



# *CITY COUNCIL*

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## *Committee of the Whole*

**Monday, August 29, 2022**

**5:00 pm**

**Hybrid Meeting**

**Agenda**

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### **I. ARPA Next Steps**

- **Additional Applications Submitted but Not Considered**

Z. Ordinance – Opportunity House - \$200,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation

AA. Ordinance – RIZE - \$100,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation

- **Total Allocation Amount as of Aug 24<sup>th</sup> ARPA COW meeting**
- **Allocations Deferred at the Aug 24<sup>th</sup> ARPA COW meeting**

Q. Ordinance – Reading FilmFEST –\$200,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation – which org has the 501c3 Reading Film or Reading FileFEST?

S. Ordinance – Reading Science Center – \$20,000 ARPA Grant Funding Allocation – recommendation to fund original request at \$23,488

II. Flag Policy

III. Other

IV. Adjourn

Drafted by Deputy City Clerk  
Sponsored by/Referred by 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

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President of Council

Attest:

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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.