



April 29, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202601477

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Blanket Acceptance of Monetary Donations up to \$5,000**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Park Board to accept donations of money from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources valued individually at up to \$5,000 to support Cincinnati Park Board programming and services; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit donated funds into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 revenue account no. 326x8572.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager and employees of the Cincinnati Park Board to accept donations of money from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources valued individually at up to \$5,000 to support Cincinnati Park Board programming and services. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit donated funds into Park Miscellaneous Revenue and Special Activity Fund 326 revenue account no. 326x8572.

The City Council desires to establish parameters under which the City Manager and Park Board may accept donations without prior discrete City Council approval. City Council will continue to approve discrete ordinances for donations individually valued above the established maximums, requests for the solicitation of donations, and donations to be used for Park Board capital improvements. The Park Board will continue to track individual donations and will provide reports on a quarterly basis to the City Manager and the City Council regarding donations received in accordance with the parameters established in Ordinance No. 0062-2024.

These donations do not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with these donations.

Accepting monetary donations to fund Park Board operations is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 207-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the need to establish donation parameters to allow for the timely acceptance of donations to support Cincinnati Park Board programming and services.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment