



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota

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Legislation Text

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Administration - *Jon Haukaas, Director of Public Works*

Title

Amend the 2022 Storm Drainage Utility Fund Budget

Executive Summary

Staff is requesting approval to reappropriate funds in the approved stormwater capital budget.

Background

Council adopted the 2022 Storm Drainage Utility Fund budget on December 6, 2021. This utility is designed to recover the cost of maintaining the City's storm drainage system. All amendments proposed herein require a reallocation of previously appropriated funds. The amendment brought forth would reappropriate funds appropriated for capital equipment as well as capital project appropriations.

The Storm Drainage Fund's capital equipment budget originally included a \$60,000 expenditure for a scale to accurately measure salt use. After discussions with vendors, staff have determined that it would be more efficient and affordable to implement salt measuring technology by installing sensors directly onto the plow trucks. This eliminates the staff time required to continually load and empty trucks to accurately weigh and record salt use. Staff requests the council approval to reappropriate these funds to upgrade the salt distribution technology in up to 7 existing dump trucks at a total cost of approximately \$46,000.

The original 2022 capital budget included a project appropriation of \$260,000 for improvements to the washdown facility at Public Works. Since the adoption of this capital budget the scope of the washdown facility project has been altered. Staff is proposing a full sediment capture and drainage basin to be installed to filter pollutants from vehicle washdowns to prevent pollution of the creek along the east property line of the main Public Works building. Due to site constraints and required maintenance the scope changed from a pre-cast treatment structure to a larger, cast-in-place concrete structure. Additionally, the price of construction materials has increased. Due to these reasons, staff proposes to increase the Public Works washdown facility project budget from \$260,000 to \$385,000.

Since adoption of the 2022 capital project appropriation staff has identified a need to replace a culvert as part of the Happy Acres Park project. Originally, this was included in staff's long-term plan to replace this culvert in 2027. Staff recommends accelerating this culvert replacement project and combining the work under the Happy Acres Park improvement project due to the cost savings.

To fund these two project amendments within the approved appropriation, staff proposes postponing the 99th Street CIP Lining project a future year. The project budget is \$250,000.

A breakdown of the original allocation and the proposed amendment can be seen in the table below:

Capital Equipment Budget	Original Allocation	Proposed Allocation
Weigh Scales	\$60,000	
Salt Dist Measurement Tech		\$46,000

Capital Project Budget	Original Allocation	Proposed Allocation
Public Works Washdown	\$260,000	\$385,000
Coon Creek Watershed Study	\$26,000	\$26,000
Oak Creek Park Infiltration Basin	\$150,000	\$150,000
Outfall repair at 106 th and Fillmore	\$100,000	\$100,000
99 th Street CIP Lining	\$250,000	\$0
Happy Acres Culvert	\$0	\$125,000
Total	\$786,000	\$786,000

The proposed amendments have been reviewed by the Finance Department.

Strategic Plan Relationship

Adoption of annual capital budgets contributes to the overall financial stability of the City and the projects proposed will help achieve the city's priority of a well-maintained infrastructure.

Board/Commission Review

No Board or Commission review required.

Financial Impact

Amending the budget ensures the City is providing the necessary resources to fund all activities, programs, and initiatives of the 2022 budget as adopted and amended by the City Council. This amendment does not alter the 2022 approved budget.

Public Outreach/Input

None required

Staff Recommendation

Adopt the resolution below amending the 2022 Storm Drainage Utility Fund budget.

Attachment List

None

WHEREAS, Sound budgeting principles promote appropriating necessary funds required to accomplish approved objectives; and

WHEREAS, Sound budgeting principles also promote providing for contingencies and unforeseen emergencies so as to not prevent objectives from being met; and

WHEREAS, Appropriations were made in 2022 sufficient for anticipated activity; and

WHEREAS, transparency of the budget approval process to the project contracting process is in the best interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, actual activity and evolving priorities have resulted in the need to reappropriate

available funds to align with changing priorities within the Storm Drainage Utility Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Blaine amends the 2022 Storm Drainage Utility Fund, and authorizes the City Manager to implement these amendments to the budget as follows:

- Capital Equipment Budget
 - Reappropriate \$60,000 originally appropriated for the purchase a scale to accurately measure salt use, to be used for the purchase of truck sensor technology to accurately measure salt use
- Capital Project Budget
 - Reappropriate \$250,000 from cast-in-place lining at 99th Street to:
 - Public Works Washdown project, \$125,000
 - Happy Acres Park Culvert Replacement project, \$125,000

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Blaine this 20th day of June, 2022.