## **City Council – Action Request Form**

**Date:** August 15, 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 2023-24 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 2023-24 budget ordinances authorize adjustments for the following purposes.

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

As part of the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act, the Department of Energy has given funds for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) to assist states, local governments, and Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency. The proposed amendment appropriates \$274,010 in grant funding. With this formula grant funding, the City intends to purchase four electric vehicles and two Level 2 charging stations with dual port charging capabilities. The formula funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Committee Action:				
Committee	FC 8/15/2023	Action	Approval	
For	Unanimous	Against		
Remarks:				

□ The proposed amendment appropriates \$91,090 in contributions from businesses and individuals received during the fiscal year to support the Recreation and Parks Department's programs and centers.

## Re-Appropriation of Unencumbered Funding per the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Framework

- Per accounting standards from our external auditors, the majority of community agency grants authorized by the Mayor and City Council that are funded by revenue replacement dollars in the ARPA framework must be appropriated and spent in the general fund. Because the general fund is an annual fund, this requires certain amounts to be reappropriated in a subsequent year. All appropriations related to this amendment are previously authorized by the Mayor and City Council, and this is a technical adjustment to ensure that program funding remains available. The followings amounts are included:
  - o Cure Violence \$750,000
  - o DRIVE program \$19,106

# Technical Adjustment to Appropriate an Additional \$1,000 in FY 2022 Two-Thirds Bonds Funds

The amount budgeted for the FY 2022 Two-Thirds General Obligation Bonds was \$8,894,000. The Local Government Commission will only authorize the issuance of bonds in increments of \$5,000, so an additional \$1,000 was needed for the City's FY 2022 bond issuance. The proposed amendment appropriates an additional \$1,000 for the FY 2022 Recreation Maintenance Project, raising the project budget from \$719,000 to \$720,000.

#### **Re-Allocation of Funds for Parking Deck Elevator Modernizations**

The FY 2021-22 adopted budget included \$250,000 for elevator modernizations at the Sixth-Cherry-Trade parking deck, with an additional \$750,000 appropriated for that project in the FY 2023-24 budget. Current budget estimates for the project total \$750,000, and the proposed amendment allocates use of the remaining \$250,000 to address priority renovations to the two elevators at the Fourth and Church parking deck.

### Re-Appropriation of Funds for Teacher Appreciation Week

□ The proposed amendment appropriates \$1,610 in fund balance to carry over contributions from businesses and individuals received during fiscal year 2023 to support Teacher Appreciation Week.