

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolution Amending the FY 2026 Budget Ordinance to Provide the City Manager Authority to Reallocate Funds Appropriated for the Office of Community Solutions
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Presenter:	Samuel Sanders, Jr., City Manager
Date of Proposed Action:	July 21, 2025

Issue

The City Manager has decided to close the Office of Community Solutions (OCS) and reassign staff to other offices within the City. The FY 2026 General Fund budget needs to be amended to reflect the changes.

Background / Rule

The FY 2026 Budget Ordinance, approved by City Council on April 14, 2025 set forth a budget for the Office of Community Solutions in the amount of \$1,057,736 which has since been closed. This resolution seeks authorization for the City Manager to reallocate the OCS budget to the other City departments or offices that have assumed the responsibilities or personnel of OCS.

Analysis

Effective July 1st, the Office of Community Solutions has closed, and the team has been redistributed across multiple offices and departments that better fit their roles and responsibilities. The team will be reassigned as follows:

- The Office of Budget and Performance Management is now the Office of Budget and Grants Management. The City's Grants Program Manager and CDBG Grants Analyst have joined the budget office in support of the revised focus.
- Neighborhood Development Services has expanded to include a Housing Division. The Housing Program Manager will continue to manage this division and will be joined by the Housing Compliance Coordinator.
- The Office of Economic Development has assumed additional responsibilities focused on supporting the Downtown Mall. The Redevelopment Manager position has been reclassified to a Downtown Strategy Manager and moved to the Office of Economic Development.
- A Grants Analyst position has been moved to the City Manager's Office to work on a new effort to coordinate planning, performance management, and projects that support the implementation of the city's Strategic Plan.

The decision to redistribute and realign these functions across existing departments and offices is intended to continue that pursuit of organizational excellence.

The City is grateful for the work of the OCS team over the last few years. Some of their accomplishments include creating a complete repository of all grants, city-owned property, and lease agreements of all city property, along with forming an experienced housing team to capture the many ways the city is investing in preserving and producing housing to directly impact the housing crisis that persists.

Financial Impact

There is no change to the overall budget. The funds previously appropriated for OCS will be distributed to the four departments assuming the new roles and responsibilities.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

1. Resolution to Redistribute OCS Budget