

ORDINANCE NO. 35-20

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending the 2020 Budget to provide for additional appropriations and declaring a public emergency in the City's General Fund, Stormwater Fund, Wastewater Fund, and Industrial Development Fund.

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2019, Richland City Council approved Ordinance No. 55-19 approving the 2020 Budget; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020, through Resolution No. 29-20, Richland City Council approved an application to FEMA for grant funding in 2021 through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program for emergency radio and communications equipment; and

WHEREAS, after the AFG application period, staff learned that radio and communication equipment does not meet FEMA's AFG funding priorities; and

WHEREAS, the ability to operate for another budget cycle with the current radio equipment is untenable; and

WHEREAS, no funds were appropriated in the General Fund for replacement of emergency communications equipment; and

WHEREAS, sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the General Fund to support the required budget adjustment; and

WHEREAS, in the Stormwater Fund, unanticipated vegetation management issues emerged this year along Keene Road east of Westcliffe Boulevard, along the drainage ditch between Van Giesen Street and McMurray Street, and at an infiltration pond at the intersection of Melissa Street and Bolleana Avenue; and

WHEREAS, to address these issues, large scale tree trimming, site clean-up, and fencing are needed; and

WHEREAS, no funds were appropriated in the Stormwater Fund for large scale vegetation management; and

WHEREAS, sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the Stormwater Fund to support the required budget increase; and

WHEREAS, in the Wastewater Fund, the emergency generator required to support operations during electric supply outages failed in December of 2019; and

WHEREAS, state regulations applied to the Wastewater Treatment Plant require that emergency generation be available to support a minimum level of wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, the only means available to comply with the regulatory requirement is to use a rental generator until a permanent replacement generator is procured and installed; and

WHEREAS, replacement of the generator is a time-consuming process involving an engineering phase and long procurement period;

WHEREAS, no funds were appropriated in the Wastewater Fund for emergency generator rental; and

WHEREAS, sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the Wastewater Fund to support the required budget increase; and

WHEREAS, in the Industrial Development Fund, on August 18, 2020, Richland City Council approved Resolution No. 45-20 authorizing the repurchase of property from Energy Northwest; and

WHEREAS, no funds were appropriated in the Industrial Development Fund for the repurchase transaction; and

WHEREAS, sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the Industrial Development Fund to support the required budget adjustment; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2020, a public hearing was held pursuant to RCW 35.33.091 regarding the increase in appropriations from beginning fund balance in the Stormwater Fund and the Industrial Development Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Facts Constituting Emergency. The expenses contained within this Ordinance were not anticipated when the 2020 Budget was approved.

Section 2. Declaration of Public Emergency. Due to circumstances described above, Richland City Council declares that a public emergency exists in the General Fund, Stormwater Fund, Wastewater Fund, and Industrial Development Fund.

Section 3. Amendment of the 2020 Budget. The 2020 Budget is hereby amended to provide additional appropriations in the General Fund, Stormwater Fund, Wastewater Fund, and Industrial Development Fund from unappropriated fund balance as follows:

General Fund

Current Appropriation: \$ 63,290,514
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 178,352
Amended Appropriation: \$ 63,468,866

Stormwater Fund

Current Appropriation: \$ 5,069,224
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 136,000
Amended Appropriation: \$ 5,205,224

Wastewater Fund

Current Appropriation: \$ 16,613,528
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 120,000
Amended Appropriation: \$ 16,733,528

Industrial Development Fund

Current Appropriation: \$ 5,411,935
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 560,400
Amended Appropriation: \$ 5,972,335

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 3rd day of November, 2020.



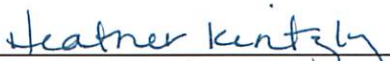
Ryan Lukson, Mayor

Attest:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

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