



Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date:
March 9, 2026

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Item Title: BUDGET ORDINANCE 16-2026 | Fiscal Year 2026 Budget amendment for police purchases related to network infrastructure and consulting services for the police promotional in an amount not to exceed \$ 30,000.

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Work Session Item [X]
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Documentation Attached:
Ordinance 16-2026
Torch Networks

Recommended Action:

Approve Ordinance 016-2026 amending the FY26 Budget and authorize the Town Administrator to execute the associated contracts.

Town Council Summary

FY26 Budget Amendment – Police Department Consulting & Network Infrastructure

Ordinance 016-2026 amends the FY26 Budget of the **Town of Bladensburg** to transfer funds from the Automated Speed Enforcement revenue line to specific Police Department expenditure categories to address operational, professional development, and infrastructure needs.

This budget amendment supports two primary initiatives: (1) enhancements to the Police Department promotional process and training, and (2) critical network and infrastructure upgrades at the Police Annex.

Budget Transfers

The ordinance authorizes the following transfers from Automated Speed Enforcement funds:

- **\$10,000** to the Building Repairs line item for Network Infrastructure
- **\$20,000** to the Police Department Professional Development line item

These transfers ensure appropriate allocation of funding within the FY26 budget to cover the identified expenses.

Related Contract Item

This ordinance accompanies two related expense actions:

1. Police Promotional Process – ICP

Council will consider approval of a contract authorizing the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with **Industrial/Organizational Solutions (IOS)** (ICP) to implement a more comprehensive and structured promotional process within the Police Department.

The professional development allocation will support:

- Development of updated promotional testing standards
- Structured assessment components
- Enhanced evaluation criteria aligned with best practices

2. Network & Infrastructure Upgrades – Police Annex

Council will also consider approval of an agreement with **Torch Networks** for approximately **\$9,400** to perform network and infrastructure improvements at the Police Annex.

This work is necessary due to:

- Ongoing network disruptions
- Outdated wiring and infrastructure
- Reliability concerns affecting daily operations

The proposed scope includes network repairs, infrastructure updates, and related technical improvements to stabilize and modernize the annex’s systems.

Fiscal Impact

- Total budget reallocation: \$30,000
- Funding source: Automated Speed Enforcement revenue
- Estimated Torch Networks contract: \$9,400
- Promotional process contract: Separate approval item

This ordinance does not increase the overall FY26 budget but reallocates existing revenue to priority operational needs within the Police Department.

Staff are available to answer questions. The Town Administrator, Town Treasurer, and Police Chief are present for discussion.

Budgeted Item: Yes [] No [X] Budgeted Amount: One-Time Cost: Ongoing Cost:	Continued Date:
Council Priority: Yes [] No []	Approved Date: