

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: March 21, 2022

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

From: Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director

Council Action Requested:

Ordinances Amending the Fiscal Year 2021-22 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 2021-22 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- The Police Department has received additional federal forfeiture funds from the United States Department of Treasury totaling \$15,050, and additional state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$11,820. These funds would be used for training (\$15,050) and the purchase of equipment (\$11,820). Future equipment purchases could include items such as safety gear, surveillance equipment, computer software and hardware, and other IT needs.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>Finance 3/21/22</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
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Remarks:

- In FY 2019-20, the Mayor and City Council appropriated CARES Act Section 5307 funds from the Federal Transit Administration. The Winston-Salem Transit Authority seeks to contract with a vendor to conduct a facility study using \$279,434 in previously appropriated CARES Act funds. The proposed amendment would move CARES Act Section 5307 remaining balances from the following projects in order to conduct the study: Department of Transportation move to Union Station (\$137,106), bus replacements (\$45,487), and the transit operating budget (\$96,841).
- In September 2021, the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds received \$606,121 from the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program through the Small Business Administration. The proposed amendment would appropriate these funds to cover current year operating expenses for the city’s Public Assembly Facilities.
- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) approved in March 2021 includes federal funding to support the nation’s public transportation systems as they continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Federal Transit Administration allocated \$9,034,815 in Section 5307 ARPA funds for Winston-Salem Transit Authority to be spent over several years. The proposed amendment appropriates the first-year allocation of \$2,095,370 to cover operating costs and preventive maintenance.

Re-appropriation of Project Balances for Recreation and Parks Maintenance Needs

- The Recreation and Parks Department has immediate needs for funds for the following maintenance projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sprague Street Pool Conversion Change Order	126,000
Polo Rec Center Gym Floor	125,000
Bolton High Dive Repairs	150,000
Facility Safety Lighting Improvements	100,000

Additional funding for the Sprague Street swimming pool conversion to a sprayground will cover a change order for add alternates that include ADA access improvements. Funding for the Polo Recreation Center gym flooring will coincide with a waterproofing project resulting from extensive water damage at the facility. The Bolton High dive repair project corrects structural issues identified by the City’s Risk Management Division. The facility lighting improvements will be made to increase safety at multiple recreation center locations bringing exterior lighting into compliance with lighting standards. Funding for these projects will come from recently completed projects. Additional details on remaining balances in Recreation projects will be presented at the City Council meeting on March 28, 2022. There is no net increase to capital projects budgets.