

**City Council – Action Request Form**

**Date:** August 2, 2017

**To:** The City Manager

**From:** Patrice Toney, Budget and Evaluation Director

**Council Action Requested:**

Consideration of Amendments to the FY 2017-18 Budget Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**Summary of Information:**

The proposed amendments to the FY 2017-18 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

**Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received**

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$41,900 in proceeds the Recreation and Parks Department has received from the sale of the Paisley tennis courts to the school system. The proceeds will be used for improvements to Kimberley Park.
- The Police Department has received additional federal forfeiture funds from the United States Department of Justice totaling \$3,110 and additional state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$39,060 to be used for the following purposes: officer training (\$3,110) and the purchase of equipment (\$39,060).
- The Police Department has received \$480 in general public donations. These funds would be used for morale building activities and special equipment.

<b>Committee</b>	Finance 8/14/17	<b>Action</b>	Approval
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**Remarks:**

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$2,500 for the Target National Night Out grant. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

This grant from Target will support the Winston-Salem Police Department's National Night Out activities in August. Funds will be used to purchase promotional items which will be distributed to neighborhood participants.

- 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 \$26,610 in additional revenues received in FY 2016-17 for non-vehicular and vehicular transportation projects. The one-third for transit operations has already been allocated.

### **Books, Magazines, Periodicals Budgets**

- The adopted FY 2017-18 budget included two annual appropriation and tax levy ordinances (AATLO). One of these ordinances included a centralization of all general fund departmental advertising and books, magazines, and periodicals budgets to avoid any conflicts of interest due to the purchase of the Winston-Salem Chronicle. Budget and Evaluation Staff have researched departmental spending for books, magazines, and periodicals to determine which departments have subscriptions to the Winston-Salem Chronicle. The proposed budget amendment keeps those subscription budgets isolated and transfers the remaining books, magazines, and periodicals budgets back to the individual departments.

### **Sponsorship of Downtown Bike Share Station**

- In April 2017, the Mayor and City Council approved a resolution of support for the National Cycling Center to begin a bike share program in the City of Winston-Salem. This resolution included no financial commitment from the City. In June 2017, the Downtown Winston-Salem Business Improvement District Advisory

Committee received an update on the bike share program and other cycling events in the downtown area and recommended the use of Downtown Winston-Salem Business Improvement District funds to sponsor a bike share platform within the district as a form of advertising/marketing for downtown. The proposed amendment appropriates \$10,000 in Downtown Winston-Salem Business Improvement District fund reserves for this sponsorship.

**Transfer of Successful Outcomes After Release (S.O.A.R.) Contingency Funds**

- The proposed amendment utilizes Successful Outcomes After Release (S.O.A.R.) contingency funds in the amount of \$5,000 to support Honorable Youth, Inc., a community non-profit agency geared to conduct a summer enrichment program for youth.