

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



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Action Required: Approval of each resolution

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Title: Appropriating \$2,000,000 in FY23 Capital Improvement Program for Stribling Avenue Sidewalk and Buford School Reconfiguration Projects (2nd reading)

Background

Council has approved a multi-year funding plan for the Stribling Avenue Sidewalk and Buford School Reconfiguration projects. The majority of the funding for each project was approved as part of the FY 2024 5-year CIP, however some funds are needed in the current year to help pay for project design costs.

Discussion

Stribling Avenue Project

On April 6, 2023, the City Council held its final budget work session on the FY 24 budget. At that time, proposed made decisions and requests for several changes to the City Manager's Proposed budget. Part of that conversation related to a request from staff to increase the funding that would be needed for the design phase of the Stribling Avenue sidewalk. At that time, staff requested \$500,000 be made available in FY 23 and \$750,000 in additional funds be programmed in FY 24. The total project cost is now projected to be \$5,467,000. The purpose of this resolution is to seek approval from the Council for the additional funds (\$500,000) that are needed in this current fiscal year (FY 23). If approved, the additional budget will be funded using an existing balance in the CIP Contingency fund.

Buford School Reconfiguration Project

Construction bids for the Buford School Renovation project were received in early March and an update was provided by staff to Council as part of the March 30, 2023 budget work session on the 5-year CIP plan. As part of the FY 24 budget, the Council approved several bid additives and approved funding for a total project cost of \$91,813,410. A total of \$5.5 million was previously appropriated for the project (\$3M in FY 20 and \$2.5M in FY 23) to be used for the design phase of the project. Now that the full project budget has been approved, work is continuing toward a construction start date of July 2023. Part of that work includes securing a contract for construction management services at a total cost of \$1.2M which has been encumbered. When funds are encumbered, they are no longer available to be used for payment of other expenses. This action has

consumed the majority of the funds that were currently available. Staff is requesting that City Council appropriate \$1,500,000 to be available for spending now in the current year in order to be able to pay remaining invoices that are due for the design work. If approved, the FY 24 CIP budget amount for the project will be reduced by the same \$1,500,000. The net effect of this change is only a timing change for when the funding is available and can be spent. There is no change to the total project budget, which will remain at \$91,813,410.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

The actions being requested of City Council align with Goal 3 to be a Beautiful and sustainable Natural and Built Environment and Goal 5 to be a Well-managed and Responsive Organization of the City's Strategic Plan.

Community Engagement

Both of these projects were discussed at the March 30, 2023 FY 2024 CIP Budget Work Session as well as several other public meetings and work sessions.

Budgetary Impact

The only budgetary impact of the Buford School resolution is the timing of when the funds will be available. The budgetary impact of the Stribling Resolution adds \$500,000 to the project costs, which will be covered by using existing funds in the CIP contingency account.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of both resolutions.

Alternatives

If the funds are not appropriated, outstanding invoices for the Buford School project will become delinquent as they will remain unpaid until after July 1, 2023. If additional funds are not approved for the Stribling Avenue sidewalk, there will be inadequate funding for the necessary design work that must be done before the project can begin.

Attachments

1. Stribling Avenue Sidewalk Resolution
2. Buford School Reconfiguration Resolution (2AMD)