-- the total will be \$88.1 million. Um, we have successfully completed our first reporting requirement with the feds. Um, that was due on January 31st for the, uh, last quarter of the fiscal year.

And again, it had some challenges, but we were able to successfully report, uh, the expenditures we had to date. Uh, the list we are sharing with you tonight reflect the projects that have been committed and projects that are pending that will be funded.

We have tried to attach, on this listing, the city council priority errors-- areas based upon our first two meetings with the Finance Committee. The total of the committed projects is \$22.2 million, and the total of

pending projects is 10.7.

In some cases, the details of the implementation of the projects are being designed and finalized. We've worked with our consultant KPMG to review these projects to determine their compliance with COVID-19 guidance in terms of ARPA, uh, that was issued by the US Treasury.

Again, as to remind everybody, there needs to be a COVID impact hook, uh, to request for information or request for projects, uh, and to make sure that we do meet the compliance and reporting guidelines.

In addition, at the end of the document that we provided, uh, we have included projects that are of high priority for the city council that we are seeking further information and guidance on.

In addition to the item on the policy order about direct cash transfer to the unhoused, the City Manager has been in conversation with the mayor's office about another guaranteed income pilot somewhere to Cambridge Rise.

And again, we are, uh, requesting that we have further conversations about program development on those items. Um, as I mentioned, there will be additional meetings with the Finance Committee to review additional funded projects.

We will continue to meet with the community groups as requested, as we've done in the past, and, uh, as well as receive, uh, requests on our webpage from the public. And again, I already mentioned the webpage that folks can go to, to submit, uh, project requests.

And I would just like to say is, however, as this process evolves, it must clearly be understood that the city has an ARPA allocation of \$88 million. And while that is sizable and it's a great deal of money, it will not cover all the requests and ideas that we will ultimately receive and we will vet for, uh, compliance.

Um, and again, as I noted, the US, United States Treasury keeps evolving its guidance on compliance and reporting. In fact, there was an additional guidance and clarification document provided this week that we are digesting.

I would like to also remind everyone that while we are appreciative of the additional ARPA resources to our city, um, this, however, does add, uh, to the City Department heads and department staff another set of responsibilities to manage effectively.

And I will only say that going through the process, to

provide the list with you here, um, that is no small task, cause all these items will require, um, um, staff time and will require monitoring and will, will require vetting to make sure we're in compliance.

And again, I think we're trying to be strategic in how we provide resources to get these programs, uh, implemented and, uh, have funds, uh, out to the folks who we're trying to help. Um, we have department heads and representatives available on the call today, uh, to answer questions on the information provided.

Uh, so with that, co-chairs, um, we can then go to the listing. And again, I think that, um, we can go page by page, or we can solicit questions from the council, um, on the items listed.

Uh, as I noted, the committed funds are, are items that we have, um, funded and will-- are in the process of have implemented or have expended funds, uh, pending items, uh, for funding, um, that have been approved.

Um, we are basically looking to solicit feedback from the council, um, and to basically, uh, get the ball rolling on these pending items. As I noted, um, uh, to date, the committed funds total \$22.2 million, and the pending items

add up to 10.7.

There still, uh, remains, uh, \$55 million to expend. And at the end of the document that we provided, um, we have some items that, uh, are not on the master list, but are items that are of high priority for the city council.

And again, we're looking to get some more information either at this meeting or offline so that we can develop a, uh, proposal to submit to the Finance Committee, um, at the appropriate time. So with that, Councillor Carlone, I will leave it up to you how you want to, um, um, manage the rest of the meeting.

But we can go through this if you like, um, or we can have questions. And as I said, we've had the department heads on the line that have items on this list to, uh, answer any specific questions.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Mr. Kale, um, perhaps what you can do is, is the areas that you fully have, uh, financed, you could just give us a general run of the types of projects they are, and you could mention one through whatever number is this or whatever.

And then we can go back on the pending ones and do the same thing. This way, at least we're-- It, it might trigger



a question in somebody's mind. Um, and, um, I think that's probably the right way to go through this chart.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Yep. Thank you. And again, I know that Ellen and Iram are on the call with the other department heads, and so if I misspeak, you're certainly welcome to correct me. Um, so we'll start with line number one, um, which again, uh, deals with homeless and housing shelters.

Again, Bay Cove Human Services Inc. is the, uh, entity that staffs the Transition Wellness Center at, uh, Spaulding Hospital. And the cost for providing their services to the Wellness Center at Spaulding Hospital is \$2.7 million.

And, uh, that is on the committed list. The second item is the actual, uh, Spaulding Hospital shelter rent, uh, for \$820,000 for years one and two. Um, and again, the council priority area was, uh as-

Again, we went back and we took a look at the items that were mentioned from our first two meetings and tried to, uh, allocate, uh, what the priority was-- area was for these specific items.

Again, homeless housing and shelters. The same thing

for the next item, which is, uh, COVID-19 food supplies, um, and nutritional meals for unhoused persons, uh, that's estimated at \$41.1 million. Uh, item number four, um, homeless support programs.

This is the, uh, rent for portable public toilets, and that's, uh, \$168,000, uh, which covers the funding through December of '24. Item number five, uh, again, is the, uh, cleaning and sanitation of those, uh, portable public toilets. And that's scheduled to, uh, go through December-- I'm sorry, December of '24 at \$949,000.

Um, again, number six, testing services, uh, that covers the cost, uh, of testing and test kits, um, that we have provided to the public. Uh, number-- And that's \$4,671,000. Item number seven is, um, repairs to the warming center. Uh, that was \$32,000.

Uh, item number eight, um, again, we have a proposal from the Cambridge Community Corps about public outreach, uh, uh, for testing vaccination, um, and that is a program that they have, uh, submitted funding for, for, uh, to December of '24 in the total amount of \$675,000.

And I think the manager has, uh, uh, communicated to you, and I think you know just how, uh, successful the

Cambridge Community Corps program is. Um, and so the Public Health Department submitted a request for funding. Um, number nine is the, uh, Biobot Analytics, uh, to continue sewer testing program through the end of June of '22 of \$283,000.

Uh, Neville com-- Uh, that's right. And then the next one is number 11 on the list, which is, um, again, the cost of the fire department to support the testing of vaccination clinics, and that amount at the moment is \$500,000.

I'm sure that will change as we continue, uh, to provide those services, um, going forward. Uh, then there is number 12, uh, which is mental health. Uh, hoarding support services to provide support to residents to mitigate, uh, the chances of, uh, eviction.

Uh, that's a three-year estimate of \$600,000. And again, um, uh, the hoarding is a, um, serious challenge. And basically, uh, trying to provide mitigation to that to basically prevent, uh, eviction is important.

And again, uh, that ties into a priority of the Council of Mental Health Services. The same thing, uh, for number 16, uh, food insecurity. Uh, that is expansion of

the Just Eats Program to, uh, address food insecurity in the three-year cost of \$600,000.

Number 17, uh, again, food insecurity, food for free. Expansion of the Backpack Program to address food insecurity for low income students on weekends. And that's a three-year cost of \$300,000. Um, the next item is for \$90,000, and that is for CEOC, expansion of the School Market Program to address food insecurity.

And again, that is a, uh, expansion of the current program that the Human Services Department runs. Um, number 19, uh, again, um, helps, uh, deal with, uh, impacted communities.

And, uh, this is a \$250,000 item to, uh, uh, support our language equity initiative and, uh, language access tools and resources for city departments, uh, which includes computer assistant translation programs and related translation cost and expanded interpretation services, such as, uh, the language line and other real time interpretation.

So, again, uh, that is, I know, something that the, um, manager has supported and the fam-- family, family policy, um, has, uh, submitted as a request, uh, for

support, uh, in fiscal '23 and beyond, and is a key initiative.

Uh, next is \$2.5 million, and again, we're underway for our Cambridge Restaurant Relief grants. Um, and again, um, we have details on that, uh, but we've earmarked \$2.5 million.

And again, right behind that, will be our programs, uh, for \$1,075,000, uh, to support small businesses and relief grants, uh, for personal services, salons, gyms, et cetera, and childcare, uh, institutions.

Uh, and then \$300,000 for, uh, Cambridge Small Business Relief grants, up to \$5,000 each for e-commerce. And, uh, the next item is \$1,125,000 for, uh, small business support through the, uh, community development department.

Uh, COVID Relief Grants, uh, um, were oversubscribed, and these are additional funds for businesses to support a variety of rent, employee pay, utilities, and documented revenue losses. So again, those four items are major undertakings.

We're in the first phase of it. And, uh, the other items, there are additional phases that will be in the-- be

in the implementation phase shortly. Again, we want to roll out the first one quickly, which we have. Um, the next item is number 25, um, grants for business associations, uh, to support various events for \$100,000.

Item number 29, um, is again, uh, for the two year funding for the First Church of Cambridge Shelter to support the, uh, homeless housing/shelter initiatives for \$250,000.

Uh, the same thing for the next item, First church in Cambridge to fund the Housing Navigator Program to support shelter residents in, uh, uh, in excess housing for two years for \$90,000.

Uh, the next item is, uh, for Bay Cove Human Services Inc., uh, uh, uh, to fund three housing navigator programs to support individuals who are homeless to access housing and to provide stabilization services, and that's a two-year cost.

Um, the next item, number 35 is, uh, \$133,000, uh, and that's a program to support at the YMCA, uh, case management, uh, at the Central House. And that's, uh, \$133,000 to support that initiative through FY23.

Item number 37, um, as you know, we have, uh, uh, CTC

Technology and Energy, um, Consultants, and those are our consultants for the, uh, investigation of, uh, broadband, and that was \$465,000.

In addition to that, um, item number 38, uh, there is a, uh, pilot program with the Cambridge Housing Authority, and we've allocated \$1,000,001 to support that pilot program. Uh, in addition to that, um, uh, again, to support digital equity, uh, there is, uh, monies on the amount of \$275,000 to support, uh, public internet access, uh, outdoor Wi-Fi.

Uh, again, a small amount of money for, uh, uh, translations, uh, for flyers and other information that we put out, uh, for \$7,000 and then \$400,000, which is the, uh, contract amount, uh, for KPMG to help us with our compliance and reporting.

Those items add up to \$22.2 million. And as I tried to do, is I think we, uh, have tried to tie those initiatives, uh, with the policy-- uh, priority areas and the policy areas that the council, uh, indicated to us from our first two meetings. So that's the listing.

Again, um, there are folks on the line that can answer specific questions, but that gives a summary of where we've

committed our, uh, funds at this point.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Uh, thank you. Why don't you take a drink of water and, and then we'll have you go through spending in a second. Uh, if there are short questions about a particular financing, uh, of a program that councillors would like to ask, uh, in City Hall Chamber, my co-chair has, uh, the floor. Councillor Nolan?

**COUNCILLOR PATRICIA M. NOLAN:** Thank you. This will be quick cause I'm not sure we can have a full answer, but, um, I hope as we review these and we get reports on them, that there are some items here that it'll be good to understand the effectiveness of this, how it is that we track and ensure that the effectiveness of this spending is what we had wanted.

For instance, you know, the Cambridge Community Core totally love it. Public outreach, let's, let's make sure we have the kind of the impact of this spending reported back so that we can understand how to ensure as we spend the next \$55 million, uh, whether it's, it's well spent.

Um, similar to Biobot, I know we love that. We use Biobot for the COVID data, but it's not clear that it's something that has actually, uh, impacted how it is that we



make decisions, in which case, let's make sure all the spending that we're doing, we just--

However, it is that we're tracking their effectiveness and how we're making sure that that is something that-- especially if there's gonna be future follow on spending, that we understand what it's gotten us, if that makes sense.

It's just a comment. I recognize you're not gonna be able to answer it specifically, but I, I think that goes for a number of these areas and I really thank you for the thoroughness of this.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Um, we will-- Again, I think that on the Biobot, I think that clearly was a, um, expenditure funds that allowed us to, early on, understand where the latest surge was going.

And I think the data allowed us to determine that there was gonna be a quick downturn in the, um, spread of the Omicron, but I-- And Owen, Owen's on the line, but I think that effectiveness was pretty robust in terms of telegraphing where we were going.

Um, and again, I think that, uh, generally speaking, the reporting component of this sort of ties into what you

just said about the effectiveness of spending. Michelle, if you want to add something. No?

**MICHELLE KINCAID:** Um, on a lot of these, we do have to report the, uh, program aspects of the program.

**COUNCILLOR PATRICIA M. NOLAN:** Thank you. Just a quick follow-- Yes, let's make sure that gets reported as well so that we all see it. And, and I just called out a couple. I know there's a whole range of ones that we would have that on. Thanks.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Okay. Other clarifying questions from the Vice Mayor, followed by Councillor Zondervan. Vice Mayor, you have the floor.

**VICE MAYOR ALANNA M. MALLON:** Oh, thank you Chair Carlone, and thanks for convening this session, and thanks to the finance team for putting this together. I did have one clarifying question on, uh, number 25, which was a pop-up allocation to support BIPOP businesses from the community development department.

If there's somebody from the community development department on the line, just to clarify, um, what that program might look like and who might partner with us on that.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** I believe Matt Nelson and Iram and Pardis are on the call, so either one or all three can comment.

**ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER IRAM FAROOQ:** Thank you. Um, through, through the chair, um, I'm actually gonna ask Pardis to speak to, um, to the specifics here. Um, but just to keep in mind that some of these are, um, at very incipient stages right now, and there's a lot of work that we need to do with partners to really flesh that out and, uh, and determine what shape they'll take, um, but I, I'm gonna turn it over to Pardis to, to say a little more.

**PARDIS SAFFARI:** Thank you and thanks for the question. So, uh, this is an opportunity for us to activate some of our vacant storefronts with, um, uh, pop-up opportunities for our Cambridge entrepreneurs or also our artists.

So, um, this-- we would be targeting, um, neighborhoods that have seen, maybe, a increase in vacant storefronts during COVID, and we'd be partnering with entrepreneurs as well as, um, property owners to make sure that they can actually, um, you know, have a economic benefit to both of them. So, um, a similar program started

in Seattle.

They also used ARPA funds, and so, uh, we would be implementing something similar that would be good for the Cambridge, um, community. So it'd be an opportunity for us to work with artists, entrepreneurs, and possibly, um, those third party startups, um, pop, pop-up organizations that are, are working kind of the conduit between the property owner and, um, the entrepreneurs. But that is our aim with that program if, if funded.

**VICE MAYOR ALANNA M. MALLON:** Uh, uh, thank you, um, Mr. Chair through you to Mrs. Pardis. So when it says that it's pending, it's still being vetted by KPMG, but it is-- if it's vetted by KPMG, it's moving forward, and then at that point, you would flush out the details.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Uh, Vice Mayor, could you reference the item number again? Because I think there's--

**VICE MAYOR ALANNA M. MALLON:** Number 25, I think. 25 or 35. It was at the very top of [crosstalk].

**COUNCILLOR PATRICIA M. NOLAN:** Yeah, 26.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** 26, okay. I think you initially said--

**VICE MAYOR ALANNA M. MALLON:** Or 26.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Or 25. Uh, okay. So I think they

answered the item for 26, uh, and not 25, which is a good thing, I think.

**VICE MAYOR ALANNA M. MALLON:** Okay. Um, that was my, my last question. That sounds like a great program. Uh, I look forward to moving that from pending to committed and moving forward with that cause I think this is a really important, uh, topic in our community, both supporting our artists and our, um, BIPOP community who might need a storefront, uh, and marrying those with our, uh, small property owners who might want a tenant.

So thank you very much and I look forward to that. I yield back. Thanks, Chair Carlone.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Thank you, Vice Mayor. Uh, Councillor Zondervan, uh, you have the floor.

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Thank you Mr. Chair. Uh, a couple of questions. One is on the, uh, HEART Program. I didn't see that mentioned in the list. Has, has there been any determination made as to whether that program could and, and would receive funding?

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** So to, to answer your question, the first round that we're discussing tonight are city department projects that have been in the works and

have developed, uh, over the last probably year.

Um, in the future, we will get to, uh, non-city government projects. Um, and I don't know how soon, but, um, Mr. Kale mentioned he's received proposals, I think it was about 12 that I heard. And, um, we will get to that in, in the upcoming meetings. It's been quite a bit of work today to get to this point, but go ahead, miss-- uh, Councillor Zondervan.

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do appreciate that, uh, clarification. The, the HEART Proposal-- funding for the HEART Proposal has been discussed as part of, uh, creating [inaudible 0:42:16] safety department.

I, I don't know if that qualifies as, you know, department, uh, funding, but it, it does seem like it would be relevant to, um, city funded efforts. But it-- but again, that, you know, if, if it's out of order, I'm, I'm happy to wait till a future meeting to discuss it.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Uh, uh, again, I-- this is what I've been told that we will get to it in the-- in the future, uh, just like all the other proposals from nonprofits. And, um, the focus initially was on in-house,

if you will, projects.

I agree that there's an overlap and that's why you're questioning it. Um, that will be, uh-- and there is interest in the council. There's no question of that. So that will be, I would assume that relatively near future since it's one of the early submissions. Was there another question, Councillor?

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, um, I, I do appreciate the, the focus on, uh, homelessness and homelessness prevention. The policy order that we passed on direct cash payments was mentioned in that document, but I didn't see any direct funding connected to it. Is, is that, again, something that we should expect in the future?

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** I, I didn't really hear the question. I-- Could you repeat it a little louder?

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Sorry. The, um, policy order that we passed on direct cash payments.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Yes.

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Is referenced in the document, but I didn't see any funding, uh, proposed for it. So, uh, I'm asking if that [crosstalk].

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Uh, we will get-- I think we will get to that list later on. Will we not, Mr. Kale?

**MR. DAVID KALE:** I think as I mentioned at the-- at the beginning, I think there are some areas where we understand that those are council, uh, priorities and that I think some items at the end are in need of clarification and some, um, specificity so that we can then, uh, can speak, uh, about what we can or cannot do once we know exactly what we're trying to do.

So I think those are the things that we're trying to explore more information with the council.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Uh, yes, uh, Councillor Zondervan, both Councillor Nolan and I were informed of that, and perhaps I should have said that in the beginning. They just need much more, uh, detail on what the council has in mind.

And, um, and there's a number of other areas like that as well that they'll get to near the end after they go over the pending financing. So we haven't forgotten it is, is what I'm saying.

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Thank you, Mr.



Chair. So, uh, I, I guess I don't quite understand the process. Are we going to discuss that later in this meeting to get more details, or is that an offline discussion [crosstalk]?

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** If, if-- No, I, I think we can if we have the time. We have over 30 people waiting to give public comments so-- and I'm happy to extend the meeting somewhat, but, um, I, um-- we will-- we will talk about that and, and you are right to bring it up again a little later.

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. So-- And I have two more questions on specific items on the list. So one is the \$2.2 million to the water department for, um, replacing the filters for PFAS removal.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** What number is that?

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Uh--

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** 41? 41. Found it.

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** So thank you Mr.

Chair. So I, I'm just questioning using the money this way. I, I would prefer to, um, see the city switch--

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Okay. That's pending so that has not been decided, and we're gonna get to that in a

moment and go over the pending list, but that's not concluded yet. They're looking into that.

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Thank you. So I-

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** So you're questioning it.

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Right. I'm, I'm questioning that particular use of funds and my preference would be to have the city switch to the MWRA water supply and refund any increased, uh, cost to the rate payers from the ARPA funds while we, uh, remediate our water supply to, to eliminate, uh, the PFAS contamination because--

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Okay. Well, we can get into that detail later, but I don't want to get into it now. I understand your question. It's a much broader question than funding. Um, it's a bigger policy issue. And you had another, one last one?

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Final one is the \$409,000 to KPMG, uh, for reporting and compliance. That does seem awfully high to me. And, and I'm just wondering why we are spending so much money on consultants to help us report back to our federal government how we're using the money.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Uh, I'll let Mr. Kale and Ms. Kincaid, uh, answer that. Mr. Kale.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** So based upon the complexity of the ARPA regulations and the robustness of, uh-- if that's a word, of the things that we're trying to develop, um, in terms of priority areas.

Um, um, clearly having a consultant that has a national presence who really understands and digests the nitty gritty of the hundreds of pages of regulations and, and, and, uh, guidance to not only make sure that the things that we do fund are in compliance with what the US Treasury has issued, but also at the end of the day to make sure that the reporting, uh, that we have to do on a quarterly basis, not only from our funds, but potentially, uh, other organizations.

Um, and again, there is a list of criteria about what we need to receive, uh, from sub-recipients and the like. Um, frankly, the money is, is far less than what I expected to pay, and I shouldn't say that, but, um, uh, cause I don't want them to raise the cost.

But, but the reality is we have weekly meetings and weekly updates of, of, uh-- of, uh, not only the compliance

and reporting, but also helping us go through all the requests to make sure that we understand where we need to, um, um, articulate in, in very, um, um, precise ways the COVID hooks to all these programs.

Because again, um, if we do not substantiate the COVID hooks and, and the, the ability to address the impact of COVID and all the things that we're presenting to you, at the end of the day, they are not gonna be, uh, deemed appropriate by the feds and there will be a refunding process.

So we believe that the funding and the cost is well worth it based upon the amount of money that we have received, which is substantial, and the variety of programs that we're trying to do, which again, um, are complex.

And so the, the ability to have a, uh, a consultant that has the, uh, expertise is invaluable to us. And I think at the earliest city council meeting, I think one of the, the councillors said, "Do you have enough help?"

Well, I will only tell you this, we could not, um, hire anybody to do the level of expertise advising that we have from KPMG, uh, because there are several people that they bring to the table with the variety of expertise with

regard to the ARPA funds that we wouldn't be able to, um, uh, have internally.

And Michelle is the captain of all this. And, uh, but, um, uh, I'll let her speak, but I think KPMG, even through our first reporting period was invaluable. But then the ongoing ability to help us understand how we have to frame these projects to make sure that we meet all the criteria is invaluable.

So frankly, the amount of money is, um, based upon consultant pay isn't really exorbitant to be honest, especially when we compare it to the \$88 million that we're getting.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Okay. I'm going to move on, Councillor to Councillor McGovern, you have the floor.

**COUNCILLOR MARC C. MCGOVERN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair, through you, and thank you for the presentation. Um, sort of a more general question, um, I noticed a number of the, the allocations, uh, around the unhoused, uh, supports like Spaulding, um, the rent for Spaulding, some other renovations for Spaulding, et cetera, um, have been appropriated.

Those-- We've already spent that money, right? So is

this ARPA money now just going to reimburse us for money that we've already spent, or is this additional spending?

I know some of the, like the public toilets or whatnot are out to 2024, so that's obviously additional spending, but, um, I was kind of hoping that we wouldn't use ARPA funds to replenish money we've already spent for COVID, but we would use as much of this money on new initiatives. So I'm just trying to figure that out.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** I, I-- Through you, um, Co-chair Carlone, so again, when we were developing the budget last year, we understood that we had ARPA funds, and that the, uh, transition center would be basically in eligible use. So we did not budget fully the cost of the, uh, programming.

So this is not-- Uh, and again, you-- this is not a, um, reimbursement type of thing. This is a direct charge.

**COUNCILLOR MARC C. MCGOVERN:** Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Uh, so you yield, Councillor?

**COUNCILLOR MARC C. MCGOVERN:** Um, quick question, Mr. Chair, um--

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Yes.

**COUNCILLOR MARC C. MCGOVERN:** So these are-- you just want-- you just want questions on, on this chart right now. I had a just sort of a more general question about process. Should I save that?

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** No, you can say it now.

**COUNCILLOR MARC C. MCGOVERN:** Okay. Um, just wondering, and you know, it's a-- I don't think there's anything on, on the list that I would've, you know-- that I disagree with or, or would have an issue with in terms of spending, but I know that one of the-- one of the concerns that was raised when we allocated, um, the money initially was how much input would the council have on the allocations, um, that were being spent.

And as I said, I think they're all worthy allocations. There's nothing really there that I have an issue with. Um, but what is going to be the process moving forward and when will-- when will we have to reallocate the other \$20 some odd million to ensure that, you know, there is some com-- some, uh, council input, or does the council ever have to vote on actually allocating this money?

We get this long list of money that's already been

spent. And again, it's all good money, it's all good spending. But, um, you know, I, I am concerned that we haven't had as much, um, input into that as, as, as maybe we, we should. So what's gonna be the process moving forward on allocations?

**MR. DAVID KALE:** I, I would say councillor, um, through you to the, uh, co-chair. Again, I think in our first two meetings we heard what the council had for priority areas. Um, we, we basically had our department heads listening to those meetings. We understand what the priority areas are.

We've basically have come up with programming to support those areas. I think that the items in the pending column, um, while we will fund them, we want to hear what the council has to say about them.

Uh, in addition to that, on the back page, there are three or four items that frankly were asking the council for their input. So I think we've met what we said we were gonna do, which is we would inform to you, we would report to you, we would get your feedback.

And then there are three or four cases there. We're asking you to be specific about the program parameters. So



I think, um, we will come to you for the other 23, but that, frankly, is to make sure that we can spend the money, and I guess we would-- as the, uh, chair mentioned, we will have continuing meetings to basically receive your feedback and to update you.

And, um, I think that is what the manager, um, agreed to and promised and I think we're trying to fill that promise and, and commitment.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Councillor, I-- Go ahead, Councillor.

**COUNCILLOR MARC C. MCGOVERN:** No, no, no. I was just gonna say, so just so people are clear, cause I've gotten this question, we're not expecting that the-- The expectation shouldn't be that the council's gonna vote on every single individual expenditure.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** That is true.

**COUNCILLOR MARC C. MCGOVERN:** Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I yield.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** But Councillor, I, I want to thank you for that question. Both co-chairs have raised the same issue and, um, I know how the process is structured, but I truly believe good ideas need to be

discussed in this Finance Committee, maybe next time if, if something is missing, but we'll, we'll get there.

Um, I, I have to say I'm impressed with the list so far, um, as being very much tied to the parameters that are set up by the federal government. So, um-- One second. So, um, we're gonna move on and we have to move on quickly. We have over 30 people in public comment.

Um, and, uh, I wanted, um, Mr. Kale, just briefly to go over the pending discussion. I've reviewed the list, uh, I feel comfortable with it, but I think to verbalize it, uh, is helpful for people and we can get to questions about that list after public comment, if there are any.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Um, item number 10 is a request by Neville Communities, Neville Manor, to basically help them and to support with their COVID testing and PPE expenditures for \$126,000. Um, so that is a request, um, that, um, uh, is, uh, pending, but um, again, pending the feedback we would fund.

Um, then the, um, Margaret Fuller House, um, Community Advancement Program, and that would be for an expansion of the mental health and other services for young adults and families who have been negative-- negatively impacted from

COVID.

Um, we currently have programs with Margaret Fuller, so this would be an expansion for \$146,000. Um, and again, uh, there's a, uh, pending item of \$1,750,000 for job training.

And that would allocate resources to the, uh, training, uh, for providers and vendors to offer skills training and other supports, uh, to enable residents to move into career paths with the focus on growth industries. That's \$1,700,000, and that's a combo between community development and the human services department.

Uh, the next thing is \$450,000 for, again, job training assistance to provide high quality STEM internships for low income students. And that's a three-year cost. Uh, item number 24, uh, is \$500,000, and basically that's to, uh, um, uh, support the hotel and tourism industry, uh, to help them recover, um, so that they can get to pre-pandemic, uh, levels of, uh-- of, um, activity.

And these would be grants to provide daycare and/or training, uh, pay to employees or grants to support, uh, small tourism-based businesses and other grants to support,

uh, this industry, um, um, as needed, so that's a \$500,000 item.

Uh, the next item 26, um, for community development is, uh, the, uh, we talked about the pop-up program for vacant storefronts and, uh, and the likes, so we've talked about that.

Uh, number 27, uh, small business support, uh, the circular economy, sustainable supports, uh, which would broker sustainable supply chains and transition, uh, technical assistance. And again, um, uh, we have folks on the call that can give, give more detail to that.

Um, again, number 28, small business support for outdoor dining infrastructure, um, basically to provide grants, uh, because the cost, uh, is very high of infrastructure that, uh, needs to be put in place to continue to do business in the, in the, in the, uh, COVID era, and, um, and that would basically provide, uh, um, uh, monies to basically do outdoor dining infrastructure for our small businesses for \$250,000.

And that's something the small businesses community have been asking for. Um, nonprofit assistance, a million dollars, uh, to provide scholarship support to allow low

income children attend community after school programs, and that's a three-year cost.

Um, number 33, \$2.3 million, uh, to, uh, um, um, uh, provide housing navigator and stabilization supports to rehouse individuals staying in shelters and unhoused in Cambridge. That's \$2.3 million, uh, to, again, to, uh, support our unhoused community. \$420,000, uh, through the DHSP.

Um, Medical Street Outreach Services for unhoused persons funds a medical doctor accompanying street outreach workers, uh, for three shifts per week through a partnership with the Cambridge Health Allowance-- Health Alliance. Bay Cove Casper first, uh, step, uh, street outreach project.

So again, that's to provide, um, uh, medical street outreach, uh, for unhoused persons for \$420,000. Uh, the next item is number 36, uh, to provide support in case management for low and moderate income house-- homeowners who are facing significant challenges to their housing are at risk of being displaced and/or need assistance to remain in their homes for \$360,000.

Um, \$160,000 again, um, in the IT department for, uh,

Security Operations Center, cybersecurity monitoring.

Again, I think, uh, um, this clearly is important to make sure that our infrastructure, uh, for IT is not compromised.

Uh, and then the, uh, PFAS, again, we're in the process of, uh, uh, rehabilitating our, uh, PFAS filter. And basically, this supports, uh, for frequent, uh, change outs of the filter. And, um, the last item for \$100,000 is, uh, uh, to conduct a survey of resident and nonprofit organizations, um, on social cap-- for social capital and conduct a related data analysis.

And then it describes, uh, the, uh, three parts of that survey, and that would be for \$100,000. So that list adds up to \$10.7 million.

And as I said, there are other items that we will be transmitting to you at our next meeting, but again, we, um, have provided you this to give you a sense of the things that we're working on and we'll continue to work on.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Uh, we, we are going to move on to public comment--

**COUNCILLOR PATRICIA M. NOLAN:** Chair?

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** -- but I wanted to add

that on the last page, you will see areas that we've talked about, um, that will be studied more, and the finance department has asked us for more detail.

And we will have another meeting, but I'll get to that at the end. We might even have, um, councillors submit comments on these areas, um, to facilitate that. Councillor Nolan, do you have a question or a comment?

**COUNCILLOR PATRICIA M. NOLAN:** Yes. Thank you, Chair Carlone. Yeah, I just wanna make the point. We should, in the transparency, just put all this stuff online so people can review it. And we're hoping all of the--

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Excuse me, Councillor, it is online.

**COUNCILLOR PATRICIA M. NOLAN:** Yeah, but the community ones aren't, right? Not yet, the requests and applications. So it would just be good to have everything available online.

But my question, which is related to this, which we talked about earlier in the meeting, and I mentioned a few times, is that it's pretty stunning not to see any climate mitigation and environmental justice on this. It's been a high priority for the city.

Every single day, practically, there's another sign

that we need to prepare for it. So I really hope to see in future rounds a really concerted effort to ensure that, that, that is part of our spending.

There's, there's cities across the country that are using it to, you know, analyze, to facilitate climate action, urban forest plan we have, uh, using-- Uh, promoting renewable energy improvements for low income, all the things that we're doing, but we need to be doing more of.

So I really hope that that's not even on the future planning, and it just is a surprise to me and a concern that we're not, uh, moving forward on that. And I hope it will be part of a very short term future, um, uh, uh, projects that the city is engaging in.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Uh, thank you, Councillor. So I'm going to go to public comment now. We have a rule in council that, uh, once you have more than 20 people signed up, we have to reduce the minutes from three to two minutes.

So I wanted to remind people of that, and I might say it every now and then. Um, the other thing is, because we have such-- we have an hour left in regular scheduling, and



yes, we could add 15 minutes at the end, but that is not the way we do these kinds of meetings.

That if indeed you've heard two or three people go into the full two minutes about a particular program that, um, we, we'd rather you have a-- If you're the third or fourth person in support of it, please say that you support that program, give one reason quickly, and then we'll move on, so everybody, including the council, has enough time to more fully discuss the issues before us.

Mr. Clerk, do you wish to announce the speakers or will Ms. Stevin?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY WILSON:** [Inaudible 01:05:57].

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Oh, yes. First we have to take-- I move that we follow city council policy when there's more than 20 people to limit the comments to two minutes.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY WILSON:** So again, so I'm gonna call the roll. So just to clarify for everyone, we're gonna suspend the rules to limit public comment to two minutes per speaker. On that motion.

**City Clerk Anthony Wilson called the roll:**

Councillor Burhan Azeem- Absent

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon- Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern- Yes

Councillor Patricia M. Nolan- Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui- Yes

Councillor E. Denis Simmons- Absent

Councillor Paul F. Toner- Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan- Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone- Yes

**Yes-7, No-0, Absent-2. Motion passed.**

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Do you want me to announce it?

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY WILSON:** [inaudible 01:06:52].

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Yeah. So, um, we regret that we have to do that, but the good news is many people have wanted to join us to give a comment. So the first person listed is Carol Magid-- Magid, followed by Louise Parker. Carolyn, you're-- You have the floor. Welcome.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carol Magid, 71 Reed Street, speaking for the revolution. Ms. Carol spoke on ARPA proposal 2022-20, ARPA money spending and funding of Cambridge HEART. She countered the City Manager saying that the ARPA funding

wasn't subject to Anti-Aid amendment.

Ms. Carol felt that the \$88 million in ARPA funding was an incredible opportunity to meet community needs. She said that the community should be let in on those needs and how they can be met.

She noted that being in the meeting was not the best way to raise those concerns, and she further noted that many funding decisions had already been made. She urged the City council to hold open community meetings after substantial outreach.

She urged the City Manager to widely publicize proposals, processes, and deadlines. She requested that they make the process as transparent as possible. She put forth some ways to curb the pre COVID crises in terms of funding. She requested that the council and City Manager fund HEART as proposed.

Louise Parker, Address Not Provided, spoke in support of ARPA funds, and voiced concerns about the Cambridge ARPA allocation proposal. Echoed the points put across by the prior public speaker regarding HEART's funding and it not being part of Anti-Aid amendment issues.

She said that she supported ARPA funds for direct

support for people with housing issues and needs with utilities and so forth. Ms. Louise voiced her concerns about the city's process for allocating ARPA funds.

She felt like there was a lack of transparency, and the community wasn't being fully engaged and requested a more open decision criteria allowing as many people as possible to participate.

Cathy Hoffman, Address Not Provided, she talked about the ARPA funds and the opportunities they offer the community. Ms. Cathy spoke about how the HEART Fund can go to those most affected by the pandemic.

She talked about how ARPA Funds would support HEART's multi-racial responder team to provide safety to the endangered communities. She supported the motion for the fund to offer direct support to individuals facing eviction.

Ms. Cathy also raised concerns with council not being transparent in its decision making process. She urged the council to advocate for distribution of funds guided by their priorities and those of the community.

Geeta Pradhan, Address Not Provided, spoke about support for families through Cambridge RISE and support for

Cambridge. She mentioned that since March of 2020, the foundation has been providing direct cash relief to individuals, families, organizations and nonprofits through community funds.

She talks about how COVID has had devastating impacts on families and non-profits and how Cambridge RISE came to the rescue. Ms. Geeta urged suggested that ARPA funds be used for every family in poverty to put them on a path to stability to prevent a further slide into poverty. She further spoke about the nonprofit sector's loss and urged that it be supported.

Elena Sokolow-Kaufman, Address Not Provided, spoke on behalf of the Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition and members serving the city of Cambridge in a wide variety of ways.

She thanked the city leadership for their decision not to apply the Anti-Aid Amendment to ARPA funds since she felt it would remove a challenging barrier to investing in the community.

She pointed out how many nonprofits responded that they are still struggling even post pandemic. Elena said that the non-profit in Cambridge has been greatly affected by the ever-evolving safety protocols, following COVID, as

well as the rise in inflation.

She said that organizations are facing much greater difficulty recruiting and retaining staff, therefore not delivering top-notch services. She urged the city leadership to include nonprofit leaders in their proceedings.

Sarah Suzuki, Address not Provided, is a Cambridge resident talked about ARPA for Cambridge funds. She urged the city to fund the Cambridge Heart Program with ARPA funds and requested the city to review their submitted proposal.

She said that HEART Program had not been funded mainly because of the Anti-Aid Amendment. She felt that seeing as ARPA is not subject to the amendment, that it would be the perfect time to fund HEART.

She further explained that ARPA is suited for HEART in several ways since ARPA funding should provide services for special populations, which is what HEART is designed to do.

She urged the city to use ARPA funds to provide direct cash assistance for individuals facing eviction, housing instability and homelessness as was proposed in Policy Order 20.

Beatrice Masters, Address Not Provided, supported the motion of funding the HEART Program. She said that she lost her apartment at 213 Harvard Street to a fire and there was instant response, she felt very supported by the city. Her concern was that most people don't get the same amount of support that she got.

She pointed out that Cambridge HEART is an amazing program that would help other people get responses like the way she was helped. She requested the city to fund HEART \$5.5 million of the ARPA funds.

Ellie Carver, Address Not Provided, requested that money be moved to policy order 114 to support Cambridge Heart as well as policy order 20 to provide direct cash assistance to folks facing housing instability or houselessness.

She said that HEART would provide opportunity to build economic opportunities in for Cambridge residents by providing opportunities to join HEART's program as first responders. She also spoke about HEART allowing the residents to have wellness checks from first responders and feel connected to community members.

She echoed most of the other speaker's sentiments

about funding being easier since ARPA doesn't follow the Anti-Aid Amendment.

Steven Nutter, Green Cambridge, Address Not Provided, talked about ARPA funding for urban farming at CRLS campus. He said that urban planning could reduce isolation brought about by the pandemic, which mostly affects the youth.

He felt that growing food on the campus can teach students so much, including and not limited to; food security and providing job training and career development. He was hopeful about getting funding for the work at Jerry's Pond.

Sandy Middleton, Address Not Provided, was in strong support of Cambridge HEART receiving ARPA funds. She argued that HEART is community-led and prioritizes community needs.

Her sentiments included, people shouldn't turn into criminals due to housing crises or mental health issues. She felt the city should get to the root causes of the community problems, and she felt the HEART model would do just that.

She also strongly supported policy order 20, which ask for ARPA funds to be spent on direct support for households



and individuals facing eviction, housing instability and/or homelessness. She also urged the City Manager to make the program more transparent.

Lee Faris, Address Not Provided, Cambridge Residents Alliance. Ms. Lee raised concerns about the current process for allocating the ARPA funds. She would like for the criteria for allocation to be made public, requested for a more participatory allocation process where the public could have input.

She also requested that the residents be given enough time to submit applications and for there to be a clear timeline for doing that. She supported policy order number 20 as well.

She said that the Cambridge Residents Alliance strongly support the application by Cambridge HEART for ARPA funds, since it would benefit the whole city.

Emma Hartwick, Ward 10, Cambridge, a medical and public policy student in Cambridge spoke about the allocation of ARPA funding both to the HEART proposal and policy order 2022, number 20.

She raised the issue about COVID-19 being a public health crisis of housing instability and poverty. She felt

that unstable housed community members, whom are mostly people of color, suffered the most during the pandemic.

She commended the city staff for allocating funding through ARPA to mitigate the effects of COVID on unhoused people. She urged the city to continue to prioritize programs that uplift the needs of unstably housed and unhoused individuals, through the HEART Proposal and through Policy Order 20.

She commended Mayor Siddiqui's UBI Pilot Program of how to potentially, directly allocate funds to community members.

Erica Brooks, Address Not Provided, urged the city council and City Manager to use \$5.5 million of the \$88 million in ARPA funding to support the Cambridge HEART Program. Being a physician at Cambridge Health Alliance, she felt the pandemic laid bare ways in which the medical systems cannot adequately address the social and instructional determinants of health.

She said that HEART would be addressing structural barriers to health in a new way. The program would improve resident's health by addressing needs such as housing, and avoiding unnecessary negative interactions with law

enforcement, giving Cambridge the opportunity to do something transformative.

Aviana Dupee, Address Not Mentioned, supported the HEART proposal, and felt that ARPA should use the funds to support HEART. She echoed most speakers' sentiments about the process being more transparent and inclusive.

Jim Stewart, Address Not Provided, First Church Shelter. Requested the City Manager to provide some guidance with how residents can best stay in touch with the process of allocation with regard to public hygiene facilities and access to low threshold housing.

He commended the city for the resources that were directed towards the community, but felt the need for the community to be more involved with the whole process

Eleanor Craig, Address Not Mentioned, lived in Cambridge for five years, works at Harvard University. She shared that she's in a multi-racial family who spends time in Cambridge.

She was in favor of Policy Order 20 to allocate funds directly to those experiencing unstable housing and homelessness. She supported Cambridge HEART as a pandemic recovery effort.

She said it would enable a community-based public safety program that would lead to a renewed sense of safety. She urged the city to allocate ARPA Funding to Cambridge HEART. She felt HEART would strengthen community ties and trust, and create exciting job opportunities.

Tara Miller, Address Not Provided, SURJ Boston member and a Cambridge HEART Volunteer, urged the city council and City Manager to use \$5.5 million of the ARPA funding to support the Cambridge HEART program and to provide direct cash assistance for people facing housing instability under Policy Order 20.

She felt the funding could be done now seeing as ARPA is not subject to Anti-Aid Amendment. She explained how Cambridge HEART could provide jobs to community members, working as responders and staff as well as connecting people to other public services. She said she would like to see the city council follow through with their promise to fund HEART.

Ilham Elazri, Address Not Provided, in support of HEART. She said HEART strives to employ and empower the marginalized community members. She further shared that as a resident and a worker at Cambridge with kids, she has

seen kids suffering a great deal from the pandemic. She felt that HEART would help the most marginalized community members, therefore, felt the dire need for funding.

Banti Gheneti, 17 Pleasant Place, Cambridge, was in support of HEART proposal and offering direct aid to housing marginalized, and unhoused folks. He echoed a lot of the previous comments about the transparency of this process.

He said he was disappointed that the funding came through almost a year prior, yet those urgent aspects of it were being discussed at that time. He was concerned with the lack of urgency and the sense of priority from the City Manager's office.

He urged the City Manager to act with urgency. He urged the council to look at additional funds and long-term strategies to provide housing.

Caitlin Johnson, a resident and homeowner of North Cambridge, reiterated all the support about funding Cambridge HEART. She felt HEART would create jobs for Cambridge residents and help the most disproportionately affected Cambridge residents by the pandemic. She emphasized about the need for transparency and need for

more participation.

Jean Entine, Address Not Provided, said that she wanted for the city to take care of the people who were usually overlooked. She felt HEART could deliver that seeing as it looks to employ people from the community. She said HEART helps many students in universities.

Ellen Mei, a resident of Cambridge, supported ARPA funding going to HEART as pandemic's recovery support. She felt HEART is a community-based alternative public safety program that will help build a better Cambridge.

She said her support for HEART was because of the community engagement. She urged the city to fund HEART through ARPA funding as HEART is providing services by community members, for community members, with community members. She felt this was a valuable use of pandemic recovery funds.

Eric Grunebaum, Address Not Provided, spoke about Friends of Jerry's Pond ARPA proposal. Mr. Eric felt the project would bring about equitable green space, climate resilience. I will just briefly reiterate two points. He said their proposal would directly improve the neighborhood's climate resilience. He also supported the

Green Cambridge CRLS growing space proposal.

Kit Haines, 10 Hazel Street, requested the council to devote \$5.5 million from the ARPA Fund to the HEART Program. She pointed out how COVID has threatened housing security and safety and mental health for a lot of people, which HEART can address. She also supported Policy Order 20 to offer direct aid to people who are unhoused.

Christopher Ma, 385 Broadway, Cambridge, a dental student at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. He supported HEART and Policy Order 20 for direct cash. Mr. Christopher commended the council for all the things that have already received funding or approval for funding.

Corinne Espinoza, a Cambridge community member, urged the city council and the City Manager of Cambridge to use \$5.5 million of the ARPA funding to support the Cambridge HEART Program as a pandemic recovery support.

She said it's an emergency public health response and a proposal regarding that was submitted by Stephanie Garand. She felt the funds would provide good quality employment opportunities to underpaid and undervalued people in Cambridge.

**COUNCILLOOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Thank you, Corrine. So

I believe, uh, that concludes our public comment list. Uh, do I have a motion to close public comment? Uh, thank you, Councillor Nolan. Mr. Clerk, can we vote on that?

**City Clerk Anthony Wilson called the roll:**

Councillor Burham Azeem- Absent

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon- Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern- Yes

Councillor Patricia M. Nolan- Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui- Yes

Councillor E. Denis Simmons- Absent

Councillor Paul F. Toner- Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan- Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone- Yes

**Yes-7, No-0, Absent-2. Motion Passed.**

**COUNCILLOOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Well done, Madam Mayor. Um, so we have less than 10 minutes left in the, uh, announce to our period. Uh, I imagine we will have a 15-minute extension, but let's see, um, the amount of comments by the council, um, on the pending list in particular, and if there's any comments about, um, what we just heard from the public as well. Councillor Nolan has the floor.

**COUNCILLOR PATRICIA M. NOLAN:** Just a very quick



comment. I think it'll be helpful for probably all of us to understand, and I'm not even sure if you and I know, but the, the timing of the next steps.

**COUNCILLOOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** So the timing, um, you're talking about our next meeting, Councillor? Uh, it's approximately a month, but, um, we wanted-- Uh, the city staff and you and myself wanted to hear tonight's meeting and then get together tomorrow and decide on a specific date.

But I think the goal is, uh, Mr. Kale, if I'm way off, please let me know, to perhaps meet once a month for the next couple of months. Michelle, yes. Uh, people are shaking their head yes. And, uh, I would imagine, given our other meetings that, uh, it will be a night meeting at 5:30 on Wednesday or Thursday.

Depending on the availability of everyone including the clerk, we will pick a day. Uh, but we will get back to everybody very soon. Any other questions or comments, Council-- Oh, uh, Vice Mayor, you have your hand up.

**VICE MAYOR ALANNA M. MALLON:** Just very quickly, when is the closing date for community proposals submitted?

**COUNCILLOOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Yes, good question.

Mr. Kale?

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Uh, through you, Co-chair Carlone, to Vice Mayor Mallon, um, right now the portal is open for requests, so we haven't determined that. We will no longer take requests at this point.

Obviously, as we continue to allocate funds, uh, as I said, we'll probably be in a position that, um, it'll be clear that we have more requests and funds, and at that point we'll have to decide when we stop taking, uh, requests.

**COUNCILLOOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** So just to translate that, that pretty much means, if you're interested, you have to start connecting with the city, whether it's a full application or gaining any particular information, so I'm, I'm hoping, uh, anyone listening is indeed doing that. Uh, vice mayor, did you have a follow up?

**VICE MAYOR ALANNA M. MALLON:** I had one other quick question, which was on that last page, there were items where it was for council discussion, like the MBTA fare-free buses or the, um, you know, guaranteed basic income for a different vulnerable group like unhoused residents. Is, is that something that we're gonna be discussing at

next month's meeting?

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Um, Mr. Kale, to follow up on the Vice Mayor's question, you would prefer some feedback tonight, or could that be in written information that we could then send to you? What is best for the finance department?

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Well, let's take the public transportation option. I mean, clearly, um, the Community Development Department has listed some potential ideas, and I guess we'd be interested to hear what some of the feedback is from the council.

And obviously, we're not gonna finish that discussion tonight. But obviously, um, if we did, um, other kinds of discussions just to make sure that we are on the right track so that when we come back, uh, it's a plan that generally has had the input and feedback, um, and to make sure that it's going in the direction that the council, I think, has expressed the interest in.

And, um, that's true for the other things, including, as I said, the, um, um, uh, another guaranteed income pilot, uh, program. So I think that, um, that's what we're looking for.

It doesn't obviously have to be tonight per se, but, um, it was meant to sort of say, these are things that you asked us to look at, and we probably could use more information or some ideas about how we believe the program could be, um, developed and administered, and that would allow us then to make sure that we've met all the criteria for, um, the compliance component of the ARPA funds.

So it's really-- these things are just, uh, places where we probably are asking council for feedback and information.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** So, um, Vice Mayor, let me first extend our meeting 15 minutes, um, and then we'll get back to this issue. So I move that we extend the meeting until quarter to 8:00.

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY WILSON:** On that motion, which is to extend the meeting till 8:15.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Quarter to-- Seven four--

**CITY CLERK ANTHONY WILSON:** Oh, excuse me. Sorry. 7:45.

**City Clerk Anthony Wilson called the roll:**

Councillor Burham Azeem- Absent

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon- Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern- Yes

Councillor Patricia M. Nolan- Yes

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui- Yes

Councillor E. Denis Simmons- Absent

Councillor Paul F. Toner- Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan- Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone- Yes

**Yes-7, No-0, Absent-2. Motion Passed.**

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** So I'm going to go back to the Vice Mayor and, and Councillor McGovern has also raised his hand. Vice Mayor, did you wanna-

**VICE MAYOR ALANNA M. MALLON:** Thank you. I, I see that, um, Assistant Manager Farooq has her hand up. I wonder if she wanted to weigh in.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Thank, thank you. I don't see that. Uh, Madam Assistant City Manager.

**ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER IRAM FAROOQ:** Thank you, Chair, through you to the Vice Mayor. Um, just wanted to add that the, um, the items in the, the category that, uh, speaks to high, high priority, but additional work being needed, um, part of that is acknowledging that we don't wanna lose

sight of these items cause we know they are priority items for the council. Um, but some of that work has to do with things like on the fare-free bus pilot, for instance.

Uh, the fact that the mayor's task force will be starting work, um, I think we do, do not want-- We don't know exactly the, um, the dollar amount that will be needed or how, how to frame that just yet.

Uh, but we would wanna wait for that work to come to some degree of fruition before we make that commitment. Um, similarly in some of the other items like the nonprofit funding, um, and Ellen might have more to, to add here.

Um, there is a process that's anticipated working with the nonprofit coalition to come up with the best ways to, um, to support that community. Um, and so, so that's kind of what is trying to be captured here.

We obviously welcome the council's feedback, uh, in that as well, but there will be additional work in, in process associated with those items.

**VICE MAYOR ALANNA M. MALLON:** Okay. Thank you. I think- I think you've cleared up the question. You don't-- The city staff does not need anything from this committee to move forward on any of those items.

It's all things that are in progress, whether it's the mayor's task force or there's other, um, departments and and groups working on these things.

You don't need us to, tonight or in the next meeting, hash out what any of these things look like. Okay, great. That's all. I want to thank you so much, um, for the presentation and, uh, I yield back, uh, Chair Carlone.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Thank you, Vice Mayor. Uh, Councillor McGovern, followed by Councillor Zondervan. Councillor McGovern.

**COUNCILLOR MARC C. MCGOVERN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair through you. Um, so we, we have until, what, 2024 to allocate these funds, is that correct?

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Mr-- Ms. Kincaid, why don't you end the--

**MS. MICHELLE KINCAID:** We have till 2024 to obligate the funds.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Yes.

**COUNCILLOR MARC C. MCGOVERN:** Right. So I, I guess-- I guess sort just in thinking, and I'm not-- I'm not taking a position, um, either way at this point, but, um, you know, obviously we have all this money and there's gonna be a, a

desire to kind of spend it and allocate it now, is there a plan to sort of hold onto some of this money for any future needs related to COVID, if there's another surge that's gonna cause another problem or, you know, are, are we planning on, on, um-

You know, what's, what's the timeline in terms of how we wanna-- Do we want to leave some of this money for future use next year or the year after?

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Mr. Kale, can you respond?

**MR.DAVID KALE:** Well, I, I, I think the devil's in the details because if you establish a program, it needs to be implemented and designed, and you need to leave time for that. So you don't want to be in a position that you decide to spend X number of dollars with six months to go and find out that you couldn't administer it on a timely basis to expend the funds, uh, by the deadline. So there's a tender balance here of, as we-

As the manager said, you know, getting ideas and then seeing how they can meet the criteria, but then also how do they actually get implemented? So, uh, some things can be implemented quickly, some things take a lot of time. Um, so



the answer is, I think there's, right now, even with everything here on the list, we've got, uh, \$55 million.

So again, I think as we start to continue to roll out ideas and, and obligations, I think that balance will have to be determined of what is, uh, amount of money that we want to keep in abeyance, but at the same token, not too long so that we can actually spend it.

So, uh, it's, it-- I'm not-- I know I'm not answering your question exactly, because it's one of those things we'll, we'll know when we get to a number that we have, and there's some big things still out there that haven't been finalized that will say we should probably stop.

And that goes to what the Vice Mayor said about sort of not taking additional, um, um, applications from the public. So right now, I don't think we're in that position yet. I would just make sure we have enough time to implement, uh, an idea that may be more complex than we get it-- give it credit for.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Yes. I, I think, uh, Councillor McGovern, that maybe what we do over the next one or two weeks, uh, we ask for your thoughts on these areas in a written email, uh, whether it has to be sent to

the clerk, I imagine, um, thoughts about these areas so that we get it through an email.

And we are planning to have mid-month meetings, the two chairs with the finance department, and we could talk about them at that meeting. And, and, um-- but I agree, I, I think this money-- I think we're gonna come up with ideas that double the, the \$85 million. Uh, and I--

**MR DAVID KALE:** One last thing, Mr. Chair, through you. Um, just in terms of things that when you guys talk and to think about to add to that list, we did, um, just the end of January, release the ad hoc committee on homelessness.

There's a number of recommendations in there. They don't necessarily have to come out of ARPA funds. They can be funded in other ways throughout the city, but I certainly hope that we're looking at that report, particularly the drop-in center that everyone agrees is something that's necessary.

Um, and, uh, uh, I hope we're looking at that and taking those recommendations into consideration. We will be having a human services meeting in, I wanna say March 23rd off the top of my head, uh, to further discuss that report,

and maybe that can-- it can be tied into, to some of this funding as well. But I hope that makes, uh, the consideration list. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I yield.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** That makes a lot of sense. Thank you. So, um, I think Councillor Nolan and I will send out an email. I know Councillor Zondervan.

Councillor Nolan and I will send out an email about getting further input, just like both the Vice Mayor and Councillor McGovern mentioned, and perhaps Councillor Zondervan who is next on our-- uh, on, on the list of speakers. Councillor Zondervan, you have the floor.

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, yeah, I appreciate that. That would be helpful. I, I guess I'm still not entirely clear what information is, is needed from us.

So specifically, in terms of cash payments, um, or, or funding the HEART Program. It's not clear to me that we need to provide any additional information for those, um, funding proposals to move forward, so either-- if, if that could be clarified now or, or offline, that would be helpful.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Through you, Co-chair, I guess we

understand the policy order. I guess, um, at least for me, I would say that, um, understanding the forms in which the direct support would come, because we've, we've had programs that we were implementing during COVID that allowed for rental assistance.

And I guess, um, we had, um, a vehicle to make sure people's rent got paid. Um, and we have put forth, um, some proposals, um, for funding for the homelessness issue.

So I guess I, I would say that again, it could be offline, that sort of maybe a little more specificity of what a allocation would look like and, and sort of how much and, and how we, we would administer it and how we would, um, look at it.

And I guess, um, um, sort, sort of trying to get a little more my head around and our head around about what that looks like and what it means in, in relation to also the things that we've put onto the table. So, uh, uh, that's the kind of stuff I guess we would want to see, and then that way we could formulate a response.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Councillor.

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** I yield, Mr. Chair. Thank you, uh, for that response. I will, um, work with the

mayor's office on specifically, uh, this program. I mean, we, we did ask for some proposals from, from the manager as well.

So if, if you have particular, uh, programs in mind or allocations that you think might address this policy order, I think that would be helpful. And then we'll think about, uh, any suggestions we should be making to you as well. Um, and I guess we'll try to set up a meeting, uh, maybe to discuss then.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** You-- you're right, uh, Councillor. It's a dialogue going back and forth. Each side can help inform the other one. I did, uh, hear on NBC News this morning that one out of five families are hurting for cash flow, uh, of \$250 a month nationally because of the economy and COVID and all the issues. So, um, that's 20% of the families. That's pretty high.

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Thank-- thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, it is a, a very urgent problem. And, and we do have some models including the, um, you know, cash program that the mayor has already created.

So as, as I mentioned, I'll reach out to the mayor and, and we'll, uh, proceed from there. And then, uh, on

the, on the HEART proposal, I don't know if you had any, um, comments on that.

**MR.DAVID KALE:** The-- I think we, uh, indicated that we have received the public request and that we'll be reviewing them.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Do, do, we hope that that would be in the next month or do you we have so much other work that we wouldn't get to until two months?

**MR.DAVID KALE:** I-- We, we still have a lot of work to do, and I guess we, um-- Again, I'm, I'm-- I don't wanna make a promise that we can't keep, so I guess we, we have some work to do on the things that are on this list for implementation.

We've got some more ideas that we heard or things that we have to continue to look at to keep the list going. Um, we've got the items that are on the back sheet for the council, and then we've got the public list. So it's really trying to coordinate our time in a way that is, uh, moving the ball forward, and there's a lot of balls in the air

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Through you, Mr. Chair, again, I, I do appreciate that. Um, I, I will say that I, I think the HEART proposal in particular is, is

pretty-- should be pretty high up in the queue because we've been discussing that, uh, for, for many months already.

And, and we're also expecting, I believe, an appropriation from the manager, um, related to the community, the community safety department being created. So, uh, I guess again, I'll, I'll reach out separately and, and we can have some discussion about how we can move this proposal forward. And, and in particular, what if anything we need, uh, from the council.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Councillor, there's no question that the council is interested in this as a whole.

And today, we probably heard from more than two thirds of the people who spoke who are proposing that this be fully funded, so, uh, that's quite a message that we have to respect. Um, thank you. Uh, do you have another, uh, comment?

**COUNCILLOR QUINTON Y. ZONDERVAN:** Uh, I'm all set for now.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Thank-- thank you Councillor Zondervan. I don't believe there are any other comments. I think this was a productive meeting. Um, and

it's really the first in-depth meeting we've had where, uh, we're looking at steps that the city has taken.

My own look at the projects, uh, that have been approved are-- make all the sense in the world. I think you-- Uh, some one or two councils asked if something could have been funded differently, but nevertheless, um, you responded to that and I, I-- we thank you for that.

Uh, it's an ongoing process and, um, we're very happy that, um, Debbie came out of retirement just to deal with this. Debbie, hopefully you won't regret that. And, uh, Michelle Kincaid and David Kale, thank you very, very much.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** If, if, if I may, Co-chair, before you close the meeting, I really-- I know the manager and, and we all understand the hard work that the department heads have done in looking at this and sort of putting their thinking caps on and listening to the priority.

So I really do think we need to thank our department heads and our department staff because, uh, they've really done great work at trying to be thoughtful and to make sure the, they utilize these funds in the most efficient and effective way.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Mr. Kale, I have one



last question. On the website, does it have a summary of what the feds are looking for? It does.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Well, what, what's on the webpage is all the documentation that we get. So-- and there is some summarizations of materials that we've received, but frankly, the-- Uh, all the guidance that we have has been posted to the web for people to look at.

And, um, um, I think there's some PowerPoints that are on the webpage that, uh, that we've presented to the Finance Committee that sort of summarizes the overall arching, um, program. Uh, so there's a ton of information on the webpage, including what we passed out tonight.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Okay. Is it possible to highlight the PowerPoint presentation that is most useful?

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Sure. We'll go back and we'll, um--

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Just, just think about it.

**MR. DAVID KALE:** Yeah. We, we, we have an updated one too, so maybe we'll load that up too.

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Thank you. Thank you all. Mr. Clerk, uh, I move that we close the meeting

**City Clerk Anthony Wilson called the roll:**

Councillor Burham Azeem- Absent.

Vice Mayor Alanna M. Mallon- Yes

Councillor Marc C. McGovern- Yes

Councillor Patricia M. Nolan- Absent

Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui- Yes

Councillor E. Denis Simmons- Absent

Councillor Paul F. Toner- Yes

Councillor Quinton Y. Zondervan- Yes

Councillor Dennis J. Carlone- Yes.

**Yes-6, No-0, Absent-3. Motion Passed.**

**COUNCILLOR DENNIS J. CARLONE:** Good night, everybody.

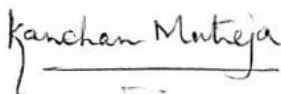
Have a good evening.

**The Cambridge City Council Finance Committee adjourned  
at approximately 7:45 pm**

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