

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 67 - 2022

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget by transferring Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars from the CED General Fund and additional One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand (\$125,000.00) Dollars be appropriated from the General Fund balance to General Systems Management account. The purpose is to have funding in place for requests for proposals to 1.) Upgrade the City’s website, and 2.) Allow for prospective regulations to be posted on Granicus to allow for a public comment period before regulations are considered to be adopted.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a transfer authorizes a transfer from account 000-09-0901-0001-46 to 000-07-0604-0001-42, in the amount of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars as follows:

**FROM**

**CED General Fund**

<b>000-09-0901-0001-46</b>	<b>Other Contract Services</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
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**TO**

**General**

**Repairs and Maintenance**

<b>000-07-0604-0001-42</b>	<b>Repairs and Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes an appropriation within the 2022 Capital Fund in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand (\$125,000.00) Dollars from the General Fund balance to General Systems Management account listed below:

TO

**General**

**Repairs and Maintenance**

**000-07-0604-0001-42**

**Systems Management**

**\$ 125,000.00**

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

## LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Mayor's Office, IT, Finance

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The administration is requesting that \$50,000 be transferred from account 000-09-0901-0001-46 to 000-07-0604-0001-42, and that an additional \$125,000 be appropriated from the unrestricted General Fund balance, also to 000-07-0604-0001-42.

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- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
  - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
  - **How does this Bill relate to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The City's website is the primary way many users interface with City information, reports, job postings, etc. It is a priority for the Mayor to upgrade the website to foster greater accessibility and with the City's website, which enhances transparency. Furthermore, posting proposed regulations on Granicus for public comment before issuing a final rule is highly in line with the process the Federal Government pursues for issuing regulations. This also promotes much greater transparency in decision-making, and enables more public participation in the administrative process.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
  - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

\$50,000 in existing allocations, plus an additional \$125,000 in cash. The City's cash reserves are currently very healthy, and using cash to upgrade the website and foster public participation in the administrative process is an excellent public purpose for taxpayer cash reserves.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Addressed above

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

As soon as approved

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This is a major step forward for allowing the public to interface with City government at a nominal cost.