

ORDINANCE NO. 45-19

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending the 2019 Budget to provide for additional appropriations for legal expenses and declaring that a public emergency exists in the City's General Fund.

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2018, Richland City Council approved Ordinance No. 60-18 approving the 2019 Budget; and

WHEREAS, for more than a year, outside legal counsel with specialized expertise has managed the litigation of a highly specialized and complex case including both federal and state claims (the "federal claims case"); and

WHEREAS, based on an estimate provided by outside counsel, funding in the amount of \$485,000 is required to cover the costs associated with discovery and motion practice through the end of 2019 in this complex litigation; and

WHEREAS, since the legal fees line in the 2019 Budget is currently overspent, additional funding is also necessary to cover the cost of other pending litigation cases; and

WHEREAS, due to the unanticipated complexity of the federal claims case, insufficient funds were appropriated in the General Fund for legal fees in support of this litigation; and

WHEREAS, sufficient unappropriated funds are available in the General Fund to support the required budget adjustment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.33.091, a public hearing was held on October 1, 2019 regarding the increase in appropriations from beginning fund balance in the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Facts Constituting Emergency. The expenses contained within this ordinance were not anticipated when the 2019 budget was approved.

Section 2. Declaration of Public Emergency. Due to circumstances described above, the City Council declares that a public emergency exists in the General Fund.

Section 3. Amendment of the 2019 Budget. The 2019 Budget is hereby amended to provide additional appropriations in the General Fund from unappropriated fund balance as follows:

General Fund

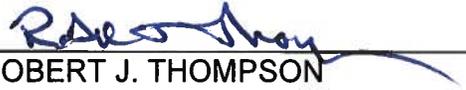
Current Appropriation: \$ 60,274,623

Increase in Appropriation: \$ 500,000

Amended Appropriation: \$ 60,774,623

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 15th day of October, 2019.



ROBERT J. THOMPSON
Mayor

ATTEST:



TONI FULTON, Acting Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



HEATHER KINTZLEY, City Attorney

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