

September 6, 2022

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202201734

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Office of Human Relations: Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber Moral Obligation**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$9,870 from the City Manager’s Office of Human Relations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 435x101x7000x7289 as a moral obligation of the City of Cincinnati to the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber for services provided to the City for the Black Is Excellence Project in 2022.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the payment of \$9,870 from the City Manager’s Office Human Relations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 435x101x7000x7289 as a moral obligation of the City of Cincinnati to the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber for services provided to the City for the Black Is Excellence Project in 2022.

Ordinance No. 0364-2021 authorized the City Manager and employees of the Office of Human Relations to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, and other things of value from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other available sources for the purpose of completing the Black Is Excellence Project. This project included displaying banners on street poles and purchasing billboard space in Downtown Cincinnati for the purpose of bringing recognition to Black History Month in 2022.

The Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber provided services to the City of Cincinnati for the Black Is Excellence Project in the amount of \$9,870 in 2022. Resources to pay the Cincinnati USA Chamber were not encumbered in a timely manner, necessitating a moral obligation payment. Sufficient resources are available from the City Manager’s Office Human Relations Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 435x101x7000x7289 to provide payment.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber for services provided to the City for the Black Is Excellence Project in 2022.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment