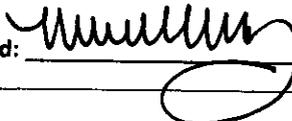


TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date:	06/07/2023	Submitted by:	Town Manager	Telephone #	508-699-0100
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MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Approval of Transfer of FY23 Supplemental Free Cash in the amount of \$200,000.00 to support Safety & Security

Signed:  31 MAY 23

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

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Purpose: The purpose of funding safety and security measures is to ensure the well-being and protection of both the community members and the staff who utilize Town Hall. By implementing robust safety and security measures, we aim to create a secure environment that fosters trust, encourages public participation, and promotes efficient operations within the Town Hall.

Justification:

- 1. Protecting Public Safety:** Town Hall serves as a hub for various community activities, including town meetings, public hearings, and events. By investing in safety and security measures, we prioritize the protection of the public attending these gatherings. Enhanced safety measures, such as security personnel, surveillance cameras, and access control systems, will help deter potential threats, identify and respond to emergencies promptly, and prevent incidents that may endanger individuals' safety.
- 2. Safeguarding Public Officials and Staff:** Town Hall houses elected officials, employees, and staff who play crucial roles in serving the community. Ensuring their safety is essential to maintaining a functional and efficient government. Implementing safety and security measures creates a safe working environment that enables officials and staff to focus on their duties without concerns for their personal safety.

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3. Mitigating Potential Risks: Every public space faces potential risks. Investing in safety and security measures will help mitigate these risks and safeguard the valuable assets, documents, and equipment within Town Hall. By protecting these assets, we can avoid significant financial losses, prevent disruptions in public services, and maintain the integrity of the Town Hall as a vital community institution.

4. Promoting Public Trust and Confidence: A safe and secure Town Hall sends a strong message to the community, demonstrating the government's commitment to public safety and well-being. By proactively addressing security concerns, we build trust and confidence among residents, encouraging increased public engagement, participation in town meetings, and collaboration with local authorities. This, in turn, leads to a more inclusive, transparent, and responsive local governance system.

In conclusion, funding safety and security measures in Town Hall serves the purpose of protecting public safety, safeguarding public officials and staff, mitigating risks, and promoting public trust. These investments are essential for creating a secure environment that fosters community engagement, efficient operations, and the overall well-being of everyone utilizing the Town Hall.

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