

10-10-2018 Town Council Meeting Responses (#2)

ITEM #2: Approve Miscellaneous Budget Ordinance Amendments to Adjust Various Fund Budgets for FY 2018-19

Council Question: What is the study area for the parking payment in lieu study?

Staff Response: *The parking payment in lieu study primarily focuses on parking in and around the central business district, however, the financial model that the study will create will be applicable to development projects town-wide.*

Council Question: What are the programming changes within the HOME Investments Partnership Program at Orange County that require revenue adjustments within the fund?

Staff Response: *The budget ordinance to adjust the revenue and expenditure balances in the Transitional Housing Fund are necessary to account for a change in funding (HOME revenue that flows from Orange County to the Town) that was at the time it was budgeted in 2005, planned to pass through the Town, but due to changes in program plans, did not wind up going through the Town. The adjustment was not required at the request of Orange County, but is necessary to adjust the Town's financial records to actual.*

Council Question: Why was the project (Bolin Creek Trail project) put on hold?

Staff Response: *The Bolin Creek Trail, Phase 3 project is complete except for a 550 ft. segment east of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Construction on this section was put on hold by Town Manager Roger Stancil in March 2016 due to the discovery of a coal ash deposit on the Police Department property. During the work stoppage, the Town developed a solution to this problem with State regulators that will allow us to complete the trail. Town Manager Stancil authorized work to begin in April 2018. However, at the time the authorization to resume work was issued, our contractor had fully de-mobilized and was on another job site. We had originally scheduled the resumption of construction for early October. However, our contractor is located in Wilmington and was heavily impacted by Hurricane Florence. We now expects to be back on the job in mid-November.*

To learn more about the coal ash discovery visit: <http://www.townofchapelhill.org/town-hall/news-events/current-issues/coal-ash-disposal-site-remediation-project>

Council Question: Re: the nine existing bus stops up for repair with the \$472K FTA grant referred to on p. 20, have those 9 stops been identified and what would repairs entail?

Staff Response: *The federal grant and required local match (\$592,708) provided funding for the replacement of light duty transit vehicles (\$457,708) and repairs/upgrades to nine bus stops (\$135,000) to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.*

10-10-2018 Town Council Meeting Responses (#2)

In 2017, Chapel Hill Transit contracted with Ramey Kemp and Associates to begin review of our existing bus stops for ADA compliance. Following this review and concurrence from the Transit Partners Committee, Transit staff identified the first nine stops most in need of improvements to meet ADA requirements. Those stops are as follows:

- *South Columbia St at Abernathy Hall*
- *NC Hwy 54 at Kingswood Apartments*
- *South Columbia at Westwood Drive*
- *South Columbia at Purefoy Road*
- *Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd at Timber Hollow Apartments*
- *Martin Luther Jr. Blvd at Adelaide Apartments*
- *South Road at Fetzer Gym*
- *Willow Drive at Estes Drive*
- *Franklin St at Morehead Planetarium*

Ramey Kemp has completed the design work for these nine stops and the funding in this grant will allow us to move forward with construction. Construction will include improvements to increase accessibility through sidewalk connections, extended concrete pads and accessible bus shelters with solar lighting. This project is being done in phases, as funding becomes available and where possible in coordination with other Town/University projects to reduce cost and impacts. Ramey Kemp has also been authorized to conduct design work on an additional eight stops, which is being funded by the Orange County Transit Plan.