

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	December 16, 2024
Action Required:	Approval of Resolution
Presenter:	Michael Goddard, Facilities Development Manager
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Title:	Resolution to allocate funds from the CIP Contingency Fund for emergency repairs to the Fontaine Fire Station Parking Lot - \$200,000 (1 reading)

Background

Charlottesville Public Works and Charlottesville Utilities are collaborating to make an emergency repair to stabilize the drive apron at the Fontaine Fire Station, which was found to be undermined after a recent storm event. Charlottesville Utilities intends to utilize their on-call contract to make the repair. An appropriation of \$200,000 from the City's CIP contingency fund is required to complete the required work.

Discussion

Recent rain events have uncovered an underground cavity that threatens to undermine the structural stability of the drive apron at the Fontaine Fire Station. This apron is the approach to the parking bays for the fire apparatus which operate at Fontaine, and a structural failure while under load could be catastrophic. The cavity was caused by a utility vault that was not properly and permanently sealed when the original utility work was done in conjunction with the construction of the fire station ten years ago. Over time the improperly sealed vault has allowed water to exit the vault, entraining the surrounding earth and removing it into the storm drain. At the present time. The apron has been put out of service until the repairs can be made, which is a significant inconvenience and an operational disruption to fire department (CFD). Repair will involve removal of a section of the concrete apron, stabilization of below ground utilities, backfill and replacement of the concrete apron. While Charlottesville Public Works/ Facilities Development staff will act as fiscal agent and is offering project management support, Charlottesville Utilities will work to schedule the repair contractor based on their on- call contract for utility repair work.

The total project budget is \$200,000, which includes a 15% construction contingency, which is required due to the likelihood of unforeseen conditions when the full cavity is exposed.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

No new funds are being requested. The balance in the CIP contingency account were previously appropriated and are intended to used to help with unplanned and unforeseen expenses such as this one.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Alternatives

Council could find a different source of funding to pay for the work that needs to be performed.

Attachments

1. RES_\$200,000 Fontaine Fire Station Drive Apron Repair