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Rep. Morson and Rep. Zachary,

We are requesting that the attached Yerwood Center appropriation and related capital closeout items be considered under suspension of the rules. I believe the materials have been submitted to the Board Office, but I wanted to contact you directly to ensure we are aligned on the requested schedule.

Specifically, we are asking that the Fiscal Committee place these items on its agenda for Monday, July 27, 2026, under suspension of the rules so they may be considered by the full Board at its August meeting, and avoid the need for a Special Meeting.

The City recently received final bids for the Yerwood Center Interior Renovation Project. Based on the design estimate, we anticipated that an additional appropriation would be necessary, and the bid results confirmed that need. Our goal was to identify non-City-bond funding to cover the difference, and we have successfully assembled a funding package that includes FEMA, Community Development Fund and ARP resources.

The ARP funding is subject to a December 31, 2026 expenditure deadline. To award the contract promptly and maintain the project schedule, the additional authorization must be approved in early August. This timing is the basis for our suspension-of-the-rules request.

The matter is also urgent because the discovery and subsequent abatement of asbestos required the Yerwood Center to be vacated, displacing the Boys & Girls Club from the facility. Advancing the appropriation now is necessary to avoid further delay and return the organization, and the families it serves, to Yerwood as soon as possible.

The funding request is summarized below:

- Lowest qualified construction bid: **\$3,546,980**
- Total project estimate, including remaining professional services, project management and contingency: **\$4,119,052**
- Current funding available: approximately **\$1,955,000**
- Additional appropriation requested: **\$2,262,233**

The additional appropriation would be funded as follows:

- FEMA: **\$1,181,995**
- Community Development Fund contribution: **\$750,000**

- Reallocated federal ARP balances: **\$330,238**

The ARP amount consists of remaining balances from nine capital accounts where the funds are no longer required for the original scope, cannot reasonably be expended by the applicable deadline or are otherwise available for closeout. No existing contract or obligation will be left unfunded as a result of the transfer.

Approval will allow the City to award the contract and maintain the targeted substantial-completion date of December 31, 2026, with the Boys & Girls Club returning to Yerwood in January 2027.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me with any questions in advance of the meeting.

Best, Matt

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