

Resolution Agenda Item for meeting of March 12, 2020:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE VARIOUS 2019 CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - The City of Savannah desires to fund capital needs that provide direct benefit to its citizens through sound financial policies and procedures. Periodically, supplemental budget appropriations to governmental and/or proprietary funds are warranted. To address critical funding needs included herein, it has been determined that certain adjustments to the 2019 Capital Budget are required to meet the following priorities:

1. Complete the capital improvement project titled Gwinnett Street Widening (TE0709), which will provide numerous community benefits consisting of drainage, traffic, new sidewalks and bike lane improvements along the Gwinnett St. corridor between I-16 and Stiles Ave. The City of Savannah has received bids to complete the planned improvements totaling \$13.6M, which is \$6.6M over current project funding availability;
2. Complete relocation of existing City Lot facilities currently located at Gwinnett and Stiles to Interchange Ct. City Council approved contract modification #1 on the February 27th Agenda totaling \$876,913 which requires a budget transfer;
3. Address critically needed repairs to Police HQ estimated at \$1.3M and;
4. Contribute General Fund revenue/expense difference, currently estimated at \$2.5M to the fund balance to maintain adequate reserves.

In order to provide the required financing, staff recommends utilizing a combination of existing capital improvement funds and anticipated net savings from FY19 close-out. These adjustments will temporarily defund the Arena-related Cohen St. Extension Project (SP0520). Recommended adjustments are identified as follows:

	Current Funding	Adjustment	Recommended Adjusted Funding Amount
FY19 Unaudited Net Savings Projected			
From General Fund	\$ 8,830,973	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to Gwinnett St. CIP		(5,346,303)	(5,346,303)
Transfer to Police HQ		(984,670)	(984,670)
Transfer To GF unreserved fund balance		(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)
Total	\$ 8,830,973	\$ (8,830,973)	\$ -

	Current Funding	Adjustment	Recommended Adjusted Funding Amount
Gwinnett Street Widening (TE0709)			
From General Fund	\$ 115,986	\$ 6,600,000	\$ 6,715,986
From SPLOST 2003-08	1,988,000		1,988,000
From 2017 DSA Bond Fund	6,515,000		6,515,000
Total for TE0709:	\$ 8,618,986	\$ 6,600,000	\$ 15,218,986

Note: \$6.6M adjustment includes funds transfer from unaudited net savings coupled with available Cohen Street Extension funds.

Cohen Street Extension (SP0520)			
From General Fund	\$ 2,130,610	\$ (2,130,610)	\$ -

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute adjustments related to Operating and Capital Budgets as outlined above. Recommend approval.