

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 9, 2021

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

From: Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager

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 Justice totaling \$24,330, from the United States Department of Treasury totaling \$23,780, additional state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$51,970, and \$500 in contributions. These funds would be used for officer training (\$6,680), items for the K-9 unit including dog food and veterinarian expenses (\$17,650), and for the purchase of equipment (\$76,250). Future equipment purchases could include items such as safety gear, surveillance equipment, computer software and hardware, and other IT needs.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 8/9/2021	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

- In August 2018, the City of Winston-Salem accepted a CHAMPS Grant from the National League of Cities. The proposed amendment appropriates an additional contribution of \$890 from National League of Cities to pay for City employees to attend a mandatory training related to grant.
- In April of 2018, The Clearing House Payments Company LLC and the City of Winston-Salem entered into an economic development agreement conditioned on the company's achievement of certain capital investment and job creation goals. The company was also awarded \$150,000 in grant funds from the State's One NC Grant program. The company's performance through the end of July 2021 has qualified it to receive the remaining 25% of the total One NC Grant award or \$37,500. The terms of the One NC Grant require that all funds awarded under the grant be passed through the participating unit of local government. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds.
- The proposed amendment appropriates \$44,800 in contributions from businesses and individuals received during the fiscal year to support the Recreation and Parks Department's programs and centers.

Adjustments to Capital Project Budgets

- In June 2021, City Council approved funding for an enclosed drying bed facility to collect and drain free liquids from solid debris collected from cleaning catch basins, curbs and gutters, and stormwater facilities. The original estimated project cost was \$200,000. In order to allow proper drainage of the free liquids, the adjacent drainage pond needs to be expanded, increasing the cost of the project. The proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$100,000 of Stormwater Management Fund capital reserves for this project.
- During FY 2019-2021, the Downtown Business Improvement District funded repairs and upgrades to the Sixth-Cherry-Trade parking deck. That project is now complete, and the remaining funding needs to be transferred back to the Downtown Business Improvement District fund. The proposed amendment transfers \$220 from the Capital Projects fund to the Downtown Business Improvement District fund.

Information Systems Continuing Projects

- The proposed amendment appropriates reserves for three IS projects continuing work started during FY 2021. The total request is for \$350,000 in additional funding, broken down into the following projects:

- \$125,000 for migration of existing workflow applications from eWorks to AgilePoint,
- \$125,000 for the Accela Code Enforcement project, and
- \$100,000 for migration of other applications from Windows 2003 and 2008 servers to Windows 2012 servers to allow for increased application support and cybersecurity enhancements.