



To: Mayor, Members of Council and City Administrator

From: Jason Carr, CPA, Finance Director

Date: 12/08/2025

RE: 2025 Budget Amendment – Ordinance 2025-050 & 2025-051

The following is a summary of appropriation amendments to appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2025:

Estimated Receipts

Fund	Department	Amount	Description	
General Fund	All	\$450,000	Net increase based on higher interest	
			earnings.	
Cemetery Fund	Public Works	10,000	Net increase based on sale of lots and	
			foundations.	
Parks Fund	Parks	102,000	Increase based on park fund fees.	
Drug Enforcement	Police	20,000	Increase per forfeiture funds.	
Motor Vehicle License	Public Works	16,600	Higher permissive tax funds.	
Court Computer	Mayor	1,500	Higher fines.	
Recreation & Aquatic	Recreation	(40,000)	Decrease based on lower projected total	
		·	recreation collections at year-end.	
Capital Projects –	Recreation	100,000	Original estimated receipts were low	
Recreation Fund			based on actual collections.	
Capital Projects – Golf	Golf	50,000	Original estimated receipts were low	
Recovery Fund			based on actual collections.	
Sewer	Public Works	20,000	Increase in charges for services and	
			other receipts.	
Water Capital Fund	Public Works	35,000	Higher tap fees received.	
Sewer Capital Fund	Public Works	40,000	Higher tap fees received.	
Storm Water Fund	Public Works	175,000	Higher charges for services and other	
			receipts than originally budgeted.	
Township Inspections	Building &	5,000	Higher inspection fees received.	
	Zoning			
Tree Fund	Public Works	1,000	Higher fees received	
Flexible Spending Fund	Finance	1,000	Higher employee contributions.	
Employee Withholding	Finance	1,000	Higher Christmas Club contributions.	
Fund				
	TOTAL	\$988,100		

Appropriation Modifications Ordinance 2025-050

Fund	Cost Center	Amount	Description	
General	Community Affairs	\$10,000	Increase for wages.	
General	Mayor	20,000 Increase for contractual services and citizens academy.		
General	Administration	20,000	Increase for contractual services, specifically 135 Front Street.	
General	Finance	270,000	Higher wage cost as well as income tax refunds.	
General	Communications	49,046	Budget for Communications Manager including wages and operating supplies.	
General	Law Director	20,000	Higher outside legal costs for union related investigations and consultations.	
General	Engineering	10,000	Increase for wages.	
General	Transportation	20,000	Increase for wages and contractual services.	
Recreation	Outdoor Aquatic	40,000	Higher chemical costs for outdoor pool.	
Recreation	Fitness	20,000	Increase in programs results in more independent contractors/hours as well as costs for replacement and repair of fitness equipment.	
G.R.E.A.T.	Transportation	220,000	Purchase of 3 new buses.	
Sewer	Public Works	40,000	Higher utility fees charged by the City of Columbus Utility Department.	

Transfers - Ordinance 2025-051

Below is a comparison of budget vs. actual transfers during 2025:

Fund	Original Budget	Actual Transfers	Change
General	(\$6,080,000)	(\$4,725,000)	\$1,355,000
Water	(11,000)	(11,000)	0
Sewer	(2,200)	(2,200)	0
Storm Water	(2,200)	(2,200)	0
Street	1,300,000	1,000,000	(300,000)
Recreation	2,475,000	2,100,000	(375,000)
Golf Course	1,380,000	900,000	(480,000)
Transportation	450,000	300,000	(150,000)
Senior Center	200,000	150,000	(50,000)
Parks	75,000	75,000	0
Termination	220,400	220,400	0

The City's ability to manage expenses within the Street, Recreation & Aquatic, Golf Course and Transportation funds provided a cost savings to the General Fund of \$1,355,000.

Transfers from the General Fund to the Street Fund, Recreation Fund, Golf Course Fund, Transportation Fund and Senior Center Fund totaling \$4,450,000 were required to balance these funds respective budgets.