



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Consider Amendments to the Fund Balance Policy
Background Information:	<p>Staff propose amendments to the Fund Balance Policy. During the long-term financial plan study conducted by AEM, it was recommended to reduce the City's fund balance policy from 50 to 40 percent of next year's budgeted expenditures to start funding capital improvements using cash instead of bonding.</p> <p>Information was gathered from 4 of Marshall's comparable cities on what their fund balance policy states. The fund balance policies ranged from 30 to 60 percent.</p> <p>The Office of the State Auditor's Office recommends unrestricted fund balances of approximately 35 to 50 percent.</p> <p>With this fund balance policy change, the City can begin to finance capital improvement projects using available cash and avoid interest and fees associated with bonding.</p> <p>This policy is being brought for final approval by the Council after recommendation by the Ways and Means Committee.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	
Alternative/ Variations:	
Recommendations:	Approve Amendments to the Fund Balance Policy