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LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT FOR COUNCIL

File ID	24-0409	Caption	Resolution allocating funds to update Chapter 115-Zoning of the Municipal Code.
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Staff/Department Responsible for Legislation

Tim Acklin Planning, Development, and Assessment Department
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Requestor of Legislation

Planning, Development, and Assessment Department CM Jennifer Trost

Location, if applicable

City-Wide

Summary/Purpose

Update Chapter 115-Zoning of the Municipal Code. Project includes hiring a consultant with expertise in updating/writing municipal code, hiring a marketing consultant to promote the project, and holding multiple public input meetings. The process includes review of current plans to identify plan goals, objectives, and recommendations to ensure consistency, an intensive public outreach and participation program that includes regular public meetings and web/social media interaction throughout the process, evaluation of community input, draft related regulations; drafting a proposed zoning code, staff and public review, preparing a final draft for review and adoption by the Common Council. Major objective in the Housing Element of the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. An update to the municipal zoning codes is typically the next step after updating and adopting a comprehensive plan to reflect current/desired development and land uses practices that were identified. Additionally, La Crosse's current code was adopted in the 1980s and is largely out of date. Updating the code will make administration of the code more efficient for staff and understandable for the public.
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Background

Financial allocation background: \$50,000 of the unused ARPA funds remaining that were previously allocated per resolution #21-1066 which appropriated funding for private/public agencies in partnership with the City and La Crosse Community Foundation \$110,000 of the unused ARPA funds previously allocated per resolution #23-0204 for funding for small business programs \$57,880.50 from remaining unused funds from the Comprehensive Plan \$82,119.50 of the ARPA "Non Lost Revenue Uncommitted Funds" Of the Non Lost Revenue funds, staff will continue to monitor other Non Lost Revenue projects for unused funds to transfer this allocation to when/if available.

Fiscal Impact

\$300,000 as indicated above

Staff Recommendation

Approval
