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To: [Lorrie Toups](#)
Cc: [Veronica Williams](#); [Joseph Gordon-Wiltz](#); [jbellard@bellardcompany.com](#); [Kerney Simoneaux](#); [Joel Robideaux](#); [Lowell Duhon](#)
Subject: Re: YOUR GEN AMENDMENT/BUDGET QUESTIONS FOR THURSDAY
Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:00:45 PM

Lorrie,

I am hoping to just put this is a reserve fund until the rededication of Library to drainage funds has hopefully passed. If this happens I will move to use some of these funds instead of dipping into the GF.

I am also hoping to apply for funding through the CAPS program. I just want to have this money set aside for a one time use just in case it is needed.

I respect your concerns and will do everything I can to secure other funds if possible. This just needs to be put in place to get the Corps attention that we are serious about addressing the dredging-requests.

Nanette

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2019, at 10:38 AM, Lorrie Toups <ltoups@lafayetteLA.gov> wrote:

Vee & Nanette,

We will work on this but I must go on record advising that I do not feel that this is fiscally responsible. I would absolutely recommend this if this were the only use of City General Fund balance in this budget however this budget is using \$6 million for recurring cost. This along with the other general amendments puts the City General Fund Balance under \$30 million in 2023. As I have mentioned several times, when the City General Fund balance starts to decrease, it does so in a swift manner. The steps we used to recover from the last time this happened are not available to us a second time. I am afraid that this will result is sharp reductions in services to our city in the future.

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From: Veronica Williams <vwilliams@lafayetteLA.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 8:21 AM
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Lorrie: Nanette requested that I forward you the following with reference to tonight's meeting so your staff may prepare accordingly:

Nanette wrote: I want to offer another budget amendment on my original separate amendment moving \$5 million to the line item Vermilion River Dredging from the Louisiana Avenue Project, which is still on the list. I would like to amend this and take the funds from the City general fund and put in a reserve fund listed as Vermilion River Dredging project.

Nanette wrote: I also have another general amendment related to \$30,000 from the city general fund for the National Fitness Campaign Construction. I want to add \$14,885.50 from left over identified funds from levee improvements to this project to help cover the installation costs or...I may just want to put in a separate line item CIP for District 4.

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Vee

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