

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND, CITY STREETS FUND, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, HOTEL/MOTEL FUND, STREETS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND, PARKS CONSTRUCTION FUND, ELECTRIC UTILITY FUND, MEDICAL SERVICES FUND, PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY 75 CONSTRUCTION FUND, AND PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY 73 REPLACEMENT FUND, AND DECLARING THAT A PUBLIC EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND, HOTEL/MOTEL FUND, STREETS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND, MEDICAL SERVICES FUND, PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY 75 CONSTRUCTION FUND AND PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY 73 REPLACEMENT FUND.

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

WHEREAS, this Ordinance No. 2023-25 will accomplish several budget adjustments in the 2023 Budget necessary for the effective delivery of services to the public; and

WHEREAS, insurance proceeds in the amount of \$10,000 were received in the City Streets Fund in 2023 as reimbursement for costs incurred in 2022 to repair damage to traffic control devices; and

WHEREAS, traffic damage repairs in 2023 have been higher than anticipated, resulting in a need to appropriate the insurance proceeds for use in the current year; and

WHEREAS, the Richland Public Library was awarded a Library Humanities Grant for \$8,300, and a previous budget amendment only appropriated 90% of this amount, leaving \$830 unappropriated; and

WHEREAS, the Richland Public Library was awarded a Washington State Library Online Tracking Service grant for \$2,000, to be used to pay for online reading services; and

WHEREAS, the Richland Public Library was awarded a Washington State Library grant to support staff professional development training that funded \$1,765 in travel expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Police Department awarded the Richland Police Department \$55,000 for investigation and prosecution of ICAC crimes; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 adopted budget included an expanded program in the General Fund for \$70,000 for public art which remained unspent and was intended to be carried forward into 2023; and

WHEREAS, overtime costs for Fire & Emergency Services personnel are \$258,600 higher than budgeted, resulting in a need to appropriate additional overtime funding; and

WHEREAS, expert services costs associated with a Standards of Coverage Study commissioned by Fire & Emergency Services are \$7,421 higher than budgeted, resulting in a need to appropriate additional funding; and

WHEREAS, expert services costs associated with Fire & Emergency Services' response to the 2023 Bateman Island Fire in the amount of \$19,155 were not anticipated or budgeted, resulting in the need to appropriate additional funding; and

WHEREAS, overtime costs affecting the Medical Services Fund are \$255,000 higher than budgeted, resulting in a need to appropriate additional overtime funding; and

WHEREAS, overtime costs necessary to support Fire & Emergency Services' development of a Standards of Coverage Study are \$14,842 higher than budgeted, resulting in a need to appropriate additional funding; and

WHEREAS, Richland City Council is awarding \$200,000 of Hotel/Motel funds for improvements at Badger Mountain Park on the recommendation of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Street Capital Construction Fund has received cash transfers in the years 2017-2019 from the Industrial Development Fund to be used for construction of street projects in the Horn Rapids Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, these transfers exceeded the amount necessary for the construction projects by \$742,126, and the unspent funds need to be transferred back to the Industrial Development Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration has made available to Richland Energy Services an additional \$111,135 for the industrial Energy Efficiency Incentive program; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from surplus property sold in February 2023 pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-121 were received into the Industrial Development Fund. These proceeds are intended to be used to support affordable housing in Richland, and will be transferred to the HOME Fund for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023, Richland City Council passed Ordinance No. 2022-43, eliminating the Public Safety Facility 75 Construction Fund and the Public Safety Facility 73 Replacement Fund by repealing RMC 3.24.831 and RMC 3.24.832; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Facility 75 Construction Fund contains approximately \$600,000 in funding which should be transferred to a debt service fund for paying principal and interest on the construction debt; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Facility 73 Replacement Fund contains approximately \$60,000 in General Fund contributions which should be transferred back to the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the roof on Fire Station 74 is in need of unanticipated repairs in an estimated amount of \$200,000 to cure leaks to be paid out of the General Fund’s facilities repair budget; and

WHEREAS, no funds were appropriated in the listed city funds for these expenditures; and

WHEREAS, sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the funds referred to in Section 2, below, to support the required budget adjustment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.33.091, a duly advertised public hearing was held on October 17, 2023 regarding the increase in appropriations from beginning fund balance.

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 General Fund, Hotel/Motel Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, Medical Services Fund, Public Safety Facility 75 Construction Fund and the Public Safety Facility 73 Replacement Fund.

Section 3. Amendment of the 2023 Budget. The 2023 Budget is hereby amended to provide additional appropriations in the following funds, and from the following sources, as indicated:

Fund	Fund Title	Current Appropriations	Change In Appropriations	Amended Appropriations	Source	
					Fund Balance	New Revenue
001	GENERAL FUND	\$ 80,001,456	\$ 622,192	\$ 80,623,648	\$ 562,597	\$ 59,595
101	CITY STREETS FUND	4,103,695	10,000	4,113,695	-	10,000
112	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND	9,346,717	107,700	9,454,417	-	107,700
150	HOTEL/MOTEL FUND	1,550,000	200,000	1,750,000	200,000	-
301	STREETS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND	26,511,341	742,126	27,253,467	742,126	-
380	PARKS CONSTRUCTION FUND	14,251,971	200,000	14,451,971	-	200,000
401	ELECTRIC UTILITY FUND	87,018,800	111,135	87,129,935	-	111,135
407	MEDICAL SERVICES FUND	8,511,184	255,000	8,766,184	255,000	-
317	FIRE STATION 75 CONSTRUCTION FUND	14,051,493	600,000	14,651,493	600,000	-
318	FIRE STATION 73 REPLACEMENT FUND	840,724	60,000	900,724	60,000	-
TOTAL		\$ 246,187,381	\$ 2,908,153	\$ 249,095,534	\$ 2,419,723	\$ 488,430

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 7th day of November, 2023.


Terry Christensen, Mayor

Attest:


Toni Fulton, Acting Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to Form:


Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

First Reading: October 17, 2023

Second Reading: November 7, 2023

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