CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-42

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Boylan, White and Freeman

Date of Introduction: January 9, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: January 11, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation; carry-over authorization; CIP amendment; designation of oversight agency; request for emergency passage

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$9,002,100 from General Fund Operating Reserves to a capital projects account to provide funding for facility repair, replacement and maintenance needs at the Pre-Trial Detention Facility (jail) and authorizes the funds to carry-over to FY24-25. It amends the 2024-28 Capital Improvement Plan to provide additional funding for the existing Pretrial Detention Facility – Maintenance & Upgrades project to reflect the inclusion of additional items and funding. The Department of Public Works is designated as the oversight agency for the projects. Emergency passage on second reading is requested.

Background Information: During the work of the Council's Special Committee on JSO Primary Facilities, the Sheriff's Office distributed a list of immediately needed repairs/improvements to the jail to bring it up to reasonable condition for occupancy and safety for both inmates and corrections employees for the next few years while planning for a new jail takes place. Simultaneously, the FY22-23 year-end budget report indicates that the JSO budget will have an approximately \$10.5 million positive variance which will roll into General Fund Operating Reserves when the books are finally closed on the past fiscal year. This bill will appropriate \$9 million of that positive variance to make the needed improvements.

The largest cost items include repairs to the cell door electronic locking system controls (\$1.64M), electrical infrastructure repairs (\$1.43M), and elevator upgrades (\$1.2M) in addition to building exterior façade repairs and waterproofing, cooling tower refurbishment and chiller replacements, air handling system equipment replacement, kitchen floor and drain repairs, mold remediation, and other smaller items.

Policy Impact Area: Pre-Trail Detention Facility repairs

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$9,002,100 from General Fund Operating Reserves, derived from a positive variance in the JSO budget for FY22-23.

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