



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#23-0875

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: September 19, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year
2023 – Appropriation - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Budget and FY 2023 – FY 2027 Community Investment Plan (CIP).

Background

Examples of recommended actions within the budget amendment are:

- transfer between funds;
- transfer between capital and operating budgets;
- transfer between capital projects;
- acceptance and appropriation of grant funding;
- amendment to staffing level;
- appropriation from fund balance; and
- appropriation for modified revenue and related expenditures.

Staff recommends the City Commission amend the FY 2023 Final Budget, and FY 2023 – FY 2027 Community Investment Plan, as revised, by approving the following transfers and appropriations:

Other General Government

A. Appropriation from Fund Balance – General Fund – City Commission Office budget cleanup – \$185,660

Throughout the fiscal year, the offices of the Mayor and City Commission experienced changes in City Commissioners’ support staffing. Based on the staffing changes, some of the cost centers are expected to exceed the established personnel budget.

Staff recommends the City Commission amend the FY 2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$185,660 to offset the over-expenditure of personnel costs in various offices within the Office of the Mayor and City Commission.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of August 29, 2023</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-0000-000-399-999	General Fund	Balances & Reserves/ Appropriated Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$185,660
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$185,660

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-1050-511-10-1101	Mayor's Office	Salaries & Wages/ Permanent Salaries	\$301,782	\$11,692	\$23,556
10-001-1050-511-20-2299	Mayor's Office	Fringe Benefits/ Pension - FRS	\$152,573	\$3,029	\$11,503
10-001-1020-511-10-1101	District II	Salaries & Wages/ Permanent Salaries	\$231,928	(\$7,846)	\$40,354
10-001-1020-511-20-2299	District II	Fringe Benefits/ Pension - FRS	\$82,253	(\$16,916)	\$24,795
10-001-1030-511-10-1101	District III	Salaries & Wages/ Permanent Salaries	\$262,866	(\$28,028)	\$43,486
10-001-1040-511-10-1101	District IV	Salaries & Wages/ Permanent Salaries	\$218,217	(\$22,458)	\$41,966
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$185,660

B. Transfer Between Capital and Operating Budgets – Central Regional Wastewater Systems Capital Fund – Lohmeyer Plant Maintenance Fund, Lohmeyer Regional Plant Operations Fund – George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant Electricity costs – \$700,000

Public Works is facing an operational budget shortfall in the Central Regional Wastewater System Fund due to increased electricity costs. Departments have been dealing with an increase in electricity costs citywide, but as one of the largest consumers of electricity, the Central Regional Wastewater Fund is projected to exceed its adopted electricity budget by approximately \$700,000. Furthermore, due to the inflation of the cost of other

goods and services necessary for the treatment of wastewater, there is not sufficient savings within the operational budget to cover the overage. As a result, the budgetary shortfall related to electricity needs to be addressed in order to ensure sufficient funding is available to close out any outstanding FY 2023 expenses.

The necessary funding of \$700,000 is available in the GTL Effluent Pumps Replacement Project. Staff recommends amending the FY 2023 Operating Budget and the FY 2023 – FY 2027 Community Investment Plan in the amount of \$700,000 to close out the remaining operational expenses at the George T. Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of September 8, 2023</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-455-7999-536-60-6599-P12348	GTL Effluent Pumps Replacement	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$4,505,258	\$1,692,390	\$700,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$700,000

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-451-7424-536-30-3601	Lohmeyer Regional Plant Operations	Services/ Materials/ Electricity	\$10,708,618	\$395,406	\$700,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$700,000

C. Appropriation from Fund Balance – General Fund – Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Police Officers and Sergeants Collective Bargaining Agreements - \$1,614,890

The previous collective bargaining agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 31 - Police Officers and Sergeants, expired on September 30, 2022. The City and the collective bargaining unit have reached two (2) new tentative agreements – the first will cover one (1) year (October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023), and the second will cover three (3) years (October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026). Financial summaries highlighting the cost of the agreements over this period of time are provided in the associated CAMs 23-0738, and 23-0739 for the collective bargaining agreements. The estimated unbudgeted impact of the FOP agreements is \$1,614,890 for FY 2023.

Staff recommends the Commission amend the FY 2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,614,890 for the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 31 – Police Officers and Sergeants Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Source:

Funds available as of September 11, 2023					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER (Program)	ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-0000-000-399-999	General Fund	Appropriated Fund Balance	N/A	N/A	\$1,614,890
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$1,614,890

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER (Program)	ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-5002-521-10-1199	Internal Affairs	Salaries & Wages/ Other Regular Salaries	\$763,696	\$86,450	\$14,263
10-001-5002-521-20-2199	Internal Affairs	Fringe Benefits/ Other Employee Benefits	\$362,406	\$30,855	\$1,091
10-001-5015-521-10-1199	Support Services Training	Salaries & Wages/ Other Regular Salaries	\$509,955	\$122,930	\$42,397
10-001-5015-521-20-2199	Support Services Training	Fringe Benefits/ Other Employee Benefits	\$149,377	\$32,983	\$3,243
10-001-5031-521-10-1199	Patrol	Salaries & Wages/ Other Regular Salaries	\$41,065,747	\$4,396,622	\$740,483
10-001-5031-521-10-1307	Patrol	Salaries & Wages/ P&F Incentive Pay	\$41,065,747	\$4,396,622	\$533,400
10-001-5031-521-20-2199	Patrol	Fringe Benefits/ Other Employee Benefits	\$18,927,961	\$2,840,750	\$97,452
10-001-5062-521-10-1199	Criminal Investigations	Salaries & Wages/ Other Regular Salaries	\$8,325,822	\$1,659,654	\$169,587
10-001-5062-521-20-2199	Criminal Investigations	Fringe Benefits/ Other Employee Benefits	\$3,071,059	\$413,631	\$12,973
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$1,614,890

D. Appropriation from Fund Balance – General Fund – Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Collective Bargaining Agreement – Pensionable Overtime Adjustment - \$1,600,000

The City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 31 - Police Officers and Sergeants collective bargaining unit have reached a tentative agreement to increase the number of overtime hours that are pensionable each year from 40 hours to 80 hours. This change creates a \$1,600,000 unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Because of covenants of the Pension Obligations Bonds that were issued to pay for unfunded liability in this pension plan, if the City Commission votes unanimously to provide this benefit, the unfunded liability can be amortized over 20 years. Otherwise, in the event of no less than a majority vote of the full City Commission plus one, the increase in benefits must be fully

funded at the time it is approved. Financial summaries showing the annual impact of the pension change are provided in the associated CAMs 23-0738, and 23-0739 for the collective bargaining agreements.

Staff recommends the Commission amend the FY 2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,600,000 for the Fraternal Order of Police Collective Bargaining Agreements pensionable overtime adjustment in case the City Commission approves the increased benefit by a majority vote of the full City Commission plus one, but does not approve it unanimously.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of September 11, 2023</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER (Program)	ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-0000-000-399-999	General Fund	Appropriated Fund Balance	N/A	N/A	\$1,600,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$1,600,000

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER (Program)	ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-5031-521-20-2207	Patrol	Fringe Benefits/ Pension - Police & Fire	\$18,927,961	\$2,840,750	\$1,600,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$1,600,000

E. Appropriation of Fund Balance – General Fund – Police Department Operating Expense Overages – \$1,000,000

The Police Department is facing an operational budget shortfall in the amount of approximately \$1,000,000 primarily related to the following reasons:

- Inflationary cost increases for:
 - bullet proof vests
 - marine boat maintenance
 - ammunition
 - other goods and services.
- Increases in the cost of contractual service prices and utilization – including:
 - Sound Thinking (i.e., ShotSpotter)
 - Axon Enterprises (Body cameras and tasers)
- Unbudgeted expenditures, including:
 - travel and training, such as enhanced dive training
 - other equipment purchases, such as new rifles.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 for anticipated over-expenditures in the Police Department’s FY 2023 Operating Budget.

Source:

Funds available as of September 8, 2023					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-0000-000-399-999	General Fund	Balances & Reserves/ Appropriated Fund Balance	N/A	N/A	\$1,000,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$1,000,000

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-5017-521-30-3299	Staff Support	Services/Materials/ Other Services	\$3,736,525	\$28,967	\$455,000
10-001-5017-521-30-3999	Staff Support	Services/Materials/ Supplies	\$3,736,525	\$28,967	\$485,000
10-001-5017-521-40-4119	Staff Support	Other Operating Expenses/ Meetings/Schools	\$6,886,614	\$2,950,756	\$60,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$1,000,000

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all resources wisely and sustainably
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term financial planning

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are United.

Related CAMs

23-0738, 23-0739

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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