

2/20/2024 Tabled after Introduction

RESOLUTION NO. 16

2024

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 69, 2022, A RESOLUTION (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-EIGHT MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX THOUSAND AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$68,746,050.00)" TO REALLOCATE FUNDS FROM VARIOUS, BUDGETED ARPA ACCOUNTS TO ALLOW FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION EFFORTS.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, of the \$1.9 trillion bill, \$350 billion was allocated to state and local governments to enable them to address strategic economic and infrastructure investments and address governmental budget shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scranton has been awarded a total of \$68.7 million in ARPA funds to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, information about the City of Scranton's ARPA budget and spending is readily available at all times online at <https://scrantonpa.gov/arpa/>; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 325 of 2023 the City repurposed and reallocated ARPA funds to address the needs of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to again repurpose and reallocate a portion of unexpended ARPA funds to be dedicated to Violence Prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Scranton to amend the ARPA Budget 2023 to reallocate the ARPA budget in line with the City's desires expressed above, and in line with the proposed reallocations outlined and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" in order to fund programming aimed at Violence Prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON that Resolution No. 69, 2022, as amended is hereby further amended by reallocating the budget by and through several budget transfers, in line with previously sent memoranda to Council from May of 2022 through September of 2023, and in line with the movement outlined, incorporated, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to allow for focus and funding to prioritize funding for Violence Prevention.

SECTION 1. If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this Resolution so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The City reserves the right to amend this Resolution or any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interest of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Resolution, and the effective administration thereof.

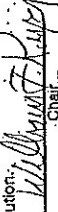
SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is enacted by the Council of the City of Scranton under

Introduced in Council on above date and referred to Committee on FINANCE

February 20, 2024


City Clerk

Scranton, Pa., March 5, 2024
Committee on Finance reports favorably on the within resolution.

Chair

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the authority of the Act of Legislature, April 13, 1972, Act No. 62, Known as the "Home Rule Charter and Option Plans Law" and any other applicable law arising under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

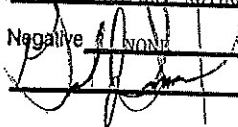
Passed by the Council

March 5, 2024

Receiving the Affirmative votes of Council Persons

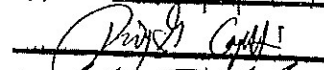
KING, SCHUSTER, ROTHCHILD, MCANDREW, SMURL

Negative NONE




President

Approved 3/11/2024



Mayor



City Clerk

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