

12-04-2024 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item # D.7 Allocation of ARPA and SLFRF to DRP

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City Council Comment received from James Reynolds

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-12-04.

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Item:

D6, D7, and D8.

Position:

In opposition

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No, I am submitting a written comment only.

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As a Reno citizen who receives upcoming City Council meeting agendas via email, I took notice of items D6, D7, and D8. D6 subsection 1 indicates that \$250,000 is being considered for, "a payroll system consultant." Please clarify this. Is this the price tag for simply contracting with a consultant who will later advise on changes to the current payroll system and recommended future changes? If there are issues with the current payroll system, wouldn't this amount of funding be better served in implementing a change to the payroll system rather than consultant fees? It seems that instead of consultation, it would be wiser to put out for bids from existing payroll software vendors and utilize this quarter or a million dollars towards actually implementing the changes. D6 subsection 3, D7 and

D8 all have line items pertaining to the allocation and agreements regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) being utilized for downtown beautification through the Downtown Reno Partnership (DRP) to the tune of \$300,000.00 (D1 section 3), \$70,000.00 (D7), and \$370,000.00 (D8) for a total of \$740,000.00. Reno has many different areas that would certainly benefit from beautification, not just downtown. My questions are specifically, how are these funds being spent and on what exactly? It would be appropriate to provide the citizens of Reno with a line item breakdown of how and what these funds are specifically going to be spent on, where specifically the funds will be utilized (area), the contractors being utilized, and how this benefits all of Reno. Will this level of funding provide job opportunities, lower the cost of living or have lasting impact and benefit for the entire citizenry?

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