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City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Council discussion regarding usage of capital outlay funding – Executive Office

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Date Submitted: February 15, 2023

Work Session Date: February 20, 2023

Council Meeting Date: February 20, 2023

Background/History:

We have been asked to review and prepare a set of guidelines regarding the usage of the discretionary funds and Capital Outlay Funds each Councilmember is entitled to spend in furtherance of their duties as a member of the City Council. These guidelines were requested to be brought forward for discussion during the FY22-23 budget talks in order to clearly define acceptable uses of Regular and Capital Outlay Ward.

Per Council's direction to the City Manager once a policy was approved Capital Outlay Ward Funds would be released to members. In the September 6, 2022, City Council Meeting there was disagreement with the section regarding "donated funds and goods". This section has been removed from the policy and represented to council on at the December 5, 2022, Regular Meeting. The motion was made to approve the new guidelines as presented but died due to lack of a second to the motion.

Since there was no additional guidance approved, Capital Outlay funds were still being held. The City Manager is seeking councils' direction to either allow use of or continue to hold these funds under the guidelines that was presented as a memorandum by the City Attorney to council in December 2020.

Cost: \$ 0

Budgeted for: Yes No

Financial Impact:

Release legislative capital outlay funds

Action Requested from Council:

Seeking Council Direction