



CITY COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole

Monday, August 22, 2022

5:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting

Agenda

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I. Flag Policy

II. ARPA Next Steps

A. Ordinance – The Village of Reading – \$195,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation

B. Ordinance – Berks Community Health Center – \$400,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation

C. Ordinance – Berks Latino Chamber – \$200,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation

D. Ordinance – CARE Inc - \$200,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation

E. Ordinance – Centro Hispano – \$500,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation

F. Ordinance – Goggleworks – \$700,000 – recommended at \$500,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation

G. Ordinance – Habitat for Humanity – \$500,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation

- H. Ordinance – **Berks History Center** – \$20,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- I. Ordinance – **Hope Rescue Mission** – \$500,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- J. Ordinance – **I-LEAD** - \$200,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- K. Ordinance – **Million Youth Chess Club** – \$2,500 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- L. Ordinance – **New Journey Community Outreach** – \$125,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- M. Ordinance – **NHS** – \$200,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- N. Ordinance – **Olivet** - \$404,500 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- O. Ordinance – **Visitors Bureau** - \$50,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- P. Ordinance – **Prospectus** – \$200,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- Q. Ordinance – **Reading FilmFEST** – \$200,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- R. Ordinance – **Reading Pride** – \$30,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- S. Ordinance – **Reading Science Center** – **\$35,000 – recommended at \$20,000** ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- T. Ordinance – **Rdg Symphony Orchestra** – \$100,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- U. Ordinance – **Schuylkill River Greenway Assoc** – \$100,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- V. Ordinance – **Star City Boxing Co** – \$200,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- W. Ordinance – **The Real Deal 610** – \$50,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- X. Ordinance – **Salvation Army** – \$100,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- Y. Ordinance – **YMCA** – \$200,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- Z. Ordinance – **Opportunity House** - \$200,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation
- AA. Ordinance – **RIZE** - \$100,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation

III. **Other**

IV. **Agenda Review**

Drafted by
Sponsored by/Referred by

Deputy City Clerk
Councilor Reed and Councilor Goodman-Hinnershitz

RESOLUTION _____ - 2022

WHEREAS, the City of Reading has one or more flagpoles located on City-owned property, on which it wishes to display commemorative, special occasion and other ceremonial flags that express the views, values and goals of the City, as determined by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, a written policy governing the display of such flags is necessary in order to ensure that flagpoles on City-owned property are used only for government speech; and

WHEREAS, the Display of Flags policy attached hereto has been prepared for this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING, that the attached Display of Flags Policy is hereby adopted.

Adopted by Council _____, 2022

President of Council

Attest:

Linda A. Kelleher
City Clerk

DISPLAY OF FLAGS POLICY

Section 1. Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the flying of commemorative, special occasion, and other ceremonial flags at City-owned properties, in order to ensure that flagpoles at such properties are used only for government speech. This policy does not govern the flying of Federal, State, and/or City flags.

Section 2. Policy. It is the policy of the City of Reading that flagpoles on City-owned properties shall only be used to display flags that express the views, values and goals of the City as an expression of the City's official sentiments, as determined by the City Council. The City's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. The City will not display any flag based upon a request from a third party, nor will the City use its flagpoles to sponsor the expression of a third party.

Section 3. Standards.

A. Commemorative Flags. The City values diversity, equity, and inclusion. As an expression of these City values, commemorative flags selected by the Managing Director or their designee may be displayed on City-owned properties to commemorate the following occasions:

1. Black History Month
2. Women's History Month
3. Arab American Heritage Month
4. Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month
5. Mental Health Awareness Month
6. LGBTQ+ Pride Month
7. Juneteenth
8. Hispanic Heritage Month
9. National Disability Employment Awareness Month
10. Native American Heritage Month
11. National Veterans and Military Families Month

B. Other special occasion, commemorative and ceremonial flags. In addition to the foregoing, other commemorative, special occasion, and ceremonial flags selected by the Managing Director or their designee may be displayed on City-owned properties as follows:

1. To recognize Federal or State holidays
2. To commemorate any period recognized by local proclamation
3. To accompany any official action or ceremony of the City
4. Flags of official Reading Sister Cities may be displayed in conjunction with an event involving the Sister City.

C. Display Period. The Managing Director or their designee shall determine the appropriate time period for any display of a commemorative, special occasion, or ceremonial flag provided for herein.

D. Other Flags. Upon the request of the Mayor, a member of the City Council, or the Managing Director, the City Council may approve by resolution the display on City-owned property of additional flags not addressed in this policy.