

10-28-2020 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions #1

ITEM #5: Approve the Miscellaneous Budget Ordinance Amendments to Adjust Various Fund Budgets for FY 2020-21

Council Question:

Governor's Highway Safety Grant - Why will a portion of the funds need to go to police overtime costs?

Staff Response:

Part of the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) grant is for our officers to spend time at crosswalks with higher pedestrian and vehicle volumes. The duty of these officers is to ensure motorists and pedestrians are following the rules related to crosswalk safety. Officers will be using a combination of education and enforcement to achieve this goal, and their efforts will be in collaboration with the pedestrian safety planning activities of the grant. The extent of this program is outside of the officers' normal assignment and is not budgeted by Town. The overtime that is accrued by officers will be reimbursed by GHSP at 100% and made our application more appealing to the GHSP, as they don't normally fund pedestrian safety programs.

Council Question:

With the payment in lieu, what kind of work would be completed at Burlington Park?

Staff Response:

The payment in lieu will allow for upgrades to be made to the playground at the park. These upgrades include:

- *Replacing two old swing sets that need replacement*
- *Pressure washing and painting the existing play structure*
- *Adding a border around the play structure*
- *Adding engineered wood fiber that will bring the playground up to the most current safety standards*
- *Adding a spinner feature as requested in community meetings*

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Council Question:

How will the "Whenever, Wherever, Whyever: Expanding Technology Access" Project address the community's ongoing need for public computing services and the challenges of providing these services during the pandemic?

Staff Response:

The "Whenever, Wherever, Whyever" Project will include a laptop lending program, boosted WiFi, and multilingual technology assistance, with special focus on historically marginalized communities.

Council Question:

Thanks to the Orange County Arts Commission Grant, when would the new "Art Bus" start to be used around town?

Staff Response:

The Orange County Arts grant provides a portion of the funding for the new Art Bus. We expect the artist selection, design, and fabrication to take 2-4 months and the bus to be on the road in early 2021.