

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: June 14, 2021

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

From: Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager
Patrice Toney, Budget and Evaluation Director

Council Action Requested:

Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2020-21 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 2020-21 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

End-of-Year Amendments for Public Assembly Facilities

- The proposed amendment appropriates a total of \$883,020 for Public Assembly Facilities to support annual operating costs. This includes a transfer from the general fund of \$421,320 to the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds fund, \$127,990 to Bowman Gray Stadium fund, and an additional \$333,710 to the Benton. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, each of these funds has experienced a loss of revenues due to cancelled events and capacity restrictions. The proposed amendment appropriates general fund balance to add these transfers.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 6/14/21	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

Technical Adjustments to Program and Capital Budgets

- The proposed amendment transfers \$1,059,700 in general fund appropriations from the Interdepartmental Services Service Area to the Environmental Health Service Area to cover operating expenses for the Sanitation Department. Sanitation personnel and operating expenses are projected to exceed budget, in part due to overtime and increased costs and demand for services during the pandemic as collections shifted from business to residential locations.
- The proposed amendment appropriates a \$2,800 transfer from the general fund to cover additional expenses for the underground storage tank clean-up project.

Transfer of Successful Outcomes After Release (S.O.A.R.) Contingency Funds

- The proposed amendment utilizes Successful Outcomes After Release (S.O.A.R.) contingency funds in the amount of \$5,000 to support the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. The funds would support 10 youth to attend the Boys and Girls Club summer program.

Appropriation of Grants and Other Revenues Received

- In February 2021, the Community Development Department received \$7,478,360 from the U.S. Department of Treasury for Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds. The proposed amendment would appropriate a second round of funding in the amount of \$5,917,280. These funds would be used to prevent loss of housing for eligible households unable to pay rent and utilities due to the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.