

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** January 13, 2019

**To:** The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of City Council

**From:** Evan Raleigh, Assistant City Manager

**Council Action Requested:**

Ordinance Amending The Project Budget Ordinance For The City Of Winston-Salem, North Carolina For The Fiscal Year 2019-2020

**Strategic Focus Area:** Economic Vitality and Diversity

**Strategic Objective:** Promote Commercial Development in Economically Disadvantaged Areas/Enhance Skills of the Workforce

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

In August of 2016, the Mayor and City Council approved a 25-year lease agreement with Goler Community Development Corporation and Help Our People Eat (HOPE) to install a hydroponics/aquaponics facility and a building that would serve as a headquarters for the HOPE operation on the northeast corner of Pittsburgh Avenue and northwest Crawford Place within Kimberly Park. The site consists of approximately 3 acres of land. The item also approved the use of 2014 Economic Development bonds to support the construction of the hydroponics facility with additional funding for site preparation for both the hydroponics and HOPE facilities coming from 2014 Recreation and Parks bond funds. Several unanticipated costs, many related to the site preparation work, have pushed the project beyond the amount originally budgeted. These unforeseen costs included the need for additional asphalt and curb work around the HOPE building to meet zoning requirements, reinstalling fencing that was removed for building construction, repair work to sidewalks around the HOPE building and the construction of a new access road in order to meet the requirements of the city's Inspections Division.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>Finance 1/13/2020</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Forwarded to Council</u>
<b>For</b>	<u>Council Member Adams</u>	<b>Against</b>	<u>Opposed: None; Abstaining: Council Members Clark and MacIntosh</u>

**Remarks:**

During the November meeting of the Finance Committee, staff presented a request to infuse the project with an additional \$500,000 from 2014 Economic Development bond funds to cover these additional costs. The committee made several requests for information and staff prepared and presented a memorandum during the December Finance Committee meeting that responded to those questions. During the committee's discussion in December, the Finance Committee made several additional requests for information. Responses to those inquiries are included in a memorandum attached to this item.