

Open Work Session

Discussion on Proposed Amendment FY 2022 Capital Budget and FY 2022-2026 CIP – Fencing at the Department of Corrections

September 7, 2021

Mrs. Pam Oland, Director of Finance, came before Council. She said Emergency Services is housed in the Corrections building, and this is a capital project in the capital budget, not in the operating budget, so they are asking to use leftover pay-go money to reallocate in this fiscal year to do the fencing around the generator that is located on the Corrections property. She explained, the height of the fence needs to be higher than what was originally specked, so it is the County's responsibility to put that fencing up.

Mr. Dodd asked, what is wrong with the height of the fence, is it cosmetic, to which Mrs. Oland responded, it does not meet the requirements around the rest of the Correctional facility. She said they are intending to keep all of the fences the same height around the Correctional facility to keep the security the same.

Mr. Mitchell said the question came up in a conversation he had with Mrs. Hurley as to whether they can transfer in the capital budget, and he did not understand where this money is coming from. He then asked if the roofing project was a bonded project, to which Mrs. Oland responded, no, it is pay-go. She explained, it is pay-go money that was transferred out of the operating budget in a previous fiscal year when pay-go projects were set up, and put into the capital fund. She explained, there is the general fund and then there is the capital fund, and this was moved into the capital fund. She said the capital fund does not have departments, the capital fund is the capital budget, so as far as the prohibition of moving money between departments, it is staying within the capital budget. She clarified, it is not moving out of the capital budget, it is moving projects. She said they reallocate money, and they did this last year when they reallocated money from one capital project that they decided they were not doing, so they had excess money and they reallocated that money. She said this just happens to be money left over from a prior fiscal year versus reallocating money from a current fiscal year project.

Mr. Cannon said, if he remembers correctly, the pay-go money is usually something that has been approved from reserves, to which Mrs. Oland responded, that is correct.

Mr. Mitchell said he thinks that actually answers his question, and if it was bonded money, they would not be able to do this, to which Mrs. Oland responded, it is not bonded money. She said they checked the original source of funding, and it was pay-go. She said, if it was bonded money, she would not be coming forward with this.

Mr. Dodd asked if a Public Hearing is necessary, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, yes. Mr. Dodd said that can be held on September 21, 2021. Acting County Executive Psota asked if this is time sensitive, to which Mrs. Oland responded, it is only one reading and it is only one week for advertising. She said the next Council meeting is September 21, so that actually accomplishes the goal of getting it done as soon as possible. She then informed Council that Mr. Charles Schmechel, Deputy Director of Finance, may be the person here in her place at the next meeting as she may not be available.

There was no further discussion.

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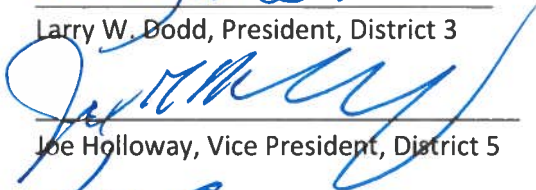
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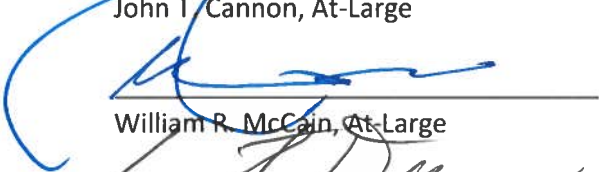
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