

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Finance

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 4, 2025

Re: Amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget for fourth quarter appropriation of funds.

Executive Summary

For FY 25, budget adjustments will be compiled by Finance and brought to City Council for consideration on a quarterly basis. For the fourth quarter, adjustments are requested by Fire, City Clerk, Community Development, Utility Customer Service, Electric, Water, Railroad, Airport CIP, Parks & Recreation CIP, Stormwater CIP, and Sewer CIP.

Discussion

OPERATING:

Fire: \$174,000.00

Fire is requesting **\$80,000** to purchase replacement turnout gear and other PPE due to an exposure to hydrochloric acid during a Hazmat incident. Fire needs to replace the turnout gear for approximately 20 personnel due to an on-scene Hazmat exposure that occurred in April 2025. The department will be pursuing reimbursement from the parties involved in the incident in accordance with Federal Regulation "SARA Title III" and revised Statutes of Missouri Sections 260.500-260.552 allowing for the recovery of fire department resources. The reimbursement will likely occur in FY 26.

Fire requests to replace **\$94,000** in IT Support & Maintenance Intragovernmental fees that was used last winter to purchase Darkhorse software. Replace funding for IT Support for Fire in Intragovernmental fees after a transfer was made for the purchase of Darkhorse Software last winter. Director Lue had Fire transfer the funds to use for the purchase in February and noted that we would appropriate the funds later.

City Clerk: \$7,719.58

The City Clerk's office is requesting **\$7,719.58** for the August Special Election. This adjustment is necessary to pay the pre-payment amount for the August 5, 2025 Special Election to fill the Ward 2 Council Member vacancy, which was estimated by the Boone County Clerk's Office as \$25,850.43.

Community Development: \$75,000.00

Building and Site Development is requesting **\$75,000** for credit card fees. The City has received a larger amount of revenue in general and revenue from credit cards which makes the fees the City pays to process those payments increase. These payments include building permits, utility connection fees, parking fees, and business license.



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Utility Customer Service: \$300,000.00

Utility Customer Service is requesting to appropriate \$300,000 for credit card fees. UCS will need to move a total of \$300,000 from retained earnings accounts from utilities: water (\$75,000), electric (\$126,000), sewer (\$48,000), solid waste (\$48,000), and stormwater (\$3,000).

Electric: \$10,000,000.00

This request will appropriate \$10,000,000 from Electric retained earnings to purchased power to cover anticipated costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. The increased costs are due to higher day ahead load costs due to congestion, volatility of the generation in MISO and weather.

Water: \$260,000.00

This request will appropriate **\$260,000** from Water retained earnings to the miscellaneous contractual accounts to cover expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. This appropriation is necessary due to a large water main repair that occurred due to damage from a contractor.

Railroad: \$5,000.00

This request will appropriate **\$5,000** from Railroad retained earnings to the Railroad equipment rentals account to cover expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. This appropriation is necessary due to higher expenses than anticipated for freight car use.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Once a capital project is complete, there may be funds remaining in the capital account. Staff must gain council approval to move those remaining funds from the completed projects to ongoing projects that may need additional funds. This is the case for the majority of the listed changes, unless additional funding is stated.

Airport CIP: \$319,725.00

The Airport is appropriating \$319,725 in funds to the West Parking Lot Improvement Project at the Columbia Regional Airport. Bill 55-25 was passed by Council on 4/21/25 authorizing a bid call through the Purchasing division for the construction of a parking lot improvement project, which included the addition of a bid alternate to the contract to pave an additional 57 parking spaces located west of the primary improvements. The bids have been received and staff is requesting to appropriate \$319,725 to the project account.

Parks & Recreation CIP: \$215,000.00

Appropriate **\$45,000** in donated funds from Columbia Youth Football League for the Cosmo Rec. Area Football Field Improvement Capital Project.

Appropriating additional Park Sales Tax Funding of **\$40,000** to the Cosmo Rec Area Parks Management Improvement Project for upgrades to the fuel system.



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Appropriate \$30,000 in donated funds from the University of Missouri to the Gans Creek Recreation Area Improvements Capital Improvement Project for an PA system for the cross-country course.

Appropriate additional Park Sales Tax funding of **\$20,000** to the Gans Creek Recreation Area Improvements Capital Improvement Project for cross country drainage improvements.

Appropriate additional **\$80,000** in funding needed for the LA Nickell Cart Shed Capital Improvement Project to complete the required electric installation for the conversion of golf carts from gas to electric.

Stormwater CIP: \$100,000.00

This request will appropriate \$100,000 from the Alan Lane stormwater project to the Sexton McBaine stormwater project due to unaccounted for water relocation.

Sewer CIP: \$535,000.00

This request will appropriate **\$535,000** from the Sanitary Sewer retained earnings to the PCCE #38 N. Eighth Street sewer project so that this project can be constructed prior to the winter season.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Total new funding of \$11,416,719.58, and \$574,725.00 in re-appropriations. Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strateaic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods

<u>Comprehensive Plan Impacts:</u> Primary Impact: Not Applicable,

Legislative History	
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Suggested Council Action

Approve the listed budget adjustments.