



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – November 14, 2018

Agenda Item 5

Voting Session

First Reading Ordinance of Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Amendment No. 2

Recommended Council Action

Approve First Reading Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Amendment No. 2

Context with Key Issues

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Budget was adopted by the City Council on May 16, 2018. Since May, certain needs have arisen or budgeted expenditures delayed that require further amendments to the approved budget. They include:

Project/Initiative	Fund	Budget Amount	Reason for Carryforward/Appropriation
Donations to purchase Dorothy's Woods	General Fund	\$102,630	Members of the community provided the City with donations to go towards the purchase the Dorothy's Woods property; this amendment appropriates the donated funds to the City's budget
Dorothy's Woods purchase	General Fund	\$250,000	Appropriation of funds for the City's payment to Fairview Investment Fund in exchange for release of property from the lien of the Deed of the Trust and dismissal of foreclosure
Police space renovation and Atrium Floor close-in	General Fund	\$102,139	Detailed design of the Police space project was included in FY18 and needs to be carried forward to FY19
Dog Park	General Fund	\$227,523	The Dog Park accounts receivable balance needs to be written off due to the confirmation from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources that grant funds will not be reimbursed for this project, but remain available for other projects

Council Priority

Fiscally Sustainable Government

Environmental Considerations

The purchase of the Dorothy's Woods property advances goals in the City Council's priority regarding an Environmentally Sustainable Community.

Fiscal Considerations

This budget amendment:

General Fund (GF) Fund Balance: Net decrease \$477,032

- Increase GF Departmental revenues by \$102,630
- Increase Non-Departmental expenditure by \$227,523
- Increase total Capital Improvement Program (CIP) expenditures by \$352,139

Racial Equity Considerations

Regarding the budget amendments associated with Dorothy's Woods, while we cannot quantify the effect the Council's action will have on racial equity, we recognize that there is an inequitable distribution of City-owned public parks and open space in the City. The Dorothy's Woods property is located within Ward 3 and borders Ward 2. Approximately 38 percent of Ward 3 residents are people of color, as are approximately 42 percent of Ward 2 residents. It is noteworthy that Ward 6, comprised of 81.5 percent people of color, has the largest amount of property not located within one-eighth of a mile of public parks and open space. Moving forward, the Council could consider the following actions to ensure that the benefits of Dorothy's Woods are realized across the City and to address the current inequitable distribution of City-owned public parks and open spaces:

- Assessing the impact redirecting funds in the budget to fund Dorothy's Woods will have on residents of color;
- Identifying potential locations for public parks and open spaces in currently underserved areas in the City; and
- Encouraging and facilitating programming and use of Dorothy's Woods by residents from across the City.

Attachments and Links

- Draft Ordinance

Introduced by: Councilmember

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Effective Date:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-**

FY 2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget was adopted by the City Council on May 16, 2018 and;

WHEREAS, since this date, certain expenditures originally anticipated to occur during FY 2018 were delayed, requiring amendments to the FY 2019 budget; and

WHEREAS, the detailed designs for renovations in the Police Department space on the first floor of the Community Center and Atrium Floor close-in was included in FY18 budget but the project will begin in FY19, requiring that \$102,139 in FY18 funds be carried over to FY19; and

WHEREAS, to prevent the sale of Dorothy's Woods from foreclosure, the City paid \$250,000 in exchange for release of property from the lien of the Deed of the Trust and dismissal of foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, donations totaling \$102,630 were provided to the City to be used toward the purchase of the Dorothy's Woods Parcel 3 property; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Accounts Receivable balance for the Dog Park construction in the amount of \$227,522.55 needs to be written off in light of confirmation received from the Administrator of Program Open Space for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources that the City will not be able to receive grant reimbursement for the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The Fiscal Year 2019 Budget is amended as follows:

General Fund – Revenues

1. Appropriate \$102,630 to account 0001-34300, Donations, to provide funds used to purchase the Dorothy's Woods Parcel 3 property.

General Fund – Expenditures

2. Appropriate \$102,139 to account 9100-80008, Building Maintenance Expenditure, to provide funds for the detailed designs for renovations in the Police Department space on the first floor of the Community Center and Atrium Floor close-in
3. Appropriate \$250,000 to account 9100-80000, Capital Equipment Expenditure, to provide funds for the purchase of Dorothy’s Woods.
4. Appropriate \$227,522.55 to account 9000-71450, Bad Debt Expense, to provide funds for the Accounts Receivable write off of Dog Park construction.

SECTION 2. The City’s Capital Improvement Program for FY 2019 shall be amended to reflect the aforementioned changes in the General Fund budget.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2018 by Roll Call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: