

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** May 9, 2023

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director

**Council Action Requested:**

Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2022-23 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 2022-23 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

**Brewer Road Sidewalk Grant Funds**

- The City of Winston-Salem plans to construct sidewalk along Brewer Road, from Buchanan Street to Clemmonsville Road. The total estimated cost of this project is \$3,044,000. On November 19, 2022, the City Council approved a municipal agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for \$2,435,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) funds to the construct this section of sidewalk along Brewer Road. The proposed amendment appropriates the \$2,435,000 in STBG-DA funds from NCDOT. The City's local match of \$609,000 is available from 2023 LOBS, which has been previously appropriated by City Council.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>FC May 9, 2023</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
<b>For</b>	<u>Unanimous</u>	<b>Against</b>	<u></u>

**Remarks:**

### **Sale of Property to PACE of the Triad**

- On August 15, 2022, the City Council approved the sale of approximately five acres of City-owned property to PACE of the Triad (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) for \$100,000. The transaction for the sale is expected to be completed, and the proposed amendment appropriates the \$100,000 from the property sale into the Motor Road/Old Walkertown Road Site Project. Once the funds are received, they will be used to cover the cost of professional services and reimbursement for the installation of a water line to the property.

### **Furniture and Information Technology Infrastructure for Fire Station #3**

- The replacement of Fire Station #3 is currently under construction. The proposed amendment appropriates \$200,000 from general fund balance for furniture and information technology infrastructure for the new station.

### **Technical Adjustment for Business 40 Betterments Project**

- On September 29, 2017, City Council entered into a Construction and Funding Agreement with the Creative Corridors Coalition where the City agreed to allocate \$1.5 million of City funds to pay for its portion of the Business 40 Betterments Project. With construction of the project complete, the proposed amendment will move \$1.5 million of general obligation bond revenue into the Business 40 Betterments Project and purge \$1.5M of the budget from the 2014 Bike/Pedestrian Improvements holding code.

### **Operating Funding for Sanitation Department**

- The Sanitation Department has experienced increased operating costs particularly related to vehicle operations (fuel and maintenance) and labor costs (overtime and temporary services). The proposed amendment provides additional operating budget for the Refuse and Curbside Collection Divisions in an amount totaling \$1.45 million. It is expected that a portion of these additional budgeted expenses will be offset by savings from vehicle acquisition, due to longer delivery times on Sanitation trucks. The amendment does not account for those projected savings in case the City takes delivery of certain vehicles before June 30, 2023.

### **Operating Funding Public Assembly Facilities**

- The proposed budget amendment appropriates an additional \$400,000 for the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds in operating expenditures for event-related activities such as marketing, staffing, supplies, and cleaning services. This is offset by an additional \$500,000 in operating revenue expected to be generated from events this year (in excess

of budgeted operating revenues). The additional \$100,000 in operating revenue will be budgeted to cover losses at Bowman Gray Stadium as a transfer to that fund.