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Alder Tyisha Walker  
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165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

**RE: ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE #1 AUTHORIZING  
BUDGET TRANSFER #504-23-1 TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE PARKS AND  
PUBLIC WORKS SALARY ACCOUNTS TO THE PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS OVERTIME  
ACCOUNTS**

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

Attached please find the Request for Authorizing a Budget Transfer from the Salary accounts within the budget of the Department of Parks and Public Works. The requested transfer is to cover overtime expenditures from July 1, 2022, through December 9, 2022.

Unforeseen with the merger of Parks & Public Works permit application functions previously shared by the administrative staff of Parks and Recreation were altered. With a reduction in the workforce and the high demand for permitted events, permit processing required administrative overtime to complete transactions within established time constraints.

The Department also experienced overtime expenditures in support of:

- Bridge Operations (staffing requirements for movable bridges as mandated by the U.S.C.G.).
- General Maintenance & Streets (Support to City Events and Services; Parks Caretakers & Public Works Streets Division)
- Fleet Maintenance (Vacancies & Aging Fleet)
- Tree Division (Significant number of tree removal requests, safety concerns, and emergency situations)

The Department is currently working with the assistance of the Chief Administrator's Office to address staffing issues and provide the necessary tools to complete these functions, reducing the Department's overtime charges.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 203-946-6132. I thank you and hope for your favorable consideration of this item.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey Pescosolido  
Director of Parks and Public Works

CC:Regina Rush-Kittle, Chief Administrative Officer  
Michael Gormany, Budget Director  
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