



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) by Barry Tippin

The plan as the name says is to help Americans during a time of economic difficulty. The funds go to five categories of usage.

- 1. Public health response.
- 2. Economic impacts to individuals and businesses.
- 3. Premium pay for essential workers.
- 4. Provision of government services due to revenue loss.
- 5. Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

The total allocation is \$18,693,433.00. The first half of the allocation was received May 21, 2021. The remaining funds are expected May, 2022. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024. All funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.

Restricted uses include, additional payments to pensions, debt service, reduction of taxes or delays of tax increases, replenishing reserves, use for non-federal matching obligations on federal grants and paying settlements or judgments.

The public health response includes services to contain or mitigate spread of Covid-19. Also payroll and benefits that are work related to Covid-19 mitigation and response.

Addressing negative economic impacts include delivering assistance to workers and families, supporting small business, speeding the recovery of impacted industries and rebuilding the public sector capacity. Replacing the public sector revenue loss was discussed to include ensuring continuity of vital government services and counter-factual revenue loss computation. To do this there is an annual comparison to actual loss. The current estimation of approximately \$5 million per year potentially. This is subject to change in economic output relative to current projections.

An important use is water and sewer infrastructure. This would include improvements to the infrastructure and any eligible uses aligned to the Environmental Protection Agency project categories.

Broadband Infrastructure includes focus on households and businesses. The intent is to fund projects that deliver reliable service to include a minimum of 100 mbps download and upload.

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Government Finance Officers Association and staff has ARPA recommendations. To Temporarily invest in one-time projects and critical infrastructure. This should not commit to ongoing costs. Another recommendation is scanning and partnering efforts to include collaboration and maximizing the effectiveness of funding and regional and state programs. Careful consideration of all potential alternatives and usage is suggested.

Other current city news and projects included:

1. Civic Auditorium Properties

- 4. Capital Construction in excess of \$20 million
- 2. Nur-Pon Open Space and Side Channel
- 5. REU Rate Increase ("first since 2014")
- 3. Emergency Housing Sites (Micro Shelters) 6. RPD Crital Response Team. (New CRT Vehicle)

Some comments other city news. The City Council is recommending 1.1 million be used for utilities. High priorities are infrastructure, fire stations and youth programs. There is about 17.5 million remaining and must be used by next year.

The City Council is working with those entities wanting to buy and develop the Civic Auditorium area. They are in the process of developing a plan. The Nu-Pon area has been very successful. The project is working on a boat and fish ramp. Right now there are many salmon in the channel.

The City is working on special housing called "transitional housing" for the homeless and needy. These structures will have lower code restrictions since the cabins are only transitional.

Capital construction is ongoing everywhere including K2 and Costco. Also Redding Downtown has seen extensive development over the past year. REU is looking at a 2% rate increase after December. RPD has developed a two man "Critical Response Team" that is undercover to help the homeless and any of their health needs.

Road repair was mentioned in a question. Barry mentioned 100% of the road repair money comes from the gas tax. That has been slow in coming due to electric cars and other reasons.

Fire mitigation was mentioned in another question. Barry said the city spends one million dollars every year on fire mitigation. Basically the clearing of brush but the City Council is thinking about new codes for new home building. This would, for example, mean no wooden fences.

Finally Barry mention the city has hired new police officers but is still 20 officers down.

Thanks Barry for a very enlightening program on what is going on in the city.

President Joe's Recognitions

First up was Mary Brace and her daughter. Her daughters expertise with the baton is well known.

She is attending Baylor University and having a great time. Just when one thinks she is as good as a twirler can get she gets better. She is known as the "Golden Girl."

Mary donated \$200.00 to the club for her daughter's success.



Pat Corey was found to be making a stir in Nashville. It seems Pat was there for a sign builders convention of which Pat was elected president of the association. Pat's face began popping up all over Nashville following the meeting. His face was everywhere. This must mean Pat is well known now in Nashville. Pat offered \$75.00 to the club. Jason Richart stepped up to cover the recognition and added another \$100.00. Thanks Jason.





Michelle Nystrom has always wanted a Jeep. She recently purchased a new Jeep from Denham Motors. She said she wanted the new car recognition skipped over as there was more to the story. It seems she caused a very minor amount of damage to a Mercedes-Benz side door. She offered \$100.00 in restitution. She mentioned she was working on qualifying for the Judy Salter Driving Excellence Award.

Wild Jake Mangas is seen in a photo taken at Lake Tahoe. Jake first mentioned this picture was of his great grandfather but confessed it is he and Janet. He also said sadly he got none of the bottle of hooch in his right hand. For not taking advantage of the hooch opportunity, Jake offered \$100.00. Thanks Jake!!



Student of the Month Kayleigh from Sequoia Middle School

Kayleigh is an amazing student. She has a fantastic work ethic, is very helpful to her fellow classmates, and always strives for excellence. She understands how to ask the right questions if she needs help and has a very positive attitude. She loves the violin and plays in the orchestra. She wants to graduate high school with all A's. Kayleigh wants to be an artist and get a degree in college.







New member Colin Duffy was welcomed into the club. He received all the goodies including his apron. If you see Colin, sign his apron and give him a dollar. Welcome Colin.

Calendar October - November 2021	
October 28th	The Landscape of Public Safety (Anne Marie Schubert)
November 4th	Redding Police Department Admin/NPU
November 11th	Veteran's Day Program
December 17th	Christmas Party (save the date) Dark on December 16th.



Halloween is almost here!!

Join us October 28th for food,
fun and friends.

Where: Here at our regular Rotary meeting.

Prizes, prizes, prizes for

The best costume!!!!







Be here or be square!!!



New Officers Elected:

President Elect Elect: Jenn Finnegan

Secretary: Erik Poole

Treasurer: Trudy Tavares

Board of Directors (Two Years):

Eva Jimenez

Leslie Williem

Tony Giovaniello

Congratulations to our new officers.

Thanks to all who ran for office. All are extremely qualified.



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"Will you consider giving blood?"







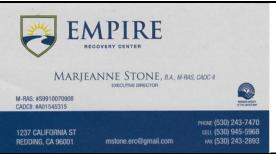


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