

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-26**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, STREETS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND, WASTEWATER UTILITY FUND, AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND AND DECLARING THAT A PUBLIC EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, WASTEWATER UTILITY FUND, AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND.**

**WHEREAS**, on November 16, 2021, Richland City Council approved Ordinance No. 39-21 approving the 2022 Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance No. 2022-26 will accomplish several discrete budget adjustments in the 2022 Budget necessary for the effective delivery of services to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2022-17 to amend the 2022 Budget for carryovers inadvertently excluded a transfer from the Industrial Development Fund for \$391,910; and

**WHEREAS**, a different, safer trailer is needed by the Wastewater Maintenance division for transporting the easement machine; and

**WHEREAS**, although the trailer replacement was not included in the 2022 Budget, the Equipment Replacement budget contains sufficient unappropriated Wastewater funds for replacement of the trailer at an estimated cost of \$35,000, and the City's best interests are served by replacing the trailer; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2022, Richland City Council accepted a Complete Streets grant award from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB); and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Budget did not include the Complete Streets grant funds, which now must be included and appropriated, and the City's best interests are served by appropriating \$450,000 in Complete Streets grant funds to the Streets Capital Fund to enable timely implementation of planned pedestrian and bicycle system improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, in May, the Benton-Franklin Council of Governments (BFCG) awarded a \$225,000 grant to the City of Richland in support of the Jadwin Avenue/Catskill Street Pedestrian Crossing project; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Budget did not include the BFCG funds for this project, which now must be included and appropriated, and the City's best interests are served by leveraging the BFCG funds to enhance the improvements to Jadwin Avenue during this year's Pavement Preservation Program project on Jadwin Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Budget and the 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) include a project titled the Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin Improvements, and the project is necessary to replace equipment that has reached the end of its service life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City solicited bids in May for the project, receiving bids that suggested that current construction market conditions have increased the costs of this project, and fund balance in the Wastewater Fund is available to appropriate additional funds to support this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's best interests are served by appropriating additional funds in the amount of \$2,500,000 from the Wastewater Fund to enable the Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin Improvements project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's development review process is complex and requires periodic expert review to ensure best practices, and funds were not budgeted for this purpose in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of work to audit the City's development review process is expected to cost \$82,500 including a ten percent (10%) contingency, and sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the General Fund to support the required budget adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, the number and complexity of residential and commercial fire code plan reviews continue to increase, and the Richland Fire Prevention Division is unable to adequately keep pace with the volume of required plan reviews without a significant amount of overtime and/or negative impacts to the timely processing of submitted plans; and

**WHEREAS**, \$48,500 in contracted services for plan review will eliminate the associated overtime costs, ensure timely processing of plan reviews, and provide capacity in the Fire Prevention Division for improved customer service and timely follow up with developer needs. Sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the General Fund to support the required budget adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, no funds were appropriated in the General Fund, Industrial Development Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, Wastewater Utility Fund, and Equipment Replacement Fund for the purposes identified above; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the General Fund, Industrial Development Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, Wastewater Utility Fund, and Equipment Replacement Fund to support the required budget adjustments; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 35.33.091, a duly noticed public hearing was held on August 1, 2022 regarding the increase in appropriations from beginning fund balance in the above-referenced funds.

**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 2022 Budget was approved.

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

Section 3. Amendment of the 2022 Budget. The 2022 Budget is hereby amended to provide additional appropriations in the General Fund, Industrial Development Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, Wastewater Utility Fund and Equipment Replacement Fund as follows:

**General Fund**

Current Appropriation: \$ 88,381,295  
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 131,000  
Amended Appropriation: \$ 88,512,295

**Industrial Development Fund**

Current Appropriation: \$ 16,320,109  
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 391,910  
Amended Appropriation: \$ 16,712,019

**Streets Capital Construction Fund**

Current Appropriation: \$ 28,621,626  
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 675,000  
Amended Appropriation: \$ 29,296,626

**Wastewater Utility Fund**

Current Appropriation: \$ 28,205,939  
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 2,500,000  
Amended Appropriation: \$ 30,705,939

**Equipment Replacement Fund**

Current Appropriation: \$ 14,016,493  
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 35,000  
Amended Appropriation: \$ 14,051,493

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

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**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August, 2022.



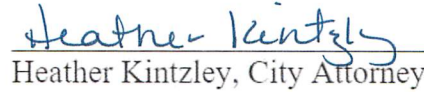
Michael Alvarez, Mayor

Attest:



Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

First Reading: July 19, 2022

Repeated First Reading: August 1, 2022

Second Reading: August 16, 2022

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