

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** August 10, 2020

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

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**From:** Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager  
Patrice Toney, Budget and Evaluation Director

**Council Action Requested:**  
Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2020-21 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 Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

**Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received**

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$10,000 in grant funds from Walmart stores for the Winston-Salem Police Department. The majority of the funds will be spent on the 2020 backpack project, where backpacks and school supplies are purchased for school children in need. Any unspent funds will be utilized for other community relations projects.
  
- The proposed amendment appropriates a \$1,000 grant from North Carolina State University for the Urban Food Policy Council. The funds will be used for a pilot Urban Farmers Market at the Liberty Street market space.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	Finance 8/10/2020	<b>Action</b>	Forwarded without Recommendation
<b>For</b>	Unanimous	<b>Against</b>	

**Remarks:**

- The Police Department has received additional federal forfeiture funds from the United States Department of Justice totaling \$70,190, from the United States Department of Treasury totaling \$62,320, additional state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$29,240, \$3,190 in investment income in these funds, and \$130 in contributions. These funds would be used for officer training (\$26,140), items for the K-9 unit including dog food and veterinarian expenses (\$48,050), informant/drug buys (\$14,170) and for the purchase of equipment (\$76,710).
  
- In June 2020, the Mayor and City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase property, boiler/machinery insurance from Traveler's Insurance Company through the City's broker, Surry Insurance. Due to market conditions, and concerns with the roof at the Joycelyn V. Johnson Municipal Services Center, annual insurance premiums are higher than budgeted. The proposed amendment appropriates \$166,670 in general fund reserves for the additional costs to the City's annual property insurance premium.
  
- The Community Development Department has received \$712,943 in CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant Round 1 (ESG-CV1) funds from the State of North Carolina to provide operating support to emergency shelters and assistance for extremely low-income individuals and families who are homeless. The Mayor and City Council approved submission of the application in July 2020. The proposed amendment appropriates the \$712,943 in ESG-CV1 funds and awards them to the agencies and in the amounts designated by the State.
  
- In May 2020, the Mayor and City Council approved an appropriation of \$660,750 in CARES Act Emergency Solutions Grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In June 2020, HUD announced an additional award in the amount of \$2,047,257. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds to assist persons experiencing homelessness and meet supportive housing needs in the community.
  
- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds were appropriated to urban areas with more than 200,000 in population and can be used by transit agencies to help to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In April 2020, the Mayor and City Council appropriated \$12,389,980 for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) and in June 2020 approved \$5,400,000 for bus purchases (no local match) and \$250,000 for the move of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to Union Station.

These funds were moved from the transit operating budget to properly account for the spending. The costs for these items are higher than originally estimated and therefore, the proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$1,000,000 for bus purchases and an additional \$175,000 for the DOT relocation from the original \$12,389,980.

- In February 2020, the Mayor and City Council approved a resolution appropriating \$50,000 from fund balance for 2020 Census Complete Count activities. As of June 30, 2020, \$21,920 of this allocation had been spent. The proposed amendment reappropriates the remaining \$28,080 to support the City's Census Complete Count efforts.

### **Stormwater Improvement Projects**

- Cost estimates for the Bennett Drive stormwater infrastructure project have come in higher than originally budgeted, while estimates for the Commonwealth Drive drainage improvement project have come in lower than originally budgeted. The proposed amendment transfers \$200,000 from the Commonwealth Drive drainage improvement project to the Bennett Drive stormwater infrastructure project to align the budgets with the estimated project costs.

### **Downtown Ballpark Capital Maintenance**

- Under the City's stadium lease agreement with the Winston-Salem Dash, the City, as the landlord, is responsible for all repairs and replacements necessary to maintain Truist Stadium in good condition and in compliance with Minor League Baseball Facility Standards. The City is not responsible for routine maintenance, housekeeping, landscaping, and repair of revenue-generating assets such as the scoreboard. The proposed amendment transfers \$200,000 from a debt reserve fund, which was established under the previous lease agreement, to the Ballpark capital fund to enable the City to meet its landlord obligations under the lease.