

## **EMERGENCY**

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**- 2025**

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$194,990 from the Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program to acquire approximately one-third of an acre of property located at the corner of Parkside Place and Martin Drive in Mt. Adams (Parcel ID 007200020288) (the “Property”) for permanent public access and greenspace preservation and to fund improvements to the Property, including but not limited to trails, trees, and benches (the “Improvements”); **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252043, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – OPWC,” to provide resources for the acquisition of the Property and for the Improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit up to \$194,990 of the OPWC Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252043, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – OPWC”; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of up to \$107,835 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to acquire the Property for permanent public access and greenspace preservation and to fund the Improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to accept and deposit up to \$107,835 of the donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252044, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – Donation,” to provide resources for the acquisition the Property for permanent public access and greenspace preservation and for the Improvements; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$107,835 in donated funds from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252044, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – Donation”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation valued at up to \$35,000 from the owner of the Property in the form of a bargain sale for the Property’s acquisition.

WHEREAS, Eden Park is one of the City’s premier regional parks, attracting visitors not only from across the Cincinnati region, but from throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the property located at the corner of Parkside Place and Martin Drive (Parcel ID 007200020288) (the “Property”) serves as the southern gateway to Eden Park in Mt. Adams; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Park Board owned the Property until 1999, when it was transferred to the Cincinnati Board of Education in exchange for certain other Cincinnati Board of Education properties to become parkland, and although the Property has since been conveyed to other entities and individuals, it has remained undeveloped and preserved as a green space for generations; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Parks Foundation raises funding through endowments and donations that support the operations and capital needs of City parks; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Adams community, in partnership with the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, has long advocated for the permanent preservation of the Property and has raised funds

to support its acquisition by the City as protected greenspace, and to fund improvements to the Property, including but not limited to trails, trees, and benches (the “Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, in addition to community fundraising, a grant of up to \$194,990 is available from the Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for the acquisition of the Property to ensure permanent public access and greenspace preservation and to fund the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2024, the Cincinnati Park Board adopted a resolution authorizing the application for the OPWC grant, and on September 25, 2024, Council passed Ordinance No. 303-2024 allowing the City to apply for the OPWC grant; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2024, OPWC notified the Park Board that an award of up to \$194,990 had been approved for the acquisition of the Property and for the Improvements, but no grant funds will be accepted without Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property has also offered the City a bargain sale on the Property’s appraised value in an amount up to \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, the OPWC grant requires a local match of at least \$68,510, which will be provided from resources contributed by the Cincinnati Parks Foundation from the Mt. Adams community and other donors, and by the in-kind donation from the Property owner; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the OPWC Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program grant or the donation from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation; and

WHEREAS, securing funding to acquire and improve the Property for permanent public access and greenspace preservation is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[p]reserve our natural and built environment” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as described on pages 193-195 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate a grant of up to \$194,990 from the Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program to acquire approximately one-third of an acre of property located at the corner of Parkside Place and Martin Drive in Mt. Adams, Parcel ID 007200020288 (the “Property”) and to fund improvements to the Property, including but not limited to trails, trees, and benches (the “Improvements”).

Section 2. That new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252043, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – OPWC” is established to provide resources for the acquisition of the Property and for the Improvements.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit up to \$194,990 of the OPWC grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252043, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – OPWC.”

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to accept a donation of up to \$107,835 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to acquire the Property for permanent public access and greenspace preservation and to fund the Improvements.

Section 5. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit up to \$107,835 of the donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430.

Section 6. That new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252044, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – Donation” is established to provide resources for the acquisition of the Property and for the Improvements.

Section 7. That the transfer and appropriation up to \$107,835 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252044, “Mt. Adams Greenspace Acquisition – Donation” is authorized.

Section 8. That the City Manager is authorized to accept an in-kind donation valued at up to \$35,000 from the owner of the Property in the form of a bargain sale for the Property’s acquisition.

Section 9. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the OPWC grant, the donation, and Sections 1 through 8.

Section 10. 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 comply with OPWC grant deadlines.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk