



City of Winston-Salem City Council
Council Agenda Item Summary

Title	Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina
City Council Committee	Finance Committee
Meeting Date	February 10, 2026
Staff Lead (Presenter)	Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director
Department Head	Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director
City Manager/ACM	W. Patrick Pate, City Manager

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Recommended Council Action	Ordinance Approval
Suggested Action/ Motion Options	Motion to approve the ordinance amending the FY 25-26 budget ordinances
Strategic Focus Area	Good Government
Strategic Plan Objective	GG1: Delivering Efficient and Effective Core Services
Anticipated Fiscal Impact	Fiscal Impact Anticipated: See Analysis in Summary

Summary of Information

The proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget ordinance authorizes adjustments for the following purposes.

Technical Budget Adjustments

- The Winston-Salem Fire Department received \$702,020 in reimbursements from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety for disaster response deployments related to Hurricane Debbie, Hurricane Helene, and flooding in Kentucky during Fall 2024. Of this amount, \$585,200 covered overtime expenses for personnel, and \$116,820 reimbursed the department for equipment that was used and damaged during these operations. This amendment allocates the equipment reimbursement so the department can replace damaged equipment and maintain readiness for future emergency responses.

Appropriation of Federal Transportation Planning Grant

- On April 1, 2024, City Council authorized the Winston-Salem Department of Transportation to apply for a \$350,000 federal “Safe Streets and Roads for All” grant for the completion of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to identify safety deficiencies and propose solutions for roadways in Winston-Salem. The City has since been awarded the grant, and the proposed amendment appropriates the total amount of \$350,000, with the City’s match of \$70,000 coming from existing traffic safety funds.

Use of Contingency Funds for Recreation and Parks Projects

- On July 1, 2022, City Council appropriated \$1,200,000 of contingency funds for Recreation and Parks capital projects. The proposed amendment authorizes the use of the remaining contingency funds for the following projects: Pedestrian Pathway Improvements (\$480,000), Long Creek Park Improvements Phase 2 (\$100,000), Winston Lake Golf Course Improvements (\$100,000), and Reynolds Park Golf Course Improvements (\$100,000).

Attachments

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Committee Action	
For:	Against:
Remarks:	