

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING THAT A PUBLIC EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND, STREETS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND AND WATER FUND.

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2023, Richland City Council passed Ordinance No. 2023-29, approving the 2024 Budget; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance No. 2024-16 will accomplish several budget adjustments in the 2024 Budget necessary for the effective delivery of services to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Richland Police Department (RPD) was awarded a Law Enforcement Vehicle Pursuit Technology Grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce, Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the award amount of \$97,883 will be used to purchase two (2) U.S.-based drones and equipment to assist local law enforcement in vehicle pursuit mitigation; and

WHEREAS, RPD was also awarded the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Traffic Safety Grant; and

WHEREAS, the award amount of \$2,500 will be used to purchase field sobriety tests; and

WHEREAS, the grant awards received from Department of Commerce and WASPC must be accepted by the City and appropriated for use; and

WHEREAS, additional funds in the amount of \$250,000 are needed for furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) as construction comes to a close on the new Tri-Cities Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, a portion of city funds in the amount of \$850,000 is required to begin engineering work on the Downtown Connectivity project; and

WHEREAS, these project funds are available in the Streets Construction Fund balance and require Council approval for appropriation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Badger Mountain South Master Agreement, the City reimburses Nor Am Investment, LLC for constructed infrastructure based on the growth of city revenues within the Badger Mountain South area; and

WHEREAS, additional General Fund appropriations of \$275,000 are required for the 2022 and 2023 reimbursements to Nor Am Investment, LLC; and

WHEREAS, water system improvements are needed in the Queensgate area due to additional commercial activity planned on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) property; and

WHEREAS, with the reprioritization of future water projects, a sufficient fund balance is available in the Water Fund to support the improvements in the amount of \$4,111,400; and

WHEREAS, no funds were appropriated in the 2024 Budget in the General Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, or Water Fund for the purposes identified above; and

WHEREAS, sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the General Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, and Water Fund to support the required budget adjustments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.33.091, a duly noticed public hearing was held on April 2, 2024 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 2024 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, Streets Capital Construction Fund, and Water Fund.

Section 3. Amendment of the 2024 Budget. The 2024 Budget is hereby amended to provide additional appropriations in the General Fund, Streets Capital Construction Fund, and Water Fund from beginning fund balance and from grants identified herein as follows:

General Fund

Current Appropriation: \$ 77,183,307
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 625,383
Amended Appropriation: \$ 77,808,690

Streets Capital Construction Fund

Current Appropriation: \$ 15,251,000
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 850,000
Amended Appropriation: \$ 16,101,000

Water Fund

Current Appropriation: \$ 17,832,252
Increase in Appropriation: \$ 4,111,400
Amended Appropriation: \$ 21,943,652

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 16th day of April, 2024.

Theresa A Richardson
Theresa Richardson, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Rogers
Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Heather Kintzley
Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

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