

**City Council Final Changes Approved 8-14-24
to the FY 2024-26 Mayor’s Proposed Budget**

#1 Submitted by Council Member Washington: For FY 2024-25 appropriate \$50,000 one-time funding from General Fund reserves to help fund the Community Forestry Master Plan.

The City of Lincoln’s Community Forestry Master Plan (CFMP) will provide elected officials, city staff, city residents, businesses, and the development community with a targeted set of data and recommendations to guide Lincoln’s decision-making and community forestry management approach. The plan will enhance Lincoln’s community forest as critical infrastructure and a treasured resource, providing benefits for future residents, visitors, and businesses.

#2 Submitted by Council Member Washington: For FY 2024-25 appropriate \$250,000 one-time funding from General Fund reserves to help fund an updated Tree Inventory.

Lincoln’s tree inventory was first completed in 2016. It was done in partnership with the private sector and the Parks Department, and provided baseline information which has been added to the asset management system Beehive. However, it is incomplete and in need of updating. Updating the inventory using the latest tools will provide essential data for City staff including tree species, health, age, size, and location. This will help staff make informed and efficient decisions about planting, pruning, maintenance, and removal of trees.

#5 Submitted by Council Member Duden: Designate \$50,000 funding from FY 2024-25 CIP project “Park Acquisition / Demolition / Development Projects” to support the development and implementation of a ballfield improvements plan. Work with the Parks and Recreation Foundation to identify a grant, donation or corporate sponsorship to match the amount designated in the Parks and Recreation CIP Project. This plan would help

efficiently and effectively direct additional funding for ballfield improvements.

#6 Submitted and Modified by Council Member Weber: Appropriate \$100,000 of General Fund reserves for FY 2024-25 to Lincoln Police Department for training. The appropriation is intended for trainings and training materials/equipment that: (1) increase productivity; (2) assists with employee retention; and (3) improves interactions internally and with members of the community. These trainings can include but are not limited to:

- National Association Field Training Officer Training
- Survival Tactics Instructor Certification
- Senior Management Institute for Police
- ICAT Instructor Course (Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics)
- Resilient Minds
- School Resource Officer training

Any appropriations remaining at 8/31/25 shall be reappropriated for similar training purposes until \$100,000 of appropriations is fully expended.

Appropriate \$100,000 of General Fund reserves for FY 2024-25 to Lincoln Fire & Rescue Department for training. The appropriation is intended for trainings and training materials/equipment that: (1) increase productivity; (2) assists with employee retention; and (3) improves interactions internally and with members of the community. Any appropriations remaining at 8/31/25 shall be reappropriated for similar training purposes until \$100,000 of appropriations is fully expended.

#8 Submitted and Modified by Council Member Shobe: For FY 2024-25 appropriate \$125,000 one-time funding from General Fund reserves to Urban Development operating budget to support community outreach and programming efforts within Urban Development in coordination with the office of the Chief Sustainability Officer.

#10 Submitted by Council Member Bowers: Increase funding to a total of \$3 million for the Transportation Sidewalk Program for each year within the 2024 - 2030 Capital Improvement Program. Add \$6.1 million for sidewalk improvements to the currently proposed Municipal Improvement Bond Issuance for a total issuance authorization of no more \$19 million.

#11 Submitted by Council Member Bowers and Amended by City Council: Authorize up to \$168,000 in FY 2024-25 and up to \$168,000 in FY 2025-26 of City Council reappropriated funds to fund a maximum of \$24,000 for each Council member to hire individual Council aides at their own discretion. Council aides would be used to help council members fulfill their duties with policy research, resident services, assistance on projects, and neighborhood support. These aides are optional, council members cannot hire the same individual, and council members can determine the length and dollar amount of their aide. City of Lincoln Law Department's standard Consultant Agreement dated 6-3-24 will be utilized to hire Council aides and background checks and drug testing requirements for City employees may apply to Council aides.

Final City Council votes on amendments and the final budget will occur at the August 26, 2024, City Council meeting starting at 5:30pm