



City of Cincinnati

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Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairperson Jeff Cramerding
Vice Chair Scotty Johnson
Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Evan Nolan
Councilmember Meeka Owens
President Pro Tem Victoria Parks
Councilmember Seth Walsh

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

1:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

AGENDA

MOTIONS

- [202500040](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Nolan, Walsh, Owens, Jeffreys, Cramerding and Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the administration provide a report within two (2) weeks reviewing the Camp Washington Skatepark project for possible funding from the *Capital Project Fund*. This should include a brief project summary, outstanding gap analysis, and other pertinent information, as well as a final recommendation on whether or not to close the funding gap on the project. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Nolan, Walsh, Owens, Jeffreys, Kearney and Cramerding

Attachments: [Motion](#)
- [202500050](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within two (2) weeks reviewing the ArtWorks Creative Campus ArtPark project for possible usage from the Capital Project Fund. This report should include a brief summary of the project, past asks and funding of the project by the City of Cincinnati, any pertinent information from the Administration on the project, and a final recommendation by the Administration as to whether or not to fund the project. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Walsh

Attachments: [202500050](#)
- [202500051](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within two (2) weeks reviewing the Clifton Cultural Arts Center Headquarters project for a possible usage from the Capital Project Fund. This report should include a brief summary of the project, past ask and funding of the project by the City of Cincinnati, any pertinent information from the Administration on the project, and a final recommendation by the Administration as to whether or not to fund the project.

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4. [202500053](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within two (2) weeks reviewing the Cincinnati Art Museum Expanded ADA-Accessible Connections project for possible usage from the Capital Project Fund. This report should include a brief summary of the project, past asks and funding of the project by the City of Cincinnati, any pertinent information from the Administration on the project, and a final recommendation by the Administration as to whether or not to fund the project. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

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EXPENDITURES

5. [202500022](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/15/2025, **AUTHORIZING** the Greater Cincinnati Water Works ("GCWW") to expend funds up to the amount of \$30,000 from the GCWW non-personnel operating budget account no. 312x300x0000x7266 to install separate private water service lines for 2112, 2114, 2116, 2118, and 2122 St. Leo Place in the North Fairmount neighborhood so that each property may be individually billed instead of the current shared billing situation; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

ADJOURNMENT



Evan Nolan
Councilmember

12/13/2024

Motion

To Fund the Completion of the Camp Washington Skatepark

WE MOVE that the administration provide a report within two (2) weeks reviewing the Camp Washington Skatepark project for possible funding from the *Capital Project Fund*. This should include a brief project summary, outstanding gap analysis, and other pertinent information, as well as a final recommendation on whether or not to close the funding gap on the project.

Statement

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) alongside partners from the Cincinnati Skatepark Project began the process of fundraising and preparing for the creation of the City's first skatepark, which will be constructed on CRC property in Camp Washington. Since Council's initial allocation of \$250,000 in the FY24 budget, the partnership has leveraged a \$300,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, \$50,000 from the Devou Good Foundation, and \$50,000 from the Haile Foundation. This increases the total commitments to \$650,000.

It is Council's desire to complete this project as expediently and efficiently as possible, which notably involves completing the project in a single phase. A single-phase approach would have positive time, design, and cost implications and, through our engagement with CRC, it is the preferred alternative.

To date there is a small gap remaining between the estimated costs of the project and the committed funds. Closing the gap will allow the project to move forward in its entirety and ensure future fundraising promotes additional safety and sustainability features in the park.

In the FY25 Carryover budget, Council allocated \$1,359,008 to a *Capital Project Fund* account. These funds were earmarked for "one-time projects" capped at \$500,000 and vetted by the City Administration. The Camp Washington Skatepark is a one-time expense with prior support from the City Administration, investment from this Council, and a clear path towards completion, thus making it an ideal use for these funds.

It is significant that, for a CRC operated facility, the community has been able to help leverage upwards of 40% of the total project cost through various fundraising efforts. The skatepark will be

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an asset to CRC and the Camp Washington community that brings positive activity and catalyzes economic development in the vicinity.

Evan Nolan

Councilmember Evan Nolan

[Signature]

Wesley D. Owens

Oliver Jeffrey

Jan-Michael Lemoine

JEFF CRAMERDING



2025 00050

Seth Walsh
Councilmember

1/14/24

MOTION

To Review and Make a Funding Recommendation for the ArtWorks Creative Campus ArtPark Project

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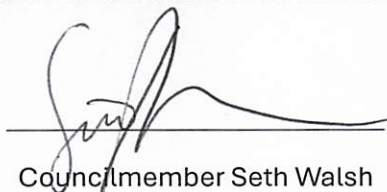
STATEMENT

The ArtWorks Creative Campus project is ArtWorks' first ever capital project and has a small remaining gap to close out the \$11.7 million dollar goal to complete the project prior to the grand opening on April 26th. The Creative Campus includes renovation and redevelopment of a historic building and a vacant lot in the Peebles corner business district in Walnut Hills, as well as new crosswalks and a green median on Gilbert Avenue. The Campus also extends to the ArtPark at the corner of Curtis Street and Gilbert Avenue which will be home to native plants and gardens, a water fountain, space for community events, public art, and more.

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These funds were earmarked for one-time capital use on projects capped at \$500,000 and vetted by the City Administration. This process includes an administrative review any of these potential projects and then a final vote by Council no sooner than January 1, 2025. The Administration review should be conducted within two weeks of the request being made by motion by a member of Council for review, and following the review a formal funding request can be made by a member of Council.

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Councilmember Seth Walsh



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Seth Walsh
Councilmember

1/14/24

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STATEMENT

The Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC) Headquarters project is a 18,000 sq. ft arts and culture center on a formerly vacant lot in Clifton. This funding request is for the final phase of the project, including lighting, curtains, A/V equipment, sound panels, and more to complete the build-out of the stage and performance space in the CCAC. The CCAC Headquarters has a final gap to complete the project due to the rising costs of labor and materials, and an allocation would be the final contribution necessary to complete the project.

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Councilmember Seth Walsh



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Seth Walsh
Councilmember

1/14/24

MOTION

To Review and Make a Funding Recommendation for the Cincinnati Art Museum Expanded ADA-Accessible Connections Project

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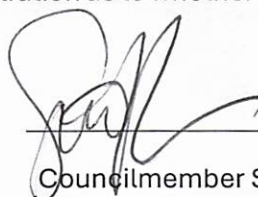
STATEMENT

The Cincinnati Art Museum Expanded ADA-Accessible Connections project is requesting funding to help with the next phase of the Art Climb, a project connecting Gilbert Avenue to the Art Museum. In addition to the existing Art Climb, this additional phase would create a series of ADA-accessible pathways up the climb to allow for strollers and wheelchairs to use the Art Climb and connect the Art Museum in a more accessible way to the public transit infrastructure along Gilbert Avenue.

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Councilmember Seth Walsh

January 15, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202500022

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – GCWW: St. Leo Place - North Fairmount Private Water Lines Public Purpose Authorization

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) to expend funds up to the amount of \$30,000 from GCWW non-personnel operating budget account no. 312x300x0000x7266 to install separate private water service lines for 2112, 2114, 2116, 2118, and 2122 St. Leo Place in the North Fairmount neighborhood so that each property may be individually billed instead of the current shared billing situation; and **DECLARING** such expenditure to serve a public purpose.

This Ordinance would authorize the expenditure of funds up to the amount of \$30,000 from GCWW Water Works Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 312x300x0000x7266 to install separate private water service lines for 2112, 2114, 2116, 2118, and 2122 St. Leo Place in the North Fairmount neighborhood so that each property may be individually billed instead of the current shared billing situation. The Ordinance would further declare this expenditure to serve a public purpose.

The Fairwood Acres Condominium Association (FACA), consisting of a total of six units, was created in 1981 by the recording of a Declaration of Condominium Ownership in Deed Book 4205, page 322, as amended by a First Amendment recorded in Deed Book 4230, page 6 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder’s Office. Water service from GCWW to all six units of the condominium property was provided through a single service line, meter, and account billed to FACA.

In 1989, FACA elected to remove the units from the condominium form of ownership and subdivide the property into six parcels under separate ownership, as memorialized in the certification recorded in Official Record 5008, page 413, the deed recorded in Official Record 5008, page 327, and the subdivision plat recorded in Plat Book 317, page 12 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder’s Office.

Following subdivision of the Condominium property, one property owner has established a separate service branch and account, while the remaining five properties 2112 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0130), 2114 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0129), 2116 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0128), 2118 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0127), and 2122 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0126) (collectively the “Properties”) continue to share a single water service line, meter, and utility account.

The current owners of the Properties have now inherited a legacy arrangement that they had no role in causing and have faced significant challenges with delinquencies when individual owners fail to contribute to the shared water and sewer costs, leaving some owners to pay for their neighbors' water and sewer usage or risk losing access to water.

GCWW has further determined that installation of separate private water service lines for each of the Properties is necessary to enable independent billing and accountability for water and sewer bills, to remove the risk of loss of water service, and to preserve the health and safety of the owners and occupants of the Properties.

The private water service line installation connecting each of the Properties to the St. Leo water main will serve a public purpose by guaranteeing access to water for the Properties which will protect the public health and by conserving the City's economic resources by improving the collection of water service charges.

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

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WHEREAS, the Fairwood Acres Condominium Association (“FACA”) consisting of six units, was created in 1981 by the recording of a Declaration of Condominium Ownership in Deed Book 4205, Page 322, as amended by a First Amendment recorded in Deed Book 4230, Page 6 of the Hamilton County Recorder’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) previously provided water service to the six units within the FACA through a single service line, meter, and account which was billed to the FACA; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the FACA elected to remove all six units from the FACA, and the condominium form of ownership as memorialized in the certification recorded in Official Record 5008, Page 413, the deed recorded in Official Record 5008, Page 327, and the subdivision plat recorded in Plat Book 317, Page 12 of the Hamilton County Recorder’s Office; and

WHEREAS, following the removal of the six units from the FACA and the condominium form of ownership, one unit owner established a separate service branch and account for GCWW water service, while the remaining five units, including 2112 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0130), 2114 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0129), 2116 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0128), 2118 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0127), and 2122 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0126) (collectively the “Properties”) continued to share a single water service line, meter, and utility account for GCWW water service; and

WHEREAS, although the GCWW rules and regulations do not typically allow shared service line/account arrangements across parcels due to the difficulties caused when owners do not cooperate on bill payment, leak repair, or other matters related to the utility servicer, this situation arose due to the unique circumstance of the removal of the Properties from the FACA and the condominium form of ownership; and

WHEREAS, the current owners of the Properties have inherited a legacy arrangement that they had no role in creating and have since faced significant challenges with payment delinquencies when individual unit owners failed to contribute to shared water and sewer costs, leaving some owners to pay for their neighbors’ water and sewer usage or risk losing access to water; and

WHEREAS, the GCWW has made several attempts to work with the owner of the Properties to address the situation, however, even if some owners are willing to install a separate service branch, their reconfiguration of their water service line will cut off water access to neighboring property owners from the St. Leo Place water main; and

WHEREAS, the GCWW has determined that the installation of separate private water service lines for each of the Properties is necessary to enable independent billing and accountability for water and sewer bills, to remove the risk of loss of water service, and to preserve the health and safety of the owners and occupants of the Properties; and

WHEREAS, the installation of separate private water service lines for the Properties to the St. Leo water main will serve the public purpose of improving the Properties' access to water and improving the collection of utility costs from the owners of the Properties, thereby protecting public health and conserving the City's economic resources; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Greater Cincinnati Water Works ("GCWW") is authorized to expend up to \$30,000 from the GCWW non-personnel operating budget account no. 312x300x0000x7266 for the cost of installing private water service lines and meters for 2112 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0130), 2114 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0129), 2116 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0128), 2118 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0127), and 2122 St. Leo Place (Aud. ID 206-0013-0126) to connect each separate property to the St. Leo Place water main.

Section 2. That the expense of reconfiguring the private water service lines is hereby declared to serve a public purpose because providing each property with separate access to the St. Leo Place water main will protect the public health by guaranteeing access to water for the properties and will conserve the City's economic resources by improving the collection of water service charges at the properties.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk