

November 1, 2023

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

202302301

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – FY 2023 Year-End Recommended Transfers and Appropriations for City Council Allocation**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$7,095,646 from balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, “Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$7,095,646 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various capital improvement program project accounts according to the attached Schedule A of the Capital Budget Schedule of Transfer to provide resources for identified one-time infrastructure and capital projects for identified urgent needs.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the various transfers and appropriations as recommended in the Administration’s FY 2023 Carryover to FY 2024 Report (B Version) (Item #202302199) which includes the following transfers and appropriations:

Administration’s Recommended One-Time Uses

- Deferred Capital Maintenance (\$7,095,646) – The recommended \$7,095,646 allocation will provide funding to address the backlog of deferred maintenance of the City’s capital assets as well as information technology equipment. The recommended projects include the following amounts by department:
  - Enterprise Technology Solutions – \$1,795,646
    - \$795,646 to replace radios used by multiple City Departments including Police and Fire
    - \$500,000 for Lifecycle Asset Replacement of Windows based devices
    - \$250,000 to install, repair, and replace uninterruptable power supply (UPS) systems at all network locations
    - \$250,000 to replace the City’s phone systems and provide a unified communications system
  - City Manager’s Office – \$400,000
    - An additional allocation of funds for the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES) to add one new location and partially fund an additional location (Millvale and Evanston) as Solar Panel Battery Backup Resiliency Hubs

- Department of Community and Economic Development – \$1,000,000
  - Funds for the Division of Parking Services for improvements to off-street parking garages
  
- Department of Public Services – City Facilities Management (CFM) – \$3,400,000
  - \$1,000,000 for asbestos abatement at various City facilities
  - \$1,000,000 for improvements at public safety facilities
  - \$500,000 for the Fire Training Center
  - \$400,000 for an electrical Arc Flash Hazard Study and mitigation efforts
  - \$250,000 for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades at various City facilities
  - \$250,000 for safety upgrades at various City facilities
  
- Department of Public Services – Fleet Services – \$500,000
  - Funds to replace the Cincinnati Police Department’s Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) vehicle

This Emergency Ordinance does not include items proposed by the Mayor which are included in a separate Emergency Ordinance to be considered by the City Council.

Additional information regarding the overview of the City of Cincinnati’s financial condition for the fiscal year (FY) ending June 30, 2023, can be found in the Revised Department of Finance Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 (unaudited) (Item #202302200).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accomplish the authorized transfers and appropriations so the funding described herein is in place immediately and so the necessary expenditures described herein may be made as soon as possible.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: William “Billy” Weber, Assistant City Manager  
Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachments