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Sent: 11/5/2020 4:36:57 PM
To: Esther Manheimer
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Subject: Re: Reparations Resolution - need input on one item

Thanks for the clarity. I can go for that.

On Thu, Nov 5, 2020 at 4:12 PM <esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

This was Keith's request and the idea was to make a commitment without identifying where the \$ comes from (reserves, etc.) but just making clear that it had to be city funds. If others contributed like Dogwood, that is great and encouraged but wouldn't count toward the 4 million commitment. And the idea was that it be a minimum of 4 million.

For what it's worth, Antanette and Gwen have already said no. No reason stated in their emails.

From: Sheneika Smith <sheneikasmith@avlcouncil.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 4:03 PM
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I like where this is going, but Number #3 is a bit vague to me.

Will the resolution commit us to draw the \$4M from fund balance alone, others source or multiple sources?

Will this \$4M commitment send a message that we'll commit to \$4M ONLY over the next 10 years?

I need to see the language before I can agree. If it's "at least \$4M over the next 10," I could go for that?

Council - here's where we landed with the Reparations Resolution and funding proposal.

1. Under new biz we'll have a short resolution drafted by Brad that states that council directs staff to identify sources of funding totaling one million dollars to be set aside this fiscal year to establish a reparations fund.
2. This short resolution will reference the previously adopted reparations resolution and not attempt to set out new criteria for how the funds are to be distributed. That will be determined in the future, likely through the recommendations of the future appointed Reparations Commission.

With some reservations and concerns noted, there appeared to be a majority support, including the "bill sponsor" (Keith), to these first two items.

Next,

3. And, Keith asked that this short resolution also make a commitment to funding the Reparations Fund in a total amount of \$4 million over the next 10 years (this would include the first one million identified this year, so, really, an additional three million over the next 10 years). It is understood that this Council can't bind ourselves or future Councils so that's why this is framed as a "commitment". **I need to know if you are in agreement with this #3. Email me directly.**

Thank you,

Esther