

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: March 7, 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 Police Department has received additional federal forfeiture funds from the United States Department of Justice totaling \$15,310 and additional state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$56,170 to be used for the following: K-9 supplies including dog food and veterinarian expenses (\$15,310) and the purchase of equipment (\$56,170) including upgrades to the bomb squad robot and undercover surveillance equipment.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>Finance 3/19/2018</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
Remarks:	<u></u>		

- The Fire Department has received a grant from The Hartford in the amount of \$10,000 for fire safety education efforts and programming. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds.

North Carolina City and County Management Association Conference

- The City of Winston-Salem has agreed to serve as the host city for the North Carolina City and County Management Association's (NCCCMA) winter conferences from 2018-2021. The Benton hosted the 2018 conference from January 31st to February 2nd. As part of the agreement, the first year included a \$10,000 sponsorship to be applied towards conference expenses. The proposed amendment appropriates \$10,000 in occupancy tax reserves for these expenses.

Security Cameras at the Benton

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$45,000 for the purchase of security cameras for the Benton. The cameras will be funded with \$19,000 from proceeds from the sale of the old Benton chairs and \$26,000 from the North Carolina Municipal Leasing Corporation (NCMLC).

Technical Adjustment for Winston-Salem Police Officers' Retirement System

- In 2013, the City issued Limited Obligation Bonds to increase the funding level of the Winston-Salem Police Officers' Retirement System. During fiscal year 2017, it was determined that the \$28,120,000 contract payable and \$108,403 in accrued interest payable, related to the Series 2013 Limited Obligation Bonds and previously reported in a Fiduciary Fund should be reported as Governmental activities. The 2013A Taxable Limited Obligation Bonds have been moved from the WSPORS 701 Fund to the Debt Service Fund. The proposed amendment appropriates the principle payment of \$800,000 and interest payment of \$1,265,450 in the Debt Service Fund for fiscal year 2018.

East End Master Plan Implementation

- In September 2016, the Mayor and City Council approved funding for the planning and implementation of the east end master plan. This included authorization of \$60,000 per year for three years from the Housing Finance Assistance Fund to assist S.G. Atkins CDC with the implementation of the plan. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds for FY 2017-18.

FEMA Grant Funding at 2860 Marguerite Park Drive

- On October 16, 2017, the Mayor and City Council authorized the acceptance of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funding to remove a flood ravaged property located at 2860 Marguerite Park Drive as part of a Flood Mitigation Assistance grant project. The proposed amendment appropriates \$238,250 in federal grant funds for the project.

Spring Park Infrastructure Improvement Project

- Stormwater Management needs to stabilize the failing embankment at Spring Park that supports the road near the 300 block of West End Boulevard before it impacts the road. The City invoked the emergency exception to the bid process in N.C.G.S. § 143-129(e) to let a contract for the repair and replacement of the drainage system that runs from Sixth Street, through West End Boulevard, and into Spring Park. The emergency exception allows the City to let a contract, without bidding it, in cases of special emergency, involving the health and safety of people or property.

In addition, on March 27, 2017 the Mayor and City Council approved an agreement between the City and Sixth & Green LLC to include repair of their privately-owned drainage system in the overall project in exchange for Sixth & Green's payment to the City of \$95,000. The proposed amendment appropriates \$1,405,000 from the Stormwater Management Fund for these emergency repairs and \$95,000 in revenue from Sixth & Green, LLC for a total project cost of \$1.5 million.

Recreation and Parks Capital Projects

- The FY 2017-18 capital project budget includes previously approved budgets that provide for the renovations and enhancements to improve safety/security at recreation facilities and park locations throughout the city. The department has identified the need for funding to complete renovations and improvements at other locations due to facility safety and condition assessments and the condition of equipment.

Staff is requesting that the proposed amendment makes adjustments for the following projects:

- **Long Creek Pool:** Transfer funds (\$200,000) to Long Creek Pool for construction/pre-open pool compliance.

- **Fourteenth Street Renovations:** Transfer funds (\$110,000) for renovations, such as painting, renewal of interior finishes, replacement and repair of lighting systems, and bathroom and kitchen renewals.

Budget Amendment for CoC Grant Draw

- Due to a delayed contract amendment between sub recipient agencies and the City, a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care grant was closed out prior to drawdown from HUD for final payment to agencies in the amount of \$9,310.32. Funds to cover the expense will be provided from the Housing Finance Assistance Fund.

Additional Funds for City Streets Maintenance

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$400,000 in streets division charges that have been received in the current fiscal year by Traffic Field Operations. These funds will cover the costs of snow and ice removal including materials, labor, and equipment, as well as other unanticipated re-surfacing and streets-related expenses.

Site Improvements at Kimberley Park

- In November 2017, the Mayor and City Council approved a resolution awarding a construction contract for improvements at Kimberley Park. These include site improvements and remediation for the pending HOPE hydroponic greenhouse and Goler building. An existing project balance earmarked for the greenhouse purchase was originally applied to the funding for these improvements. The proposed amendment transfers \$356,000 in 2014 economic development bond funds to fund the cost of the site preparation.

Molly Leight Crossing and Brookstown Avenue Fence

- The proposed amendment will provide funding for the construction of Molly Leight Crossing and the Brookstown Avenue fence. Molly Leight Crossing is located along the Salem Creek Greenway at the pedestrian bridge crossing over Salem Creek near the intersection of South Main Street and Waughtown Street. This project will include decorative and safety lighting as well as information and signage on former Council Member Leight.

The Brookstown Avenue fence project is located on the south side of Brookstown Avenue between the strollway and Old Salem Road. The new fence will replace the current chain link fence with a brick and mortar structure that provides signage for

the area of 'Town Run' and safety from the creek below the sidewalk, while blending in with community aesthetics.

Both projects will be funded from transportation capital projects. The proposed amendment appropriates \$100,000 for construction of both projects, \$60,000 for Molly Leight Crossing and \$40,000 for the Brookstown Avenue fence.