City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Finance
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff
Council Meeting Date: March 7, 2022
Re: Appropriating Funds for Additional FY 2022 Election Cost

Executive Summary

Additional funding is needed for election cost associated with the payment of the November 2021 elections.

Discussion

Initial budget estimations for the November and April elections are much lower than the actual cost. Finance, along with the Parks department, is proposing to transfer the cost of the November election from the Parks fund to the General Fund.

Historically, all elections are budgeted in the City Clerk's budget to keep election related expenses in one place for historical data purposes. Elections that take place for departments outside of the General Fund are paid for by the respective fund through a transfer.

The City Clerk's budget is currently $118,660, which should be enough to cover the April election. The Parks portion of the November election is $147,500. We will need to transfer the funds from Parks to the General fund, then increase the City Clerk's budget for the by $147,500 to cover the November election expense.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: $147,500
Long-Term Impact: Enter the cost of proposed legislation to the city for years **beyond two**.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:
Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:
Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History	
Date	Action
07/05/2016	B170-16 Appropriating funds to pay for the City's share of the cost of the November 2015 special election to reimpose a sales tax of one-eighth of one percent for the purpose of providing funding for local parks.

Suggested Council Action

Staff suggest approval of the ordinance as submitted.