

EMERGENCY

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AUTHORIZING the transfer of \$23,971,572 within the General Fund from and to various operating accounts and the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to realign and provide funds for the ongoing needs of City departments; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$5,800,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, “Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$120,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x255x232520, “Centennial II Office Renovation,” to provide resources for the renovation of Department of Economic Inclusion office space; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of the sum of \$180,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x252505, “Fleet Replacements,” to provide resources for the partial replacement of a Public Services vehicle damaged in service; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of the sum of \$30,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizen Job Fund 308 to provide resources for future targeted recruitment initiatives in the Department of Human Resources; **AUTHORIZING** a fund advance and transfer of \$600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 to be used for operations and to be repaid with future parking meter revenue; and **DECLARING** that the expenditures within the Schedules of Transfer serve a public purpose.

WHEREAS, a need has arisen since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2025 to transfer various sums according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to realign and provide funds for the ongoing needs of City departments;

WHEREAS, \$6,120,619 is being transferred within current FY 2025 appropriations, \$17,850,953 is being transferred from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund for ongoing operating needs, \$330,000 is being transferred out of the General Fund for capital and operating needs, and \$600,000 is being provided as a fund advance; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 320-2024 transferred \$25,931,295 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, “Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs,” to provide resources for unanticipated emergencies, including those caused by unusual weather events, to increase the City’s reserve, and for one-time needs, including costs associated with new bargaining agreements between the City and International Association of Fire Fighters and the Fraternal Order of Police; and

WHEREAS, \$5,800,000 remains in General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, “Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs,” to cover FY 2025 costs related to the International Association of Fire Fighters and the Fraternal Order of Police bargaining agreements as outlined in the FY 2024 Carryover to FY 2025 Report No. 202402131; and

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WHEREAS, \$5,800,000 will be transferred from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to address FY 2025 personnel needs in the Cincinnati Police Department and the Cincinnati Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 166-2023 established capital program project account no. 980x255x232520, "Centennial II Office Renovation," to provide resources for renovating space in Centennial II, including but not limited to, expansion of office space to accommodate additional staff in the Department of Planning and Engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Inclusion needs to renovate office space in Centennial II to accommodate staff and has \$120,000 in General Fund operating budget savings that can be used for the project; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 206-2024 established capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x252505, "Fleet Replacement," to provide resources for the purchase of replacement automotive and motorized equipment for City agencies supported by the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Services requires \$180,000 for the partial replacement of a vehicle damaged in service, which will be transferred and appropriated to the Fleet Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Resources requires \$30,000 to continue targeted recruitment initiatives to address disparities in employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a fund advance of \$600,000 to Parking Meter Fund 303 is required to provide resources for continued operations, and the advance will be repaid with future parking meter revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently appealing a finding from the Internal Revenue Service related to 2023 income tax withholding declaring that the City must pay \$400,000 in penalties; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That a total of \$23,971,572 existing within the General Fund and the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund is transferred within said fund according to the attached Schedules of Transfer to realign certain operating accounts and to provide funds for the ongoing needs of City departments.

Section 2. That \$5,800,000 is transferred from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2580, “Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 3. That \$120,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x255x232520, “Centennial II Office Renovation,” to provide resources for the renovation of Department of Economic Inclusion office space.

Section 4. That \$180,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to capital improvement program project account no. 980x981x252505, “Fleet Replacements,” to provide resources for the partial replacement of a Public Services vehicle damaged in service.

Section 5. That \$30,000 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Citizens Jobs Fund 308 to provide resources for future targeted recruitment initiatives in the Department of Human Resources.

Section 6. That Council authorizes a fund advance and transfer of \$600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Parking Meter Fund 303 for the purpose of providing resources for operations. The Fund Advance shall be repaid with future parking meter revenue.

Section 7. That Council declares that payment of an Internal Revenue Service tax liability related to 2023 income tax withholding serves a public purpose because it ensures federal tax compliance.

Section 8. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 6 and the attached Schedules of Transfer.

Section 9. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to realign and provide funds for the ongoing needs of City departments.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk