

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: April 20, 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 Police Department has received a 2020 Police Benefit Fund grant totaling \$13,670 from The Winston-Salem Foundation for morale-building activities such as meals for officers and police personnel working on Thanksgiving and Christmas days and the annual retiree luncheon. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds.

Committee Action:

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Remarks:

- The Police Department has received additional federal forfeiture funds from the United States Department of Justice totaling \$165,320, from the United States Department of Treasury totaling \$108,610, additional state controlled substance tax receipts from the Office of the State Auditor totaling \$50,080, and \$2,000 in investment income in these funds. These funds would be used for officer training (\$178,890), items for the K-9 unit including dog food and veterinarian expenses (\$15,620), informant/drug buys (\$18,150) and for the purchase of equipment (\$113,350).
- The Financial Management Services Department manages the operations of North Carolina Municipal Leasing Corporation (NCMLC) and Risk Acceptance Management Corporation (RAMCO). In May, 1988, NCMLC hired an employee to handle the daily operations of NCMLC and RAMCO. The proposed amendment authorizes the establishment of a City position and transfers the employee to the Financial Management Services Department. There is no financial impact to the City. The proposed amendment appropriates \$22,960, funded via a contribution from RAMCO and a transfer from the leasing fund.
- In October 2018, the City purchased the former U.S. Bankruptcy Court building at 226 S. Liberty Street. The City will continue leasing the second floor space to the State Highway Patrol. The proposed amendment appropriates \$16,600 in rent payments from the State Highway Patrol from November 2019 through June 2020. Part of the funds will be paid to MUSE to help cover operating expenses (\$6,600), and the remainder will be used to cover expenses incurred by the City (\$10,000).
- In April 2019, the contractor for the Carver School Road sidewalk project, J&E Concrete Construction, walked off the job. The City recently received the proceeds from the performance bond related to this contract, totaling \$145,330. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds to the Carver School Road sidewalk project.
- On April 9, 2019, the Mayor and City Council approved the formation of an African American Heritage Initiative Committee of nine members with the goal of connecting all sectors of the African American community and creating a vision for incorporating African American contributions into the ongoing history of the City. The proposed amendment appropriates \$11,000 from the general fund balance to support the African-American Heritage Initiative Committee with marketing and public awareness resources, recruitment of residents, information systems intake modules, and other ancillary meeting costs for the remainder of fiscal year 2019-20.
- An amendment in January 2020 appropriated \$208,690 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds from the State of North Carolina to provide operating support to

emergency shelters and assistance for extremely low-income individuals and families who are homeless. The Community Development Department has now received an additional \$27,940 for COVID-19 activities. The proposed amendment appropriates these funds and awards them to the agencies and in the amounts designated by the State.

- The City has received a grant from the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund for \$123,250. The funds were obtained on behalf of the Conservation Fund to partially reimburse the Fund for its portion of the Long Creek property acquisition costs. Once received, these funds will be passed through to the Conservation Fund and the Fund's 65 acres of the Long Creek property will be deeded to the City.

Door Automation at Sixth-Cherry-Trade Parking Deck

- The proposed amendment appropriates \$26,430 in parking fund reserves to automate the doors throughout the Sixth-Cherry-Trade Parking Deck. The automation will increase ADA accessibility throughout the parking deck.