

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** October 12, 2020

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

**From:** Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager  
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**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 Police Department has received additional state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$33,900. These funds would be used to purchase used vehicles for the new Gun Crime Reduction Unit.
- Previously, the City received a \$10,000 grant from the National League of Cities to support Census Complete Count activities. In August, NLC extended an additional \$10,000 grant. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	Finance 10/12/2020	<b>Action</b>	Approval
<b>For</b>	Unanimous	<b>Against</b>	

**Remarks:**

- The amount of program income for FY 2019-20 generated from the City's HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds exceeded the budgeted estimate by \$396,482.11 and the amount from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds was less than the budget estimate by \$12,717.55. The proposed amendment appropriates the additional HOME program income for multifamily housing and reduces CDBG funds from rehabilitation operations.
- On September 11, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the third round of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES Act allocations. Funds are allocated to all CDBG entitlement communities with an additional allocation to the District of Columbia. Winston-Salem's allocation is \$1,375,863. The proposed amendment appropriates these CDBG-CV funds to meet community development needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Of the \$15 fee charged on the property tax bill on each registered motor vehicle, \$5 per vehicle (authorized in February 2006) is appropriated in the capital projects and Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) funds with one-third allocated for transit operations, one-third for non-vehicular transportation projects (such as greenway and sidewalk development), and one-third for vehicular transportation projects (such as traffic calming and other traffic safety projects). The proposed amendment appropriates \$16,820 in additional revenues received in FY 2019-20 for nonvehicular and vehicular transportation projects. The one-third for transit operations has already been allocated.

### **Union Cross Road Land Purchase**

- In November 2018, the Mayor and City Council approved the purchase of two parcels at 1618 and 1624 Union Cross Road for business development in the Union Cross Road/ Temple School Road area. The Council action approved the purchase at \$50,000 per acre or approximately \$3,479,500, subject to a survey. The property was estimated to be about 69.59 acres; however, based upon the survey, it is 71.709 acres. The proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$200,000 for the purchase of the property, as well as for costs associated with cleaning debris on the site and removing several structures on the property.

### **Departmental Moves in City Hall and Bryce A. Stuart**

- In January 2020, the Mayor and City Council approved an amendment for several uses of expected project balance from the Union Station renovation. One of those

uses included departmental moves including the City's Department of Transportation (DOT) to Union Station. Federal CARES Act funding for DOT will cover their aspect of the move, which has enabled the project balance for other departmental moves. Renovations are needed at City Hall and Bryce A. Stuart to accommodate several departmental moves within the two buildings. The proposed amendment would transfer \$250,000 for the upfit of space and department moves from the remaining balance of the Union Station redevelopment project.