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CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-23
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, The Mayor of Covington has submitted a Mid-Year budget amendment to the 2026 Capital and Operating Budget to the City Council for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2026 Budget as follows:

ORG	OBJ	PURPOSE	INCREASE	EXPLANATION
Legal				
01110025	446516	Attorney - Other	$ 8,500.00	Outside legal counsel for special cases
			$ 8,500.00	
Administration				
01110030	463500	Building	$ 75,000.00	Columbia Street Landing Stage construction
01110030	464000		$ 6,000.00	Closing fees, parking lot purchases, Ordinances 2026-07, 2026-08
			$ 81,000.00	
Engineering				
01110035	410110	Salary	$ 26,499.20	New position - Engineering Intern. Partial year of salary.
01110035	420100	Health insurance	$ 4,540.64	New position - Engineering Intern. Partial year of benefits.
01110035	420200	Life Insurance	$ 67.99	New position - Engineering Intern. Partial year of benefits.
01110035	420300	Lt. Dis. Insurance	$ 185.49	New position - Engineering Intern. Partial year of benefits.
01110035	420400	Retirement	$ 7,154.78	New position - Engineering Intern. Partial year of benefits.
01110035	420600	Medicare	$ 384.24	New position - Engineering Intern. Partial year of benefits.
01110035	420700	WC Ins.	$ 1,091.77	New position - Engineering Intern. Partial year of benefits.
01110035	420800	Unemployment	$ 53.00	New position - Engineering Intern. Partial year of benefits.
01110035	444030	Vehicle Ins.	$ 2,706.44	Full year of insurance for new pool vehicle for Engineering
01110035	446010	Office supplies	$ 250.00	Office supplies
01110035	446530	Computer services	$ 2,380.00	Computer programs
01110035	448010	Small computer	$ 3,475.00	Laptop, monitors, docking station, desk phone, etc.
01110035	448005	Small office	$ 1,000.00	Furniture for new position
01110035	449040	Telephone	$ 174.00	Telephone system
01110035	462500	Vehicles	$ 20,000.00	Additional pool vehicle for Engineering
			$ 69,962.55	
Greater Covington Center				
01110125	448000	Tools / Equipment	$ 8,000.00	New commercial-grade stove for BF Hall
			$ 8,000.00	
Police				
01130200	443501	Gasoline	$ 5,750.00	Additional funding needed due to increased cost of fuel.
01130200	446530	Computer Services	$ 10,000.00	Tailorbuilt dispatching software.
			$ 15,750.00	
Streets				
01150400	443501	Gasoline	$ 15,000.00	Additional funding needed due to increased cost of fuel.
01150400	443501	Diesel	$ 20,000.00	Additional funding needed due to increased cost of fuel.
			$ 35,000.00	

Cultural Arts and Events				
01160102	446040	Print supplies	$ 5,000.00	Promotional printing. Restaurant guide and signage.
01160102	441500	Contract services	$ 3,000.00	Various city events: America 250, Jazz thru the Ages, etc.
01160102	445010	Ssupplies	$ 8,000.00	Banners
			$ 16,000.00	
Water				
50310600	443501	Gasoline	$ 10,000.00	Additional funding needed due to increased cost of fuel.
			$ 10,000.00	
Sewer Collection				
50320700	445010	Supplies	$ 23,000.00	Sewer clean outs and manhole covers
			$ 23,000.00	
		TOTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT BY FUND		
		FUND 01 - GENERA	**$ 234,212.55**	**Decrease to General Fund**
		FUND 50 - UTILITY	**$ 33,000.00**	

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, Louisiana, at its regular session convened, that the 2026 Capital and Operating Budget shall be amended as set out above.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVE TO AMEND Verret seconded by Roberts.

YEAS: 7 **ABSENT: 0**

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN: 0**

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Roberts seconded by Bushnell.

YEAS: 7 **ABSENT: 0**

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN: 0**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of August, 2026.

/s/ Mark W. Verret
MARK W. VERRET
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

/s/ Jo Ann D. Rucker
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 13th day of August, 2026, at 9:25 o'clock A.M.

/s/ Jo Ann D. Rucker
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 13th day of August, 2026.

/s/ Mark R. Johnson
MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 13th day of August, 2026, at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

/s/ Jo Ann D. Rucker
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK