

**City Council – Action Request Form**

**Date:** September 9, 2019

**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 Ordinance 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**

- 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 \$25,880 in additional revenues received in FY 2018-19 for nonvehicular and vehicular transportation projects. The one-third for transit operations has already been allocated.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>Finance 9/9/2019</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
<b>For</b>	<u>Unanimous</u>	<b>Against</b>	<u></u>
<b>Remarks:</b>	<u></u>		

- The Winston-Salem Fire Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Duke Energy Foundation. The proposed amendment appropriates the grant funds, which will be used to purchase rescue rope, rigging equipment, and deployment equipment from the North Carolina State Emergency Management Type 1 Water Rescue equipment list, personal protective equipment (water rescue dry suits, gloves, boots, helmets, personal flotation device), rescue struts, shoring equipment, surveillance equipment, and other structural collapse equipment.
- In June 2019, the Mayor and City Council approved \$518,610 in additional appropriations for the operating assistance and preventative maintenance areas of the FY 19 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Grant. While the overall FTA award was higher than originally budgeted, the capital allocation was reduced, based on the needs of the Winston-Salem Transit Authority. The proposed amendment adjusts the budget by \$59,150 to reflect this change.
- The proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$104,830 received for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program. The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program provides states with federal funds to sustain and enhance all-hazards emergency management capabilities. North Carolina uses EMPG to enhance its ability and to help counties support emergency management activities while simultaneously addressing issues of national concern as identified in the National Priorities of the National Preparedness Guidelines. Funds are spent on variety of emergency management specific activities such as training, equipment, supplies, and response resources.
- The proposed amendment appropriates \$500 in contributions and \$300 in vendor fees for the Hanes Park Centennial Celebration. Funding will be used to offset the cost of the event.
- The proposed amendment appropriates \$65,000 in micromobility device fees for electric scooters and bicycles to operate within the city. Funding will be used to support program management of the devices, ensure that the companies are adhering to micromobility permit requirements, and purchase software to assist in the regulation and implementation of the program.
- In August 2019, the City's Urban Food Policy Council was awarded a \$600 block grant from Community Food Strategies. The proposed amendment appropriates \$600 in grant funds that will be used for capacity building efforts for the Urban Food Policy Council.

### **Transfer of Funds for Old Town Park Drainage Improvements**

- On November 19, 2018, the Mayor and City Council appropriated voter-approved General Obligation Bonds for design work on projects for parks and recreation. The original plan for these funds included the use of \$250,000 for lighting improvements at Old Town Park. However, since that time a more urgent need has developed at Old Town Park. The proposed amendment transfers \$250,000 in 2018 GO Bond funds for the Old Town Park Drainage Improvements project from the previously approved lighting project. Due to soil erosion and general maintenance needs, the Recreation and Parks Department will be repairing the drainage at Old Town Park from the playground, tennis courts, basketball courts, and parking lot to better serve the citizens of Winston Salem. This project would provide a detailed analysis of the existing drainage conditions of Old Town Park and develop a plan to correct any and all issues. The drainage plan will include, but is not limited to, the installation of subsurface drainage systems, retaining walls, and additional plantings.

### **Transfer of Funds for Carver School Road Sidewalk Construction**

- In April 2019, the contractor for the Carver School Road sidewalk project, J&E Concrete Construction, walked off the job. In August, the bonding company gave permission to proceed with completing the work and an emergency contract was issued to a new contractor, BAR Construction Company, in the amount of \$363,369. When the emergency contract was issued, the project had a balance of approximately \$215,170. In order to move forward with the new contractor, the proposed amendment transfers \$148,210 in additional 2014 GO Bond sidewalk funds for the Carver School Road project.