

To: President and Members of the Munster Town Council

From: Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer

Date: August 5, 2024

Re: Ordinance 1960 Additional Appropriations (4)

To legally spend Town money, we must have appropriations, which simply means permission to spend. Two funds are now in need of additional appropriations.

At the February 19, 2024, Meeting, Council approved the purchase of a total of twenty police vehicles to begin the take home program and an approximate cost of \$2 million. This will be paid directly from the TIF Fund to the vendors. Ordinance 1940 approved salary increases for the Police. The TIF Fund will be used to support a portion of the additional payroll costs by making a regular monthly transfer from the TIF Fund to the General Fund. The total additional appropriation request is \$2.5 million.

The General Fund needs an additional appropriation to make the actual payroll and benefit payments. The total additional appropriation request is \$500,000.00.

The procedure for securing additional appropriations requires a public hearing, scheduled for August 19, 2024, and the adoption of an ordinance by the Town Council. Ordinances normally have two readings. The TIF Fund is considered “reporting only,” and the DLGF does not approve or deny these. Upon passage of the ordinance, the additional appropriation will be in effect and the information forwarded to the DLGF for reporting purposes only. Upon passage of the ordinance, the General Fund request will be submitted to the DLGF for their review and authorization.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By motion and voice vote, hear proposed Ordinance 1960 for additional appropriations on first reading, and schedule a public hearing and second reading for August 19, 2024.