

BUDGET RESOLUTION 2022-158

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES TO SUPPORT EXPENDITURES FOR THE FIRE FEE REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS TOTALING \$200,000

WHEREAS, Florida law provides that the party recovering judgement shall recover all legal cost and charges; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2020, the Fifth District Court of Appeals reversed the Trial Court's decision and ruled the City's Fire Fee was an unconstitutional tax; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2021, the Court held a hearing on the motion for the City to create a Common Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Court granted Class Representatives' motion for judgement totaling \$79,282,910; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2022, City Council approved a taxable draw-down loan totaling \$60 million; and

WHEREAS, the City had until April 4, 2022, to fund the Common Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City had to mail notices to all class members; and

WHEREAS, the City must begin the reimbursement process to all class members within 60 days of final judgement; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into an agreement with The Notice Company, Inc. to process reimbursements to all class members; and

WHEREAS, budget reserves will be used to support the unforeseen expenditure incurred in fiscal year 2021-2022 that were a result of the judgement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCALA, FLORIDA, in regular session duly assembled that the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget be amended as outlined below:

Sources:

001-099-999-513-81-99800 Reserve for Contingencies (\$200,000)

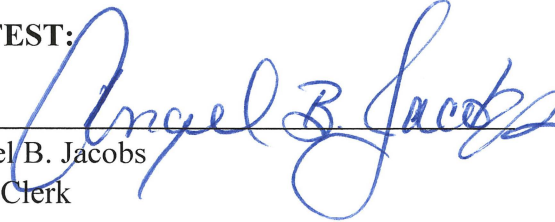
Uses:

001-099-950-999-81-31010 Professional Services – Other \$200,000

This resolution adopted this 5 day of July, 2022.

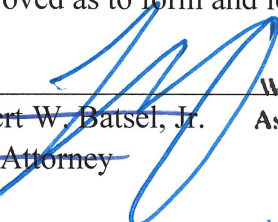
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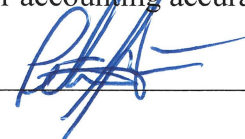
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