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Committee: Finance	Date: 5/9/2023
Common Council Item Number: ID#23-6775	Date: 5/16/2023
Submitted By: Jennifer Andrews	City Administrator Approval: GK
Finance Department Review: JC	City Attorney's Office Review:
Subject: Review and Act on a recommendation to amend the 2023 Capital Budget to increase the Silurian Spring Basement Project by \$18,000.	

Details:
 The 2023 CIP Budget included \$45,000.00 for repair of the Silurian Springhouse basement. The Public Works Department issued a bid request for the project in March, and we received two bids for the project, for \$58,420.00 and \$59,000.00. The Landmarks Commission is requesting that \$18,000.00 be added to the project budget to make up the difference, and also allow for additional contingencies.

The original budget amount was based on a ballpark estimate we received from the Engineering firm Strucrite, who provided an assessment of the need for the repair and prepared the plans for the project. Strucrite provided three alternatives for how to do the work. The Landmarks Commission chose the least expensive of the three alternatives, which had originally been estimated to cost around \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00.

As noted in the budget request page, the section of Waukesha Springs Park adjacent to the Silurian Springhouse is used regularly by neighborhood residents and by children in the YMCA daycare program. The concrete section that forms the ceiling to the basement entrance is at ground level, so people walk over it regularly, and it is deteriorating. It could become a significant safety issue in the future if it is not addressed soon.

Options & Alternatives:
 In the past the Landmarks Commission has funded restoration and repair projects on the Springs using CDBG grant money, allocated from the annual fund the City receives. Currently the Landmarks Commission has \$18,000.00 available in its 2022 Springs Restoration CDBG fund. Some or all of that money could potentially be used to make up some of the difference. If it is used, the labor on the project will need to be paid at federally mandated Davis Bacon Prevailing Wage rates. That would add about \$2,000.00 to the total project cost.

The Landmarks Commission had planned to allocate the majority of the available CDBG money to several other Springs projects this year, and to reallocate the rest toward Paint and Repair Grants to help homeowners in the historic districts with the cost of their repair work. If it is used for this project instead, it won't be available for those purposes.

Financial Remarks:

The use of residual interest earnings from last year's projects would fund the \$18,000 amendment, using accounts

1721.68290 expense account

1721.49990 income account

Executive Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the amendment to increase the capital budget for the Silurian Spring basement project by \$18,000, per the Landmarks Commission's request.