

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 05/12/26

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 26-0396

**LOG NAME:** 13 RISK TRANSFER PUBLIC EVENTS PIONEER TOWER

**SUBJECT**

(CD 7) Adopt Appropriation Ordinance Increasing Estimated Receipts and Appropriations in the Risk Financing Fund in the Amount of \$318,848.00, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance Increasing Estimated Receipts and Appropriations in the General Capital Projects Fund in the Amount of \$568,848.00 for the Purpose of Funding the Will Rogers Memorial Center Pioneer Tower Project, and Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Budget and the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Risk Financing Fund in the amount of \$318,848.00, due to subrogation recovery, for the purpose of transferring to the General Capital Projects Fund for the Will Rogers Memorial Center Pioneer Tower Repair Project (City Project No. 106275);
  2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$568,848.00 transferred from the Risk Financing Fund for the purpose of repairing the Will Rogers Memorial Center Pioneer Tower; and
  3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Budget and the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program.
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**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to adopt the attached appropriation ordinances reallocating and increasing appropriations in the Risk Financing Fund and transferring a total of \$568,848.00 to the General Capital Projects Fund to support repairs to the Will Rogers Memorial Center Pioneer Tower.

In April 2025, a lightning strike damaged the Will Rogers Memorial Center Pioneer Tower.

The insurance company issued claim payments totaling \$318,848.00, which were received and deposited into the Risk Financing Fund on February 20, 2026. Pursuant to policy, these funds are being transferred from the Risk Financing Fund, where they were originally recorded, to the General Capital Project Fund, where they will be recorded as revenue. The \$250,000.00 balance, which will fund the policy deductible, is available in the existing adopted budget of the Risk Financing Fund for appropriation to the Public Events Department to cover the deductible associated with the Pioneer Tower repair. This repair reflects only structural work and does not include any additional repairs under evaluation with the insurance company.

Funding is available for appropriation in the existing budget of the Risk Financing Fund for the purpose of repairing the structural damage to the Pioneer Tower. Funding for this project was not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program due to unforeseen damages resulting from a lightning strike. The action in this M&C will amend the FY2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 27979-09-2025.

Pioneer Tower is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 7.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Risk Financing Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the General Capital Projects Fund for the WRMC Pioneer Tower Repair Project. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Public Events Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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