



## Memorandum

**TO:** Members of the City of Bloomington Common Council (“Council”)  
**FROM:** Margie Rice, Corporation Counsel  
**CC:** Kerry Thomson, Mayor  
Gretchen Knapp, Deputy Mayor  
Jessica McClellan, City Controller  
Adam Wason, Public Works Director  
Council Staff  
**RE:** Appropriation Ordinances 24-03 and 24-04  
**DATE:** July 26, 2024

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### Summary

Circumstances have arisen requiring Public Works to need additional funds appropriated for both Personnel expenses (Category 1) and for Services (Category 3). As such, Legal has prepared Ordinances 24-03 and 24-04 and requests the approval of the Common Council of the City of Bloomington (“Council”).

#### PERSONNEL – Category 1

Public Works now employs a Facilities Operations and Asset Specialist. This is a new position in 2024, and it was previously authorized by the Council; however, the funding was not put in place at that time. There is an employee in place, and in order to cover payroll expense for the remainder of the year and additional \$72,000 is necessary.

#### OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES – Category 3

Bloomington saw one of its worst storms on June 25, 2024, resulting in substantial damage to private and public trees caused by strong winds. Almost immediately, members of the public began asking if the City would be able to assist in picking up, at their curbs, debris left on their properties caused by the storm. In order to be responsive to City residents and to assist the City with its own clean-up and removal of debris, the City utilized a special purchasing provision under Indiana Code 36-4-8-14 and Bloomington Municipal Code 2.26.085 to address these immediate and emergent needs. The City hired a third-party vendor to assist them. This appropriation is requested to pay the vendor and to supplement the Public Works’ budget, as they incurred additional expenses that were not anticipated in 2024.