

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** November 1, 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.

**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 FY 2017-18 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 \$87,230 and additional state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$38,330 to be used for the purchase of equipment (\$125,560) including data storage and workstation hardware for crime scene images and an upgrade to the 3D image system and scene reconstruction software and equipment used for traffic fatalities and major crime scenes.

**Committee Action:**

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| <b>Committee</b> | <u>Finance 11/13/17</u> | <b>Action</b>  | <u>Approval</u> |
| <b>For</b>       | <u>Unanimous</u>        | <b>Against</b> | <u></u>         |
| <b>Remarks:</b>  | <u></u>                 |                |                 |

- The Public Art Commission is seeking an artist to engage the public in a citywide photographic portrayal of our community with the working title, “Winston-Salem Portrait Project.” Artwork from the project will be displayed downtown and in each ward. The project will utilize funds currently appropriated for public art (\$200,000).
- The Fire Department has received a Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$68,637 for the purchase of thirteen thermal imaging cameras. The grant includes a local match of \$6,863, which will be made from previously appropriated funds, for a total project cost of \$75,500. Thermal imagers convert infrared heat signatures to visible light. They are used by firefighters to find fire hidden in walls and other void spaces, “see” through smoke, locate victims during search operations, trace heat of conduction and sources of electrical failure, etc.

### **Funding for Repairs to Off-Street Parking Decks**

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$50,000 in off-street parking reserves for repairs to the 6<sup>th</sup>-Cherry-Trade and City Hall South Parking Decks. Bids for the wall repairs to the 6<sup>th</sup>-Cherry-Trade Deck have come in higher than originally anticipated. The exit arm on the Church Street side of the City Hall South Deck failed, and Property and Facilities Management recommended a complete replacement as all of the gates are similar in age. The card reader system would also be replaced and tied into the access control system, allowing city employees to use their identification badges to access the parking deck.

### **Funding for Furniture and Fixtures at Salem Lake Marina**

- The proposed amendment transfers \$113,700 in previously appropriated funds for furniture, fixtures, and computer equipment at the Salem Lake Marina. Phase 1 of the project consisted of a new Marina Center that provides a large multi-purpose space for social, family and instructional purposes. Additional support space such as a kitchen, restrooms, office, and storage is included. Items include workstation and case goods, chairs, conference tables, and outdoor furniture.