



Department Source: Finance

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 19, 2022

Re: FY 2023 First Quarter Budget Amendments

## Executive Summary

Beginning in FY 2023, all quarterly budget amendments will be routed through the Finance Department. Due to the holiday cancellation of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, there will be two opportunities for first quarter budget amendments. For this round, budget amendments are requested from Utility Services, Community Development, Streets & Engineering, IT, and Police.

## Discussion

### **Utility Services:**

The City has an agreement with SuperSonic Transportation, LLC to provide match funding up to 20% of the funds received from the VW settlement fund for Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) installation. This agreement was put in place during FY 22; however, the recipient did not have all the requirements met during the previous budget year. The department is requesting \$50,000 be appropriated for this purpose in their FY 23 budget.

### **Community Development:**

In FY 2022, \$11,000 was appropriated to Adopt-A-Spot Beautification, however, due to staffing, these projects weren't completed during the fiscal year. As these funds weren't spent, they rolled back into the General Fund at the start of FY 2023. Community Development is requesting this authority be re-appropriated so that they might be used for the donated purpose.

### **Streets & Engineering CIP:**

Several Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) are ready to close, and the remaining balances will be transferred to other project accounts.

Discovery Parkway: Gans to New Haven (00633) to Downtown Sidewalk Improvements (00171): \$104,000

Discovery Parkway: Gans to New Haven (00633) to Grindstone Parkway Sidewalk (00820): \$300,000

Discovery Parkway: Gans to New Haven (00633) to Annual Streets (40158): \$164,698.12

Lenoir Connection (00746) to Annual Streets (40158): \$446.50

Wabash Dr. Extension (00522) to Audible ADA Crosswalk (00551): \$14,133.51

Nifong-Providence to Forum (00643) to Ash Street Improvements (00714): \$430,836.04



4<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Island (00772) to Ash Street Improvements (00714): \$86,153.99

**Information Technology:**

IT is requesting \$102,440 for temporary contracted services for a Database Administrator. The department has been unable to fill the Database Administrator position for over a year. The Sr. Database Administrator is retiring in March 2023, leaving the City without a seasoned database administrator. A skilled resource is needed to support the business until we can fill the open position and get them up to speed.

**Columbia Police Department (CPD):**

This request is to appropriate \$10,002 in donated funds to cover a portion of the 2022 Community Empowerment Trip to Memphis, TN. This trip was taken in November 2022 and allowed thirty-eight (38) people (CPD officers, city staff and community members/students) to travel and tour together over three days in hopes of empowering our community by broadening perspectives on the pursuit of civil rights, including policing; stimulating thoughtful conversations; and building trusting relationships.

CPD is also requesting \$30,000 in budget authority to establish an on-going de-escalation focused defensive tactics program for the Columbia Police Department. The nationally recognized and accepted defensive tactics program is no longer available to our agency. We seek to replace this program through a local provider. The training will have a focus on de-escalation, be POST approved, and repeatable for continuous training.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$173,442 – there are also authority in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) accounts that are moving from one account to another.

Long-Term Impact: \$30,000

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Secondary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Tertiary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approve the outlined budget amendments.