

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-691

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: September 13, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: September 15, 2022

Type of Action: Appropriation; one-cycle emergency approval request

Bill Summary: The bill is an expected year-end accounting true-up to appropriate \$31 million in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds, previously placed in a contingency account, to the appropriate employee salary and benefit lines for COVID-related Premium Pay One-Time Payments (\$20 million) and Premium Pay Raises (\$11 million) as authorized by Ordinance 2021-516-E. Emergency one-cycle approval is requested such that budget will align with year-end actuals.

Background Information: Ordinance 2021-516-E appropriated \$141.9 million from the first tranche of ARP funds to a wide variety of uses, including Premium Pay One-Time Payments of \$2,500 to each City employee for services performed during the COVID pandemic and \$11 million In Premium Pay Raises to public safety employees (police and fire) to pay for a portion of negotiated collective bargaining raises. The funds were appropriated at the time into a contingency account – this ordinance distributes the funds from the contingency account into the departmental salary and benefit accounts to align budgetary authority with actual expenditures.

Emergency one-cycle approval is requested to reconcile the budget with actual expenditures before the close of the fiscal year on September 30th for fiscal reporting purposes.

Policy Impact Area: Year-end ARP budget reconciliation

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$31 million in ARP funds previously placed into a contingency account pending departmental expenditure actuals.

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