# **City Council – Action Request Form**

**Date:** June 8, 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 2019-20 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 2019-20 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

## **Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received**

- □ The Community Development department received the 2019 Continuum of Care grant award totaling \$2,235,710. The grant award exceeds the current budget by \$78,890. The proposed amendment would appropriate the additional Continuum of Care grant funds for the projects designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- □ The Section 108 Loan fund has received more program income and bank interest than originally budgeted, totaling \$77,530. The proposed amendment would appropriate the additional \$77,530 in revenue and transfer it to the capital projects fund for future housing production projects.

Committee Action:			
Committee	Finance 6/8/2020	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			

- □ The proposed amendment appropriates \$35,250 in contributions from businesses and individuals received during the fiscal year to support the Recreation and Parks Department's programs and centers.
- □ The proposed amendment appropriates a \$10,000 grant from the National League of Cities to support the City's effort to promote participation in the 2020 Census.
- □ In November 2019, land in Brookwood Business Park was sold. The proposed amendment appropriates the sale proceeds, totaling \$55,770. Since housing funds assisted in the original purchase of the land, the funds will be allocated for housing development.
- As part of the Federal Government's CARES Act, passed by Congress to assist with the response to the novel coronavirus pandemic, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), has made available the Fiscal Year 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF) grant solicitation. This grant is formula-based, and the City of Winston-Salem's allocated amount is \$523,520. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds, to be spent on laptop computers, LexisNexis reporting system, Street Smart for COVID-19 tracking, personal protective equipment, and response team equipment.

# **Technical Adjustments to Program and Capital Budgets**

- □ The proposed amendment appropriates a \$940 transfer from the general fund to cover additional City expenses for the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighter's Grant.
- □ The proposed amendment appropriates a \$10,000 transfer from the general fund. These funds will cover expenses incurred for the Fire Hartford Grant. The grant funds were received in 2018 and deposited in the general fund at that time.
- □ The proposed amendment appropriates a \$13,890 transfer from the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) fund to cover additional expenses incurred for the underground tank storage grant.
- □ The proposed amendment appropriates additional budget for two transit capital grants. The FY 14 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant requires an additional \$16,750 in local matching funds. These funds will come from the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) fund reserves. The amendment also appropriates an additional \$590,600 for the FY 16 Federal Transit Administration

- (FTA) 5307 capital grant, split between the Federal Transit Administration (\$472,480) and WSTA fund reserves (\$118,120).
- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds were appropriated to urban areas with more than 200,000 in population and can be used by transit agencies to help to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. In April 2020, the Mayor and City Council appropriated \$12,389,980 for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA). Of these funds, \$5,400,000 is allocated for vehicle purchases (no local match) and \$250,000 is allocated for the move of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to Union Station. Since these allocations are capital expenditures, the proposed amendment reduces the budget in the WSTA operating budget for these expenses, and re-appropriates them in capital project funds in order to properly account for the spending.
- □ The proposed amendment transfers the general fund budget for the Sustainability Department from the Interdepartmental Services area to the Environmental Health area to better reflect the nature of the program's services. The department's budget totals \$2,108,400 and includes the Sustainability, Multifamily Recycling, and Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful programs.
- □ In FY 2014-15, the Mayor and City Council allocated funding for the Successful Outcomes After Release (SOAR) program. The program was funded with a transfer from the General Fund to the Grants Fund for several years. The SOAR program is now accounted for directly within the general fund. The proposed amendment would transfer the remaining balance of \$24,870 in the grants fund to the general fund.
- □ The amount of program income generated from the City's HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) fund for program year 2018-19 exceeded budgeted estimates by \$816,360. The proposed amendment appropriates the additional program income from HOME funds for single-family housing production.

#### **End of Year Amendments for Public Assembly Facilities**

The proposed amendment appropriates \$415,000 for the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds: \$135,000 in additional operating revenues for non-fair events and \$280,000 in reserves to cover additional expenses at Bowman Gray Stadium. To date, operating revenues for non-fair events have exceeded the budget by \$135,000 due to increased event activity. The proposed amendment recognizes these revenues in order to provide a sufficient appropriation for the expenses associated with the

events that generated this revenue. The proposed amendment also appropriates \$280,000 in reserves to cover the projected loss at Bowman Gray Stadium.

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$280,000 for additional expenses at Bowman Gray Stadium, as well as the loss of revenues from the ongoing postponement of the 2020 racing season, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These expenses are funded by a transfer from the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds fund.
- The proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$45,000 to cover the projected net operating loss at The Benton. Additional funds are needed due to an increased projected operating loss as a result of the loss of events due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding to cover this loss will come from general fund balance.
- □ The proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$132,000 to cover additional costs for the Carolina Classic Fair. Additional funds are needed to cover expenses related to the transition of the new fair name. The proposed amendment appropriates reserves to cover these costs.