

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: December 14, 2020

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

From: Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager
Robert Prestwood, City Engineer

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing Additional Funding for the Construction of the Belview Recreation Center Project (Southeast Ward)

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Expand Open Spaces and Recreational Facilities

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

In April 2019, the Mayor and City Council approved the appropriation of resources to meet \$33.09 million in emerging capital needs. The replacement of Belview Recreation Center, located at 2800 Burgandy Street, was included in these capital needs. To better serve the neighborhood, the City of Winston-Salem would invest \$3 million to rebuild this facility. The proposed new facility would include a gymnasium, dedicated classroom and work space for the City’s S.O.A.R. and Youthbuild programs, computer lab, meeting room space for community groups, new playground, improved parking facilities, and improved lighting inside and outside of the facility.

After a spring community meeting there has been an ongoing discussion on upgrading the gymnasium to provide for future bleacher seating, indoor walking track, and a wooden competition sport floor. The architect prepared several alternate plans, with varying costs, that included all of the desired elements. The alternate that is being requested by Councilman Taylor will eliminate 1,760 SF of new SOAR space and will reduce the community gathering space by

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>Finance 12/14/2020</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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Remarks:

1/3 to accommodate the expanded gymnasium. Here are the major changes to the building:

- New construction area is increased by 1,000 SF from the base design to 8,750 SF.
- Eliminate 1,760 SF of new SOAR space but will renovate the existing building to create office space and tool storage room for the program.
- Reduce Community Gathering space from by 1/3 (102 persons to 73 persons).
- Increase the gymnasium by 2,760 SF to provide for a two lane walking track at the perimeter of the court and to accommodate the future installation of bleachers for approximately 400 spectators.
- Installation of a wood sport floor.

This project was allocated \$3 million for the renovation project. After encumbering funds for design and contingencies, there is approximately \$2,580,000.00 remaining for construction. The estimated cost for the revised plan with the larger gymnasium is \$3,557,600.00. To cover the additional \$977,600.00 Council Member Taylor is requesting to use \$500,000 from Park Acquisition and Development Fund, which was approved as part of the 2018 bond referendum; and to use \$500,00 from the 2018 Southeast Ward economic development bonds.