

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: May 30, 2018
To: The City Manager
From: Patrice Toney, Budget and Evaluation Director

Council Action Requested:

Consideration of Amendments to the FY 2017-18 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence
Strategic Objective: Maintain City's Financial Strength
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The proposed amendments to the FY 2017-18 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$6,670 in contributions and sponsorships for two Human Relations Department events. \$4,850 was received as contributions and sponsorships for the Fair Housing Summit. The remaining amount of \$1,820 was received as additional revenue from the Student Awards Banquet. All contributions have been received or will be received by Human Relations by June 30, 2018.
- The proposed amendment appropriates \$55,660 in contributions from businesses and individuals received during the fiscal year to support the Recreation and Parks Department's programs and centers.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>Finance 6/11/18</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>

Remarks:

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$2,000 for the Target National Night Out grant. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

This grant from Target will support the Winston-Salem Police Department's National Night Out activities in August. Funds will be used to purchase promotional items which will be distributed to neighborhood participants.

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$3,640 of miscellaneous revenue for recreation capital projects. Revenue in the form of rebates, discounts for early payment, reimbursements, and rental income was received and is proposed to be appropriated back to general improvements throughout the Recreation and Parks system.
- Developer revenues have been received for projects at several subdivisions. Part of the requirements for new subdivisions in the City of Winston-Salem is that developers install sidewalk along public streets where they own road frontage. The City is finalizing plans on the road widening project along Meadowlark Road and instead of having the developer install these improvements, they have made a payment in lieu of completing the work. The City will use these funds as part of the Meadowlark Road Widening project. The City has also called a letter of credit for a project at Cedar Hills for failure to install a section of sidewalk. The proposed amendment appropriates \$80,500 in developer funds for these projects.
- The City has received additional property settlements from the City Yard land sale. The proposed amendment appropriates \$13,540 in settlement funds for future capital needs.
- The proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$27,240 in Powell Bill (gasoline tax) revenues to reflect the actual allocation received during the fiscal year, which will cover additional eligible expenditures in the Department of Transportation and Traffic Field Operations.
- Several years ago the city received contributions for public art from the Arts Council and the Winston-Salem Foundation for public art projects, including the sculpture at BB&T Ballpark. The proposed amendment appropriates \$24,690 for these contributions.

Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Limited Obligation Bonds Debt Service Swap

- The City is currently refinancing the Series 2006A and 2006D Certifications of Participation and borrowing \$2 million to fund previously approved Winston-Salem Fairgrounds improvements. The refinancing will generate enough savings to cover the annual debt service payment for the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds improvements; therefore, the Debt Service Fund will transfer \$2 million to the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Fund from the debt proceeds.

End of Year Amendments for Public Assembly Facilities

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$279,000 in additional operating revenues for the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds for non-fair events. To date, operating revenues for non-fair events have exceeded the budget by \$279,000 due to increased event activity. Carolina Thunderbirds Hockey consisted of 31 home games which brought in greater than anticipated revenues, specifically concessions and ticketing revenues. A handful of events also resulted in greater overall revenues including Charlie Daniels Band, Oak Ridge Boys, and Jurassic Quest. The proposed amendment recognizes these revenues in order to provide a sufficient appropriation for the expenses associated with the events that generated this revenue.
- The proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$120,000 to cover the projected net operating loss at The Benton. Additional expenses have been incurred during the fiscal year, including the purchase of outside planters, additional power washing, and legal costs from the sale of the Embassy Suites. The funding to cover this loss will come from general fund balance and occupancy tax fund balance.
- The proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$45,000 for unanticipated expenses at Bowman Gray Stadium. These include maintenance and repairs, supplies, and temporary services for the football and racing seasons.

Winston-Salem Transit Authority Capital Expenses

- The proposed amendment adjusts Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 capital grant funds allocations for FY 2017 and FY 2018. The FY 2017 allocation is increased \$112,000 with \$22,400 in the form of a local match from the Winston-Salem Transit Authority Fund. The FY 2018 allocation is increased \$174,900, with \$34,980 in the form of a local match from the Winston-Salem Transit Authority Fund. FTA 5307 capital funds are used for passenger amenities, security enhancements, facility renovations, equipment replacement, and vehicle maintenance.

In-Kind Contribution for New Gospel Tabernacle Holiness Church

- On April 30, 2018, the New Gospel Tabernacle Holiness Church on Laura Wall Blvd. burned down. The church did not have insurance and have requested \$15,000 to cover the cost of landfill fees for demolition. The proposed amendment provides an in-kind contribution where funds from the Housing Finance Assistance Fund would be used to directly pay the solid waste fund for the landfill tipping fees.