

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING A PUBLIC EMERGENCY
IN THE CITY'S STORMWATER FUND.**

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2022, Richland City Council passed Ordinance No. 2022-39 approving the 2023 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed land development activity near the intersection of Steptoe Street and Columbia Park Trail has created interest in establishing a City stormwater retention and infiltration facility near the intersection; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the site for the new stormwater facility is presently owned by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT); and

WHEREAS, WSDOT has indicated a willingness to transfer the property to the City after completion of a required administrative process which must be funded by the City; and

WHEREAS, no funds were appropriated in the Stormwater Fund for the site acquisition; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.33.091, a duly noticed public hearing was held on September 19, 2023 regarding the increase in appropriations from beginning fund balance in the Stormwater 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 2023 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 Stormwater Fund.

Section 3. Amendment of the 2023 Budget. The 2023 Budget is hereby amended to provide additional appropriations in the Stormwater Fund from unappropriated fund balance as follows:

Stormwater Fund

Current Appropriation: \$ 4,870,012
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 25,000
Amended Appropriation: \$ 4,895,012

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 October, 2023.


Terry Christensen, Mayor

Attest:


Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:


Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

First Reading: September 19, 2023
Second Reading: October 3, 2023
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