



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

## CALENDAR

### Cincinnati City Council

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

#### ROLL CALL

#### PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### FILING OF THE JOURNAL

#### MR. JEFFREYS

1. [202402124](#) **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **URGING** the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio Department of Taxation to accept the recommendations of the Cincinnati Property Tax Task Force to address the drastic increase in property taxes in the City of Cincinnati.

**Recommendation** PASS

**Sponsors:** Jeffreys

#### MS. KEARNEY

2. [202402153](#) **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Laura Moese as a 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her forty years of community volunteer service.

**Recommendation** PASS

**Sponsors:** Kearney

#### MR. CRAMERDING

3. [202402162](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Councilmember Cramerding, **AUTHORIZING** the disbursement of \$200,000 of Major Events Funding included in the Approved FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update for the River Roots event.

**Recommendation** BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Sponsors:** Cramerding

#### CITY MANAGER

4. [202402130](#) **REPORT**, dated 10/9/2024 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Sake Sushi LLC, DBA Sake, 2614 Short Vine Street. (#7677138, New, D3) [Objections: Yes]

**Recommendation** FILE**Sponsors:** City Manager

5. [202402138](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/9/2024, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 155-2024, which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund (ALN 15.904) through the Ohio History Connection's Certified Local Government Grant Program to provide resources for the development of a Multiple Property Documentation Form for the historic designation of Cincinnati's brewery resources, to increase the grant resource value to up to \$31,481.

**Recommendation** BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**Sponsors:** City Manager

6. [202402140](#) **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/9/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from the Reds Community Fund valued at up to \$150,000 for the installation of a turf infield at the Madisonville Recreation Area.

**Recommendation** BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**Sponsors:** City Manager

7. [202402154](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/9/2024, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251618, "Roselawn Streetscape - TIF," to provide resources for the rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right-of-way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$45,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Roselawn Equivalent Fund 528 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251618, "Roselawn Streetscape - TIF," to provide resources for the rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right-of-way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district; and **DECLARING** that rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right of way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district constitutes a "Public Infrastructure Improvement" (as defined by Section 5709.40(A)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code), that will benefit and/or serve District 28 - Roselawn Incentive District in the neighborhood of Roselawn, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

**Recommendation** BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**Sponsors:** City Manager

8. [202402155](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/9/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$252,873 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program - Local Solicitation (ALN 16.738) to provide funding for additional Police Visibility Overtime and for the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and

**AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 24JAG.

**Recommendation** BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Sponsors:** City Manager

## BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. [202402158](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/7/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$3,591,406 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Working Capital Reserve Fund 754 to increase the City's working capital reserve; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,128,610 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2585, "Economic Downturn Reserve," to increase the City's emergency reserve; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$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; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Development Fund to use for affordable housing initiatives; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7500 to provide a one-time contribution to address the City's pension obligation to the Cincinnati Retirement System; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation for one-time unforeseen operating needs that arise during the remainder of the current fiscal year; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$18,409,008 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time infrastructure and capital projects for identified urgent needs or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$15,890,000 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 \$6,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7100 to provide resources for retroactive pay and one-time lump sum payments included in the new bargaining agreement between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters to be paid during FY 2025; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$3,600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Police Department General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x222x7100 to provide resources for retroactive pay included in the new bargaining agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police to be

paid during FY 2025; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Contribution To Total Benefit Arrangement (CRS) non-departmental personnel operating budget account no. 050x915x7500 to provide a one-time payment to the Cincinnati Retirement System to cover benefits received by retirees since 2001 that exceeded the maximum amount allowable under Internal Revenue Code Section 415(b); **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7100 to provide funds for additional public safety measures in the downtown and uptown areas of the City; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,450,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources for items funded in FY 2024 for which contracts were not executed before June 30, 2024; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Department of Transportation and Engineering non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x231x7200 to provide resources to conduct a site assessment for a permanent customs facility at Lunken Airport; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$100,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$100,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources to support the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation ("3CDC") North Over-the-Rhine ("OTR") Clean & Safe Ambassador program; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$113,500 from the unappropriated surplus of Stormwater Management Fund 107 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 107x101x7200 to provide resources to support the 3CDC North OTR Clean & Safe Ambassador program; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x271x252724, "Cardiac Monitor Equipment - GFCO," to provide resources for the acquisition of cardiac monitors and related equipment to allow medics to monitor the vital signs of patients requesting emergency medical services from the Cincinnati Fire Department; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x251625, "Talbert House Crisis Center - GFCO," to provide resources to construct a new Talbert House Crisis Center that will house programs to assist City residents struggling with addiction and mental health issues; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$3,550,000 from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$4,790,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various capital improvement program project accounts according to Schedule A of the Capital Budget Schedule of Transfer; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$250,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for capital facilities improvements; and **DECLARING** certain projects to be for a public purpose, all for the purpose of carrying out the Capital

Improvement Program.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

10. [202402108](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to donate the historic Fort Washington Flag to the Cincinnati Museum Center, notwithstanding the requirements of Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 321-143 governing the disposal of City-owned personal property.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

11. [202402109](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$4,890 from Department of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 account no. 430x202x1059x7299 as a moral obligation to Central Parking System of Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges related to parking costs for City owned vehicles to park at the Riverfront employee reporting location from March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

12. [202402112](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$8,357 from Parks Department capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x0000x7671x242000, "Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation," as a moral obligation to Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati for outstanding charges pertaining to work performed at the Parks Department Warder facility.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

13. [202402110](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$654.48 to W.W. Grainger, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7369 for the purchase of reciprocating saw blades invoiced on July 18, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

14. [202402111](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$10,072 to Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7259 for charges related to preventative maintenance and repair services for hydraulic rescue tools used by the Cincinnati Fire Department from August 26, 2024 through August 28, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

15. [202402113](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$4,800 from the Department of Parks General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x203x2000x7316 to Dell Marketing L.P. pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance, for outstanding charges related to the purchase of computer hardware used by the Parks Department.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

16. [202402114](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 10/2/2024, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services from Public Allies AmeriCorps valued at up to \$120,000 to provide two full-time contracted positions to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

**Recommendation** PASS EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** City Manager

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adjournment

202402124

**Date:** October 2, 2024

**To:** Councilmember Mark Jeffreys  
**From:** Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW*  
**Subject:** **Resolution – Property Tax Task Force Advocacy**

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Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

**URGING** the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio Department of Taxation to accept the recommendations of the Cincinnati Property Tax Task Force to address the drastic increase in property taxes in the City of Cincinnati.

EESW/CNS(dmm)  
Attachment  
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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024**

**URGING** the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio Department of Taxation to accept the recommendations of the Cincinnati Property Tax Task Force to address the drastic increase in property taxes in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Property Tax Task Force ("Task Force") was created in March 2024 to develop short and long-term recommendations for providing relief to Cincinnati property owners who have been adversely impacted by the significant rise in property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force's recommendations focus on actions Cincinnati could take in support of struggling property owners and changes for which Cincinnati could advocate at other levels of government to positively impact Cincinnati residents' property tax bills; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force received testimony from impacted residents and held public meetings and Town Halls at which public comment was offered; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Task Force's six-month endeavor, the City's HomeSafe Property Tax Relief Program, reports from Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), Town Hall public comment, and meetings with State Representative Dani Isaacsohn and State Senator Louis Blessing, the Task Force offered recommendations in the attached Report, which include:

- Allow more approaches to assessment estimations and make public the exact variables that go into assessment algorithms;
- Give county auditors and treasurers the ability to suspend the assessment and accumulation of late fees on unpaid property taxes;
- Pass Senate Bill 271 and its companion House Bill 645, aka the "Circuit Breaker" bills;
- Increase the income threshold for those eligible to receive the homestead exemption and increase the amount able to be exempted to \$50,000 indexed for inflation;
- Match demographic data with income data to identify homeowners who are eligible for the homestead exemption and automatically enroll them in the program; and
- Pass Senate Bill 192 to protect homeowners from predatory wholesale homebuyers;

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That this Council hereby calls upon the Ohio General Assembly and Ohio Department of Taxation to accept the recommendations of the Cincinnati Property Tax Task Force



as explained in the attached Report to address the drastic increase in property taxes in the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution and the attached Report be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be provided to Governor Mike DeWine; Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted; all members of the Ohio General Assembly; and the Ohio Department of Taxation, Patricia Harris, Tax Commissioner, 4485 Northland Ridge Blvd., Columbus, Ohio, 43229.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys



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**Mark Jeffreys**  
Councilmember

## **Cincinnati Property Tax Task Force: Overview, Findings, and Recommendations**

### **Background:**

The Cincinnati Property Tax Task Force, formed in March of this year, recently held its last public meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The main objective of the Task Force was to develop short and long-term recommendations for providing relief to property owners who have been adversely impacted by the significant rise in property taxes throughout Cincinnati. Those recommendations have been focused on what Cincinnati can control to support struggling property owners, as well as what Cincinnati can advocate for at other levels of government to directly impact individuals' property tax bills.

With Councilmember Jeffreys chairing the Task Force, other members included residents from neighborhoods most impacted, as well as representatives from the following organizations:

- Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME)
- Legal Aid
- Community Action Agency (CAA)
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Council on Aging
- Greater Cincinnati Realtist Association
- National Appraiser Bias Task Force
- Greater Cincinnati Real Estate Association
- Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Apartment Association
- Neighborhood Allies
- Urban Coalition of Appraisal Professionals
- Warsaw Federal
- eruka
- Donovan Energy
- The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority



Since its formation Property Tax Task Force meetings were publicly noticed every other week, with a few exceptions, and included two Town Hall sessions and guest appearances from State Representative Dani Isaacsohn and State Senator Louis W. Blessing. Town Hall sessions were held at the Evanston Recreation Center and the Price Hill Library with dozens of attendees at each. Multiple residents who came to a Town Hall session continued to attend the regular Task Force meetings. Through hours of public comment and robust dialogue, five major themes emerged from both Town Halls:

- Property tax increases are threatening owners' abilities to stay in their home, maintain their home, and build generational wealth, particularly older Cincinnatians on fixed income and in communities of color.
- There is a lack of transparency in the way that property taxes are assessed.
- Property tax increases were quick and unexpected – in some cases, there was only 20 days' notice.
- Homestead Exemptions have not been as helpful as their value declined, having not been indexed for inflation until recently.
- The Board of Revisions' appeal process can be unclear and intimidating- e.g. how appeals work, when to appeal, how to get a reappraisal.

Given that the Town Halls were held shortly after the formation of the Task Force, these themes have guided its work.

### **Property Tax Equity Report:**

In June, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), in collaboration with eruka, released two reports that investigate the inequities in the recent property tax increases: [\*Levied: Rectifying Hamilton County's Racial and Economic Unjust Property Taxes\*](#) & [\*What Really Happened?: Evaluating The Common Misperceptions about Hamilton County's Property Tax Increases\*](#).

These two reports, and its findings listed below, were presented to, and discussed by the Task Force:

- County voters passed new or renewed levies that increased the total tax collected in the county by 11%.

- In Hamilton County, 50% of property tax bills either decreased or remained relatively stable, while 45% of bills saw significant increases, and 5% more than doubled.
- The average property tax bill in communities of color increased 2x more than property tax bills in white communities.
- Property tax changes do not reflect changes in the real estate market. Neighborhoods that saw the highest increases in property taxes were not necessarily the same neighborhoods with increases in sale prices.
- Many auditor offices, including Hamilton County, contract with a private company to create a mass assessment model that uses a computer algorithm to derive property values. Private company models are often proprietary, which limits information about the exact terms of the model. Mass assessment models often overestimate values in communities of color and underestimate values in white communities.
- The poorest residents pay higher proportions of their income on property tax. Households making less than \$25,000 annually pay, on average, 36% of their income on property taxes, whereas households making more than \$150,000 annually pay, on average, only 2% of their income on property taxes.
- Property owners who have gained the most profit from buying/selling their property have paid the least of their profit in taxes. 40% of residential property owners in the county pay more in taxes than their property appreciates in value.
- Residential renters pay a similar proportion of the county's taxes as commercial properties as landlords are allowed to pass the cost of property taxes onto their renters.

#### **HomeSafe Property Tax Relief Program:**

Thanks to the leadership of Mayor Aftab and Vice Mayor Kearney, City Council allocated \$1,000,000 in May for the creation of the HomeSafe Property Tax Relief Program. The program provides up to \$10,000 in relief funds for low-to-moderate-income homeowners who currently have delinquent property taxes. In June, the Property Tax Task Force gave guidance to the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) as they created the program that was officially launched in July. Much credit and gratitude are owed to DCED for their swift implementation of this program that is providing meaningful relief to those who need it the most.

By the end of August, over 160 applications had been submitted. The average amount of relief provided per applicant was \$3,000, and the average annual income per applicant was \$30,000. The neighborhoods with the most submitted applications are Bond Hill, College Hill, Lower Price Hill, East Price Hill, West Price Hill, and Westwood. Pending the applications still in review, there is still over \$600,000 left in available relief.

The findings from this initiative, the different reports, Town Hall sessions, and the meetings with Rep. Isaacsohn and Senator Blessing have resulted in the following recommendations.

### **State Recommendations and Legislation:**

#### **(1) Transparency:**

**Issue:** The mass assessment process used to estimate property values is unclear as each county across the state typically hires a private firm to conduct a mass assessment on properties based on a proprietary algorithm of unknown variables. This has led to homeowners not understanding what data is used with their assessment.

**Solution:** Request that the Department of Taxation or new legislation allow for more approaches to assessment estimations and make public the exact variables that go into assessment algorithms.

#### **(2) Late Fees**

**Issue:** Fees for homeowners who are delinquent on their property taxes add up quickly and can be substantial, especially for homeowners who were not expecting an increase. County auditors and treasurers do not have the authority to suspend these fees.

**Solution:** Request that the Department of Taxation or new legislation give county auditors and treasurers the ability to suspend the assessment and accumulation of late fees on unpaid property taxes.

#### **(3) Circuit Breaker**

**Issue:** The property tax increase has most impacted lower income homeowners and those on fixed income.

**Solution:** SB 271, and its companion HB 645, propose a refundable income tax credit or rebate for homeowners and renters whose property taxes or a portion of their rent exceed five per cent of their income. Although such a proposal would come with a high price tag, reforms in other tax deduction programs have been proposed to reduce this cost. Circuit Breaker practices are known to have the most impact on low-moderate- and fixed-income residents' tax burdens.

#### **(4) Homestead Exemption**

**Issue:** The Homestead Exemption has historically allowed qualified individuals to “exempt” \$25,000 off the total value of their home – effectively reducing the amount that they are taxed. However, this amount has not changed, nor has it been indexed for inflation until recently (now \$26,200), meaning the value of that exemption has decreased over time.

**Solution:** Increase the income threshold for those eligible to receive the homestead exemption AND increase the amount able to be exempted to \$50,000 indexed for inflation. Therefore, a greater number of homeowners will be eligible for a more valuable exemption.

**Additional Solutions:** The State of Ohio could match demographic data with income data to identify homeowners who are eligible for the homestead exemption and automatically enroll them in the program, offering an “op-out” like system.

**State Legislation:** HB 187 proposes an increase of the eligible income threshold to \$75,000, however exemption values run on a sliding scale dependent on income. HB 60 proposes increasing the eligible income threshold to \$45,000 and increases the exemption value to \$40,000.

#### **(5) Homeowner Protections**

**Issue:** Homeowners who are late on their taxes are often harassed by aggressive investors offering to buy their homes at a significant discount.

**Solution:** SB 192 proposes certain licensures and disclosures for wholesale homebuyers or institutional investors who often prey on delinquent homeowners by getting them to sell their homes.

## **City of Cincinnati Recommendations**

### **(1) Immediate Cost Relief for Eligible Households**

**Issue:** There are thousands of households in Hamilton County who may be eligible for, but are not taking advantage of, the owner occupancy credit (~\$78) and Homestead Exemption (~\$600).

**Solution:** Create an education campaign to notify eligible homeowners of available opportunities. Information could go through organizations like those on the Task Force & via the city's HomeSafe program. This also includes outreach to Community Councils in the most impacted neighborhoods, faith communities and at neighborhood events.

### **(2) Provide Additional Delinquent Tax Relief**

**Issue:** With >\$7,000,000 in delinquent taxes (and raising), without some relief homeowners – especially those on fixed income and lower income – will face foreclosure and/or eviction. The \$1,000,000 provided thus far has helped but more is needed.

**Solution:** Provide another \$1,000,000 allocation to continue to provide relief to the thousands of households with delinquent property taxes and explore ways to leverage that investment with other funding to provide further tax relief.

### **(3) Reduce Energy Costs for Thousands of Cincinnatians via a New Green Bank**

**Issue:** In addition to rising property taxes 23%, homeowner energy costs have risen 13%. With historic funding from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the State of Ohio will deploy \$500M in next six months to subsidize energy efficiency improvements such as weatherization, heat pumps, and solar panels, which could mean significant savings for households. But residents & City of Cincinnati need to be ready to capture those dollars. They will be 'first come, first serve'. Homeowners will have to have energy audits completed and have their homes be "upgrade ready". It also means that we need more trained workers to do the energy audits and upgrades. For many lower income homeowners,



they will need assistance with home repairs to take advantage of this opportunity e.g. fix a leaky roof for solar panels, remove lead paint for weatherization, etc.

Solution: Pursue a multi-prong funding strategy to unlock federal and private foundation investments.

- Allocate \$500K to create a Green Bank to facilitate energy audits & braiding together of programs. Over the past year a Green Bank coalition (including the Cincinnati Development Fund, Port, etc) has been working on developing much of this infrastructure.
- Invest \$275K in workforce development – training folks to do energy audits
- Invest up to \$9.225M in home repair & subsidy for low-to-moderate-income households.
- Attachment A details the recommended investment.

**This level of investment will unlock over \$28.8M in federal subsidies, the development and creation of hundreds of green jobs, reduce greenhouse emissions and save individuals an average of \$800-\$1,200 annually.** By working with the Green Bank coalition, and organizations with vast housing portfolios like Habitat for Humanity, Working in Neighborhoods, or the Port, thousands of homes could enjoy the benefits of these programs initially.

With federal investments being deployed in the next few months, a City of Cincinnati investment will put the city “at the front of the line” in these competitive allocations and has the potential to unlock significant private investment.

#### **Ideas That Require Further Evaluation:**

##### **(1) Local Homeowner Protections**

Issue: With delinquent property tax data being public, delinquent property tax owners are often hounded by wholesale homebuyers, or institutional investors, pushing them to sell often at below market value.

Solution: Similar to Philadelphia, explore developing a do not call list – a list that homeowners can get on to avoid these calls. This is an idea to explore further because there are complications involved with it e.g. administrative cost to operate and enforce it, the

process to update the list, etc. It is an idea that should be explored in partnership with the county as well and requires further work.

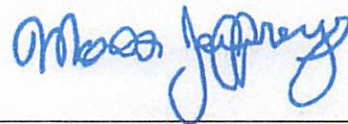
Additional Solution: Similar to the proposed SB192, require real estate investors to make extensive disclosures to homeowners before asking homeowners to sign a purchase contract. Without compliance with the disclosure requirement, the homeowner would have the ability to rescind a purchase contract at any time before the transfer of title.

(2) Hamilton County Board of Revisions Remediation

Issue: The appeal process and Board of Revisions is often challenging and intimidating for homeowners to navigate, especially those who are unable to be represented by an attorney.

Solution: Support the County Auditor's attempts to improve the Board of Revision appeal process to make it easier for homeowners to navigate.

There is still a lot of work to do to help bring down costs for homeowners, prevent evictions & foreclosures and improve the quality of life for homeowners, but the Task Force believes these actions will have the greatest impact on property owners most affected by the recent surge in property taxes, moreover, all Cincinnatians struggling with increasing costs of living. We thank all citizens and organizations who have provided input into crafting these solutions.



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Cincinnati City Councilmember Mark Jeffreys  
Property Tax Task Force Chairman



## Attachment A

### Homeowner Energy Savings – Green Bank Details

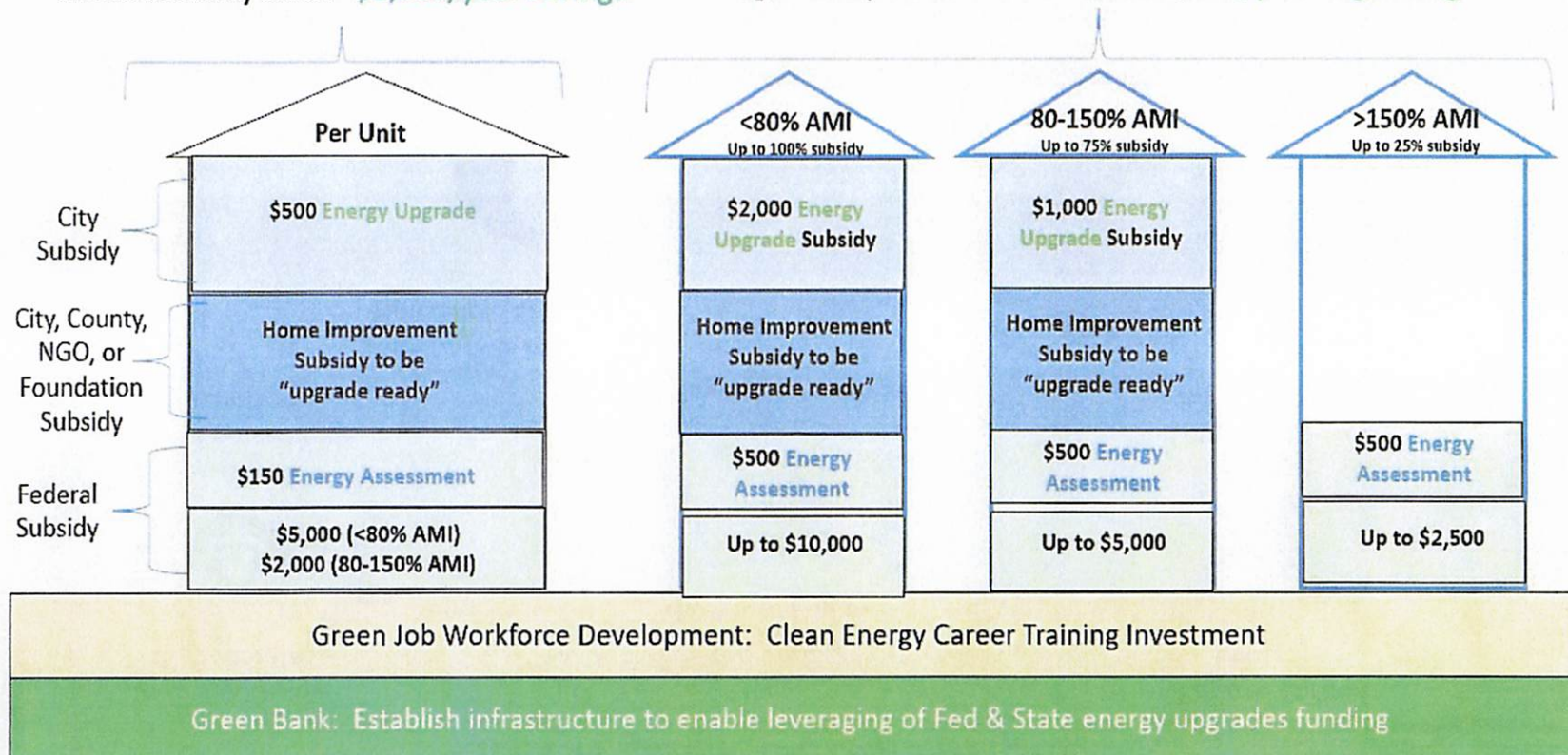
# Green Bank How It Works: Reducing Energy Costs for Homeowners

Implement over the next 5 years



LMI Multifamily units: ~\$1,000/year savings

Single Family Homeowners: ~\$800-1,200/year avg savings



## Green Bank Detail: Impact



Up to 7,000+ low  
to moderate



Income households  
supported

\$800-1,200/year  
Homeowner



Savings on average

Reduce Carbon  
Footprint



Supporting Green  
Cincinnati Plan

50K+ Middle Income  
Household Savings



Enabled by Access to  
Federal Subsidy

Support Green Job



Workforce  
Development

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202402153

**Date:** October 9, 2024

**To:** Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

**From:** Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *ESW*

**Subject:** **Resolution – Recognizing Laura Moese**

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Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

**RECOGNIZING** Laura Moese as a 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month honoree and  
**EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for  
her forty years of community volunteer service.

ESW/LES(dmm)  
Attachment  
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## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024

**RECOGNIZING** Laura Moese as a 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her forty years of community volunteer service.

WHEREAS, Laura Moese was born in Mexico and worked as a biochemical engineer at Procter and Gamble ("P&G") for forty years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moese was among the first "Women in Science" to enter P&G Mexico in 1976, which opened the door for women professionals; and

WHEREAS, while at P&G, Ms. Moese co-founded the "Vecindades" program which organizes Latino mentorship, cross fertilization among all diversity teams, and external community programs such as Young Readers to improve education and acculturation for immigrant and refugee families; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Ms. Moese cofounded Casa De Paz, which offers a secure and safe haven for Latina women and their children in the Greater Cincinnati area to begin a new life, free from abuse and trauma, served as Board President of Heartfelt Tidbit for Latino refugee families, and has volunteered at Su Casa Hispanic Center for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moese currently serves as President of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Ohio Educational Foundation and has worked to provide over 400 college scholarships to Latino students, organized health summits, introduced community workshops to improve wellbeing and literacy, and founded the Network of Young Latino Professionals; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Moese's forty years of community activism continues through her service on numerous boards, including The Center for Closing the Health Gap, League of United Latin American Citizens Cincinnati, Su Casa Hispanic Center, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Latino Health Collaborative, among others; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize Laura Moese as a 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month honoree for her forty years of community volunteer service.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Laura Moese through the office of Vice Mayor Jan Michele Kearney.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan Michele Kearney



EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2024

**AUTHORIZING** the disbursement of \$200,000 of Major Events Funding included in the Approved FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update for the River Roots event.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 211-2024, passed June 12, 2024, authorized various omnibus changes to the Approved FY 2025 Budget Update including funding for one-time Major Events with an allocation of up to \$200,000 for the River Roots event in the Approved FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update; and

WHEREAS, funding for the one-time Major Events was contingent upon Council's passage of an ordinance approving the disbursements following presentations by the organizations demonstrating how City funds will be leveraged and expended; and

WHEREAS, the disbursed funds also must be utilized in accordance with the approved purpose within one year of the disbursement; and

WHEREAS, at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on September 23, 2024, River Roots organizers presented and outlined how City funds would be leveraged and expended regarding the River Roots event to be held on October 8 through 12, 2025; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the disbursement of \$200,000 of Major Events Funding included in the Approved FY 2025 General Fund Operating Budget Update for the River Roots event is authorized.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. 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 disburse funding for the River Roots event so that expenditures can be made during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2024.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

**Date:** October 9, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

202402130

**Subject: Liquor License – NEW**

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***FINAL RECOMMENDATION REPORT***

**OBJECTIONS:** Cincinnati Police

This is a report on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for the following:

APPLICATION: 7677138  
PERMIT TYPE: NEW  
CLASS: D3  
NAME: SAKE SUSHI LLC  
DBA: SAKE  
2614 SHORT VINE ST  
CINCINNATI OH 45219

As of today's date, the Buildings and Inspections Department has declined comment on their investigation.

On September 4, 2024, the CUF Neighborhood Association was notified of this application and does not object.

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Police Department Approval

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David M. Laing, Assistant City Prosecutor  
Law Department - Recommendation  
☐ Objection      ☐ No Objection

MUST BE RECEIVED BY OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL BY: October 29, 2024



October 9, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – City Planning and Engagement: Amending Prior Ordinance No. 0155-2024**

202402138

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AMENDING** Ordinance No. 155-2024, which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund (ALN 15.904) through the Ohio History Connection's Certified Local Government Grant Program to provide resources for the development of a Multiple Property Documentation Form for the historic designation of Cincinnati's brewery resources, to increase the grant resource value to up to \$31,481.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would amend prior Ordinance No. 0155-2024 which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund (ALN 15.904) through the Ohio History Connection (OHC)'s Certified Local Government Grant Program to provide resources for the development of a Multiple Property Documentation Form, with an emphasis on lagering tunnels, for the historic designation of Cincinnati's brewery resources, to increase the grant resources value to up to \$31,481.

On May 15, 2024, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 0155-2024, which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000. The City applied for the grant before the application deadline of April 30, 2024, and was notified of the award in the amount of \$25,000 on June 27, 2024. The State Historic Preservation Office offered the City an additional \$6,481 in grant resources on September 16, 2024. Ordinance No. 0155-2024 now must be amended to reflect the new total grant award amount of \$31,481.

The grant requires a forty percent local match, which is now \$20,988, to be paid from the \$40,000 in Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program resources originally identified in Ordinance No. 0155-2024 and later transferred and appropriated to the Department of City Planning and Engagement via Ordinance No. 0205-2024.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to authorize the new grant award amount before the grant agreement is finalized.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

## **EMERGENCY**

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- 2024

**AMENDING** Ordinance No. 155-2024, which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund (ALN 15.904) through the Ohio History Connection's Certified Local Government Grant Program to provide resources for the development of a Multiple Property Documentation Form for the historic designation of Cincinnati's brewery resources, to increase the grant resource value to up to \$31,481.

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2024, Council passed Ordinance No. 155-2024, which authorized the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$25,000, available from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund (ALN 15.904) through the Ohio History Connection's Certified Local Government Grant Program, to provide resources for the development of a Multiple Property Documentation Form for Cincinnati's historic brewery resources, with an emphasis on lagering tunnels, to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for the grant prior to the application deadline of April 30, 2024, and was notified of the \$25,000 award on June 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2024, the State Historic Preservation Office offered the City an additional \$6,481 in grant resources; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a forty percent local match that will increase by \$4,321 to a new total of \$20,988, to be paid from the \$40,000 in Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program resources originally identified in Ordinance No. 155-2024, and later transferred and appropriated to City Planning and Engagement by Ordinance No. 205-2024; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 155-2024 must be amended to allow the City to accept the grant award now valued at up to \$31,481; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Section 1 of Ordinance No. 155-2024, approved by Council on May 15, 2024, is amended as follows:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to ~~\$25,000~~\$31,481, effective FY 2025, from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund (ALN 15.904) through the Ohio History Connection's Certified Local Government Grant Program to provide resources for the development of a Multiple Property Documentation Form for the historic designation of Cincinnati's brewery resources.

Section 2. That all terms of Ordinance No. 155-2024 not amended or repealed by this ordinance remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. 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 authorize the new grant award amount before the grant agreement is finalized.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

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New language underscored. Deletions struck through.

October 9, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

202402140

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

**Subject: Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC):  
Madisonville Recreation Field In-Kind Donation**

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Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from the Reds Community Fund valued at up to \$150,000 for the installation of a turf infield at the Madisonville Recreation Area.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from the Reds Community Fund valued at up to \$150,000 for the installation of a turf infield at the Madisonville Recreation Area.

Playground Equipment Services, a local Cincinnati company, will be responsible for ensuring the project is constructed in compliance with all applicable state and local rules, regulations, and building codes, and will provide necessary design drawings and obtain necessary permits. The donated goods and services will be provided pursuant to a separate donation agreement being negotiated between the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and the RCF.

This in-kind donation falls outside the parameters of Ordinance No. 0317-2023, and therefore requires discrete approval.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents or matching funds associated with the acceptance of this in-kind donation.

Acceptance of this donation of turf infield installation at Madisonville Recreation Area is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[b]uild a robust public life” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as described on pages 149 and 209 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment





**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from the Reds Community Fund valued at up to \$150,000 for the installation of a turf infield at the Madisonville Recreation Area.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (“CRC”) and the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund (“RCF”) have been working cooperatively for several years to provide area youth and adult leagues the best baseball and softball experience possible; and

WHEREAS, RCF, a local Cincinnati non-profit organization, has generously offered to donate goods and professional services valued at up to \$150,000 to install a turf infield at Madisonville Recreation Area, including construction materials and labor associated with the installation; and

WHEREAS, as a condition for the cash donation, RCF required that Playground Equipment Services perform the work for the installation of the turf infield at the Madisonville Recreation Area due to their expertise with such work; and

WHEREAS, Playground Equipment Services will be responsible for ensuring the project is constructed in compliance with all applicable state and local rules, regulations, and building codes, and will provide necessary design drawings and obtain necessary permits; and

WHEREAS, the donated goods and services will be provided pursuant to a separate donation agreement being negotiated between CRC and RCF; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this donation requires no matching funds; and

WHEREAS, there are no additional FTEs/fulltime equivalents associated with this donation; and

WHEREAS, authorization to accept this in-kind donation is necessary due to the value of the in-kind donation exceeding the \$5,000 maximum value for individual in-kind contributions authorized via Ordinance No. 317-2023; and

WHEREAS, accepting this donation of turf infield installation at Madisonville Recreation Area is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[b]uild a robust public life” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” as described on pages 149 and 209 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 an in-kind donation of goods and professional services from the Reds Community Fund valued at up to \$150,000 for the installation of a turf infield at the Madisonville Recreation Area.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the donation and Section 1.

Section 3. That the City Manager is authorized to enter into any and all agreements necessary to accept and utilize the donated goods and services.

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

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

October 9, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

202402154

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DCED: Roselawn Streetscape Use of TIF**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251618, “Roselawn Streetscape – TIF,” to provide resources for the rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right-of-way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$45,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Roselawn Equivalent Fund 528 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251618, “Roselawn Streetscape – TIF,” to provide resources for the rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right-of-way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district; and **DECLARING** that rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right of way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district constitutes a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined by Section 5709.40(A)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code), that will benefit and/or serve District 28 – Roselawn Incentive District in the neighborhood of Roselawn, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$45,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Roselawn Equivalent Fund 528 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251618, “Roselawn Streetscape – TIF,” for the rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right-of-way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district. The Emergency Ordinance also declares that rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the streetscape within the public right of way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district constitutes a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” that will benefit and/or serve District 28 – Roselawn Incentive District in the neighborhood of Roselawn subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

The City previously awarded Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP) funding to the Roselawn neighborhood business district, for streetscape improvements on the east side of Reading Road. This supplemental appropriation allows for the continuation of that streetscape work, including the rehabilitation of tree wells and sidewalks on the west side of Reading Road.

Providing resources for the Roselawn Streetscape project is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” and strategy to “[b]ecome more walkable” as described on pages 156 - 159 of Plan Cincinnati (2012)

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to complete the work prior to the Department of Public Services transitioning crews to winter operations.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment



## EMERGENCY

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**ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251618, “Roselawn Streetscape – TIF,” to provide resources for the rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right-of-way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$45,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Roselawn Equivalent Fund 528 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251618, “Roselawn Streetscape – TIF,” to provide resources for the rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right-of-way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district; and **DECLARING** that rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right of way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district constitutes a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined by Section 5709.40(A)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code), that will benefit and/or serve District 28 – Roselawn Incentive District in the neighborhood of Roselawn, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

WHEREAS, the City previously awarded Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP) funding to the Roselawn neighborhood business district, allowing the completion of streetscape improvements on the east side of Reading Road earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation authorized by this ordinance supplements that award and allows for the continuation of that streetscape improvement, including the rehabilitation of tree wells and sidewalks on the west side of Reading Road; and

WHEREAS, this project is a collaboration between the City’s Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Transportation and Engineering, the Department of Public Services, the Division of Urban Forestry in the Parks Department, and the Roselawn Business Alliance; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) resources is also supported by the Roselawn Community Council; and

WHEREAS, the continued rehabilitation of tree wells and sidewalks on Reading Road in the Roselawn neighborhood business district will directly benefit the Roselawn TIF District and the neighborhood of Roselawn; and

WHEREAS, providing resources for the Roselawn Streetscape project is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” and strategy to “[b]ecome more walkable” as described on pages 156 - 159 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251618, “Roselawn Streetscape – TIF,” to provide resources for the rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right-of-way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district.

Section 2. That the transfer and appropriation of \$45,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Roselawn Equivalent Fund 528 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x164x251618, “Roselawn Streetscape – TIF,” is authorized to provide resources for the rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the Reading Road streetscape within the public right-of-way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district.

Section 3. That Council declares that rehabilitation and replacement of portions of the streetscape within the public right of way in the Roselawn neighborhood business district constitutes a “Public Infrastructure Improvement” (as defined by Section 5709.40(A)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code) that will benefit and/or serve District 28 – Roselawn Incentive District in the neighborhood of Roselawn, subject to compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 through 5709.43.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 3.

Section 5. 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

immediate need to complete the work prior to the Department of Public Services transitioning crews to winter operations.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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



October 9, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

202402155

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Police: FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$252,873 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Solicitation (ALN 16.738) to provide funding for additional Police Visibility Overtime and for the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 24JAG.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$252,873 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Solicitation (ALN 16.738) to provide funding for additional Police Visibility Overtime (PVO) and for the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women (WHW). This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 24JAG.

The FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Solicitation is available through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to be jointly awarded to the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The City and the County will negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) intended to specify that the grant will be divided equally, less a ten percent administrative fee charge to the County by the City, resulting in a total received by the City of up to \$139,080.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

In order to meet the grant application deadline of October 22, 2024, the City may submit its application prior to receiving City Council's approval, but no grant funds will be accepted without prior City Council approval.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is to ensure timely acceptance of the grant funds.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment



## **EMERGENCY**

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**- 2024**

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$252,873 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Solicitation (ALN 16.738) to provide funding for additional Police Visibility Overtime and for the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 24JAG.

WHEREAS, a grant of up to \$252,873 is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Solicitation (ALN 16.738) to be jointly awarded to the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the City and the County will negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding specifying that the grant will be divided equally, less a ten percent administrative fee charged to the County by the City, resulting in the City receiving a total of up to \$139,080; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Police Department intends to use the grant funds to support additional Police Visibility Overtime and the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant requires no matching funds, and there are no FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the grant; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the grant application deadline of October 22, 2024, the City may submit its application prior to receiving Council’s approval, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-163 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 apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$252,873 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local

Solicitation (ALN 16.738) to provide funding for additional Police Visibility Overtime and for the Sexual Assault Advocate program contract with Women Helping Women.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Justice Assistance Grant Fund 478x8553, project account no. 24JAG.

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

Section 4. 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 to ensure timely acceptance of the grant funds.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

October 7, 2024

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – FY 2024 Carryover to FY 2025 Report – Recommended Transfers and Appropriations**

202402158

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$3,591,406 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the unappropriated surplus of Working Capital Reserve Fund 754 to increase the City's working capital reserve; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$1,128,610 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2585, "Economic Downturn Reserve," to increase the City's emergency reserve; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$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; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 to provide resources for the Cincinnati Development Fund to use for affordable housing initiatives; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7500 to provide a one-time contribution to address the City's pension obligation to the Cincinnati Retirement System; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation for one-time unforeseen operating needs that arise during the remainder of the current fiscal year; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$18,409,008 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, "Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time infrastructure and capital projects for identified urgent needs or as part of the next annual budget cycle; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer of \$15,890,000 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 \$6,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7100 to provide resources for

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This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the various transfers and appropriations as recommended in the FY 2024 Carryover to FY 2025 Report which includes the following transfers and appropriations:

#### **Application of FY 2024 Carryover Balance**

<b>Cash Basis Carryover Balance FY 2024</b>	<b>\$ 64,974,804</b>
<b>Uses of Carryover Balance</b>	
<b>Application of Stabilization Funds Policy:</b>	
Less General Fund Carryover Balance (1.5% of operating revenue )	\$ 8,414,485
<b>Less Transfers to Reserve Accounts:</b>	
General Fund Contingency Account (2.30% of operating revenue)	\$ 4,241,295
General Fund Contingency Account for one-time needs	\$ 21,690,000
Economic Downturn Reserve (5.00% of operating revenue)	\$ 1,128,610
Working Capital Reserve (8.20% of operating revenue)	\$ 3,591,406
Total Reserve Transfer from Stabilization Funds Policy	<u>\$ 30,651,311</u>
<b>Carryover Balance Less Total Applied to Stabilization Funds Policy</b>	<b>\$ 25,909,008</b>
<b>Less Modified Waterfall Uses:</b>	
CRS Pension Contribution	\$ 2,000,000
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$ 5,000,000
Operating Contingencies Account	\$ 500,000
<b>Balance Available</b>	<u><b>\$ 18,409,008</b></u>
<b>Less One-Time Uses:</b>	
Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve	\$ 18,409,008
<b>Balance Available</b>	<u><b>\$ -</b></u>

Also included in this Emergency Ordinance are allocations recommended by the Mayor which include:

- \$3,550,000 from the Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve, leaving a remaining balance of \$14,859,008.
- \$100,000 from the Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies, leaving a remaining balance of \$400,000.

Additional information regarding the overview of the City of Cincinnati's financial condition for the fiscal year (FY) ending June 30, 2024, can be found in the Department of Finance Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 (unaudited) (Item #202402132).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accomplish the authorized transfers and appropriations so that the funding described herein is in place immediately and so that the necessary expenditures described herein may be made as soon as possible.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: William "Billy" Weber, Assistant City Manager  
Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachments



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WHEREAS, in 2015, in Ordinance No. 253-2015, Council adopted a Stabilization Funds Policy to define appropriate funding for the City's various reserve funds, with such policy being later revised in 2019 through Ordinance No. 213-2019 and revised again in 2022 through Ordinance No. 56-2022; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the Stabilization Funds Policy, the Administration recommends transferring funds into the Working Capital Reserve Fund and into two separate balance sheet reserve accounts: "Economic Downturn Reserve" and "Reserve for Weather Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs"; now, therefore,

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

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Section 2. That \$1,128,610 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2585, "Economic Downturn Reserve," to increase the City's emergency reserve.

Section 3. That \$25,931,295 is transferred 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.

Section 4. That the transfer and appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Department of Community and Economic Development non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x164x7200 is authorized to provide resources for the Cincinnati Development Fund to use for affordable housing initiatives.

Section 5. That the transfer and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7500 is authorized to provide a one-time contribution to address the City's pension obligation to the Cincinnati Retirement System.

Section 6. That \$500,000 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to provide resources for subsequent appropriation for one-time unforeseen operating needs that arise during the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Section 7. That \$18,409,008 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, “Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve,” to provide resources for subsequent appropriation by Council for identified one-time infrastructure and capital projects for identified urgent needs or as part of the next annual budget cycle.

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Section 11. That \$2,000,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the Contribution To Total Benefit Arrangement (CRS) non-departmental personnel operating budget account no. 050x915x7500 to provide a one-time payment to the Cincinnati Retirement System to cover benefits received by retirees since 2001 that exceeded the maximum amount allowable under Internal Revenue Code Section 415(b).

Section 12. That \$250,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7100 to provide funds for additional public safety measures in the downtown and uptown areas of the City.

Section 13. That \$2,450,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources for items funded in FY 2024 for which contracts were not executed before June 30, 2024.

Section 14. That \$100,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Department of Transportation and Engineering non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x231x7200 to provide resources to conduct a site assessment for a permanent customs facility at Lunken Airport.

Section 15. That 100,000 is transferred from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x2535, "Reserve for Operating Budget Contingencies," to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 16. That \$100,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources to support the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation ("3CDC") North Over-the-Rhine ("OTR") Clean & Safe Ambassador program.

Section 17. That \$113,500 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of Stormwater Management Fund 107 to the City Manager's Office non-personnel operating budget account no. 107x101x7200 to provide resources to support the 3CDC North OTR Clean & Safe Ambassador program.

Section 18. That capital improvement program project account no. 980x271x252724, “Cardiac Monitor Equipment – GFCO,” is established to provide resources for the acquisition of cardiac monitors and related equipment to allow medics to monitor the vital signs of patients requesting emergency medical services from the Cincinnati Fire Department.

Section 19. That capital improvement program project account no. 980x162x251625, “Talbert House Crisis Center – GFCO,” (“Talbert House project”) is established to provide resources to construct a new Talbert House Crisis Center which will house programs to assist City residents struggling with addiction and mental health issues.

Section 20. That \$3,550,000 is transferred from General Fund balance sheet reserve account no. 050x3440, “Infrastructure and Capital Project Reserve,” to the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050.

Section 21. That \$4,790,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to various capital improvement program project accounts according to Schedule A of the Capital Budget Schedule of Transfer.

Section 22. That \$250,000 is transferred and appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to the City Manager’s Office General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x101x7200 to provide resources to Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for capital facilities improvements.

Section 23. That the Talbert House project is declared to serve a public purpose because the project will foster local improvement and investment and increase neighborhood vitality.

Section 24. That the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 23.

Section 25. 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 accomplish the authorized transfers and appropriations so that the funding described herein is in place immediately and so that the necessary expenditures described herein may be made as soon as possible.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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



That the amounts set forth hereinafter totaling \$4,790,000.00 are hereby transferred and appropriated to the individual project accounts for the improvements listed hereinafter:

DEPT. DIVISION	PROJECT OR FUND TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM		PROJECT OR FUND TO BE TRANSFERRED TO		TOTAL BUDGETED COST ALL FUNDS		AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED OR TRANSFERRED
	NUMBER:	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER:	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR	REVISED	
Community & Economic Dev. Housing Dev. 162	050	General Fund	251625	Talbert House Crisis Center – GFCO	0.00	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00
Parks 203	050	General Fund	252034	Sinton Facility Renovation	1,000,000.00	1,580,000.00	580,000.00
Police Support Bureau 226	050	General Fund	252210	Police Equipment	120,000.00	620,000.00	500,000.00
Police Admin. Bureau 227	050	General Fund	252225	Mobile Data Computer Upgrade	500,000.00	1,000,000.00	500,000.00
Transportation & Engineering Planning 232	050	General Fund	252383	Pedestrian Safety Improvements/ Major Street Calming	527,000.00	1,027,000.00	500,000.00
Public Services City Facility Management 255	050	General Fund	252500	City Facility Renovation and Repairs	7,986,000.00	8,306,000.00	320,000.00
Fire 271	050	General Fund	252724	Cardiac Monitor Equipment – GFCO	0.00	990,000.00	990,000.00

**October 2, 2024**

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

202402108

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – The City's Fort Washington Flag**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to donate the historic Fort Washington Flag to the Cincinnati Museum Center, notwithstanding the requirements of Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 321-143 governing the disposal of City-owned personal property.

This Emergency Ordinance is recommended for approval.

cc: Natasha Hampton, Assistant City Manager  
Virginia Tallent, Assistant City Manager  
William Weber, Assistant City Manager

## **EMERGENCY**

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**- 2024**

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to donate the historic Fort Washington Flag to the Cincinnati Museum Center, notwithstanding the requirements of Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 321-143 governing the disposal of City-owned personal property.

WHEREAS, the City owns a historic Revolutionary War flag that once belonged to Brigadier General Josiah Harmar, who fought alongside George Washington during the American Revolution and later oversaw the construction of Fort Washington on the Ohio River in 1789; and

WHEREAS, the historic flag, which is one of approximately thirty Revolutionary War flags that survive to this day, has become known as the “Fort Washington Flag,” and it displays thirteen arrows bound by a ribbon alongside a canton of red and white stripes on a field of blue silk; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, Mr. Josiah Harmar, grandson of Brigadier General Josiah Harmar, donated the Fort Washington Flag to the City, where it was kept on display in a glass case in the office of the mayor for the next fifty years; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, the City loaned the Fort Washington Flag to the Cincinnati Historical Society, now part of the Cincinnati Museum Center, with the goal of restoring and preserving the flag for future generations; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2024, the Museum of the American Revolution requested a temporary loan of the Fort Washington Flag for its upcoming “Banners of Liberty” exhibition, which will be the largest gathering of original Revolutionary War flags in more than 200 years; and

WHEREAS, CMC Section 321-143 requires City-owned personal property valued at over \$100,000 to be disposed of by formal sale or auction, and an independent art appraiser estimated the Fort Washington Flag’s replacement cost to be \$2,500,000; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding CMC Section 321-143, the City Manager has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to donate the Fort Washington Flag to the Cincinnati Museum Center, thereby ensuring it will be safely preserved, stored, and shared with institutions like the Museum of the American Revolution for the benefit of future generations; 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 donate the historic Fort Washington Flag to the Cincinnati Museum Center, notwithstanding the requirements of CMC Section 321-143 governing the disposal of City-owned personal property or any other municipal law or regulation {00408876-2}

that might otherwise inhibit the donation of the Fort Washington Flag as specifically permitted by this ordinance.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of Section 1.

Section 3. 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 transfer ownership of the Fort Washington Flag to the Cincinnati Museum Center so it may be prepared for the “Banners of Liberty” exhibition.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

October 2, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202402109

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Parks Department: Moral Obligation Payment to Central Parking System of Ohio, Inc.**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$4,890 from Department of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 account no. 430x202x1059x7299 as a moral obligation to Central Parking System of Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges related to parking costs for City owned vehicles to park at the Riverfront employee reporting location from March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

The Cincinnati Parks Department (“Parks”) engaged Central Parking System of Ohio, Inc. (“Central Parking”) to provide monthly parking passes for six City owned Parks Department vehicles. Because there were no other businesses that could provide parking services for the six Waterfront employees at the required location, there was no open bidding process, and the City pursued a direct award procurement, pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code (CMC) Section 321-87. The Parks Department applied to encumber funds for parking services on April 16, 2024, but the application was rejected by the City’s Procurement Office due to Central Parking’s lack of approved vendor status. Although Central Parking had been a City vendor for several years, a change in Department of Economic Inclusion (“DEI”) vendor requirements prior to March 1, 2024 required all City vendors to complete a new DEI portion of the direct award. The six Waterfront employees continued to park City owned vehicles at the Central Riverfront Garage while Central Parking completed the new required DEI portion of the direct award. Central Parking was eventually approved as a City vendor (Vendor #621359284), however a moral obligation exists for parking services provided for City owned vehicles from March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, while Central Parking pursued approved vendor status.

The Director of Finance is authorized to pay \$4,890 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 account no. 430x202x1059x7299 as a moral obligation to Central Parking System of Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges related to parking costs for City owned vehicles from March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment in a timely manner to Central Parking System of Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

## **EMERGENCY**

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WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Parks Department (“Parks”) engaged Central Parking System of Ohio, Inc. (“Central Parking”) to provide monthly parking passes for six City employees at the Riverfront employee reporting location; and

WHEREAS, because there were no other businesses that could provide parking services for the six Parks employees at the required employee reporting location (Central Riverfront Garage), there was no open bidding process and the City pursued direct award procurement pursuant to Cincinnati Municipal Code Section 321-87; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain the required parking services for the Riverfront employee reporting location, Parks assisted Central Parking with achieving City “approved vendor status” and submitting a formal Direct Award Request; and

WHEREAS, Parks applied to encumber funds for parking services on April 16, 2024, but the application was rejected by the City’s Procurement Office due to Central Parking’s lack of approved vendor status; and

WHEREAS, although Central Parking had been a City vendor for several years, a change in Department of Economic Inclusion (“DEI”) vendor requirements prior to March 1, 2024, required all City vendors to complete a new DEI portion of the direct award; and

WHEREAS, the six Parks employees continued to park City-owned vehicles at the Central Riverfront Garage while Central Parking completed the new required DEI portion of the direct award; and

WHEREAS, Central Parking eventually was approved as a City vendor (Vendor #621359284), however a moral obligation exists from parking services it provided for City-owned vehicles from March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, while Central Parking pursued approved vendor status; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to provide payment to Central Parking for outstanding charges of \$4,890 related to Parks employee parking costs at the Riverfront employee reporting location; now, therefore,

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



Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay \$4,890 from Department of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 account no. 430x202x1059x7299 as a moral obligation to Central Parking System of Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges related to parking costs for City-owned vehicles to park at the Riverfront employee reporting location from March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

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

Section 3. 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 make payment in a timely manner to Central Parking System of Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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



October 2, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

202402112

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks Department: Moral Obligation  
Payment to Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$8,357 from Parks Department capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x0000x7671x242000, “Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation,” as a moral obligation to Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati for outstanding charges pertaining to work performed at the Parks Department Warder facility.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the payment of \$8,357 from Parks Department capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x0000x7671x242000, “Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation,” as a moral obligation to Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati for outstanding charges pertaining to work performed at the Parks Department Warder facility.

The Parks Department retained vendor Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati to perform work at a cost of \$8,357, but accidentally remitted payments to a different vendor, Overhead Door Co. of Covington, Inc., so the vendor that performed the work was not paid. Both companies are approved vendors of the City, and the Parks Department is working to collect the payments from the company that was erroneously paid, part of which has already been returned.

The Finance Director is authorized to make a payment of \$8,357 from the Parks Department capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x0000x7671x242000, “Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation,” as a moral obligation to Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati for outstanding charges pertaining to work performed at the Parks Department Warder facility.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati for outstanding charges pertaining to work performed at the Parks Department Warder facility.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$8,357 from Parks Department capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x0000x7671x242000, “Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation,” as a moral obligation to Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati for outstanding charges pertaining to work performed at the Parks Department Warder facility.

WHEREAS, the Parks Department retained vendor Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati to perform work at a cost of \$8,357, but accidentally remitted payments to a different vendor, Overhead Door Co. of Covington, Inc., so the vendor that performed the work was not paid; and

WHEREAS, both companies are approved vendors of the City, and the Parks Department is working to collect the payments from the company that was erroneously paid, part of which has already been returned; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to provide payment of \$8,357 to Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to make a payment of \$8,357 from Parks Department capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x0000x7671x242000, “Park Infrastructure Rehabilitation,” as a moral obligation to Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati for outstanding charges pertaining to work performed at the Parks Department Warder facility.

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

Section 3. 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 make payment to Overhead Door of Greater Cincinnati for outstanding charges pertaining to work performed at the Parks Department Warder facility.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

October 2, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202402110

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

**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Fire Department: Then and Now Payment to W.W. Grainger, Inc.**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$654.48 to W.W. Grainger, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7369 for the purchase of reciprocating saw blades invoiced on July 18, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the payment of \$654.48 to W.W. Grainger, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7369 for the purchase of reciprocating saw blades invoiced on July 18, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

The City entered into a master agreement with W.W. Grainger effective June 27, 2019, to provide the City with electrical and industrial supplies, tools, equipment, maintenance, repairs, and operation. In June 2024, a change order was entered to extend the contract through January 31, 2025.

Administrative Regulation 14 stipulates purchases made against a contract, inclusive of purchases below the no-certification limit, require the creation of a delivery order (DO) and approval by a Purchasing Agent in advance of purchase. The Cincinnati Fire Department purchased reciprocating saw blades through the master agreement and received an invoice from W.W. Grainger dated July 18, 2024; however, a delivery order was not created in the Cincinnati Financial System (CFS).

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.41(D)(1), the Director of Finance has issued a then and now certificate, verifying that a sufficient sum was appropriated and in the City Treasury for the purpose of paying such charges under the contract both at the time the contract began and at the time the attached certificate was issued.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay W.W. Grainger, Inc. for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$654.48 to W.W. Grainger, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7369 for the purchase of reciprocating saw blades invoiced on July 18, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

WHEREAS, the City entered into a master agreement (contract no. 191R025077) with W.W. Grainger, Inc. (“Contractor”), effective June 27, 2019, to provide the City with electrical and industrial supplies, tools, equipment, maintenance, repairs, and operation; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, a change order was entered to extend the master agreement, which is now valid through January 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Fire Department purchased reciprocating saw blades through the master agreement and received an invoice from Contractor dated July 18, 2024, however a delivery order was inadvertently not created in the Cincinnati Financial System; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Regulation 14 stipulates purchases made against a contract, inclusive of purchases below the no-certification limit, require creation of a delivery order and approval by a Purchasing Agent in advance of purchase; and

WHEREAS, before the creation of a delivery order, and pursuant to the terms of the contract, Contractor provided the Cincinnati Fire Department with reciprocating saw blades at a cost of \$654.48; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D)(1), the Director of Finance has issued a certificate, attached to this ordinance, verifying that a sufficient sum was appropriated and in the City Treasury for the purpose of paying such charges under the contract both at the time the contract began and at the time the attached certificate was issued; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to provide payment to Contractor for the City’s outstanding obligation of \$654.48 for charges related to the purchase of reciprocating saw blades; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay \$654.48 to W.W. Grainger, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7369 for the purchase of reciprocating saw blades invoiced on July 18, 2024.



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

Section 3. 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 pay W.W. Grainger, Inc. for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

**CITY OF CINCINNATI**  
**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**  
**THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE**

I, Karen Alder, Director of Finance for the City of Cincinnati, state the following:

WHEREAS, the City entered into a master agreement (contract no. 191R025077) with W.W. Grainger, Inc. ("Contractor"), effective June 27, 2019, to provide the City with electrical and industrial supplies, tools, equipment, maintenance, repairs, and operation; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, a change order was entered to extend the master agreement, which is now valid through January 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Fire Department purchased reciprocating saw blades through the master agreement and received an invoice from Contractor dated July 18, 2024, however a delivery order was inadvertently not created in the Cincinnati Financial System; and

WHEREAS, before the creation of a delivery order, and pursuant to the terms of the contract, Contractor provided the Cincinnati Fire Department with reciprocating saw blades amounting to \$654.48; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. As of June 27, 2019, and as of the date this certificate was executed, I verify that the City Treasury held a sufficient sum that was appropriated and available for the purpose of paying for goods and services rendered under the City's contract with W.W. Grainger, Inc. This verification is conditioned upon and subject to Council's approval of an ordinance authorizing the drawing of a warrant in payment of amount due to W.W. Grainger, Inc. during this time period.

Signed,



Karen Alder, Director of Finance  
City of Cincinnati

Date: 9/16/24

October 2, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

202402111

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Fire Department: Then and Now  
Payment to Howell Rescue Systems, Inc.**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$10,072 to Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7259 for charges related to preventative maintenance and repair services for hydraulic rescue tools used by the Cincinnati Fire Department from August 26, 2024 through August 28, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the payment of \$10,072 to Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7259 for charges related to preventative maintenance and repair services for hydraulic rescue tools used by the Fire Department from August 26, 2024 through August 28, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

The City entered into a sole service agreement with Howell Rescue Systems, Inc., effective November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024, for hydraulic rescue tools and associated maintenance and repair services. On May 7, 2024, the Cincinnati Fire Department received a quote for preventative maintenance valued at \$8,385, and properly entered a delivery order (DO) for the quoted amount on June 12, 2024. A final invoice was received on August 29, 2024 in an amount greater than the delivery order due to cost increases, necessitating a then and now payment.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.41(D)(1), the Director of Finance has issued a then and now certificate, verifying that a sufficient sum was appropriated and in the City Treasury for the purpose of paying such charges under the contract both at the time the contract began and at the time the attached certificate was issued.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$10,072 to Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7259 for charges related to preventative maintenance and repair services for hydraulic rescue tools used by the Cincinnati Fire Department from August 26, 2024 through August 28, 2024, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

WHEREAS, the City entered into a sole source agreement (contract no. 232S008552) with Howell Rescue Systems Inc. (“Contractor”) effective November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024, for hydraulic rescue tools and associated maintenance and repair services for the Cincinnati Fire Department (“CFD”); and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, CFD received a quote from Contractor for \$8,385 for preventative maintenance, which included potential costs for replacement items and travel; and

WHEREAS, CFD certified funds and entered a delivery order against the sole source agreement on June 12, 2024 in the quoted amount of \$8,385 but did not account for potential cost increases; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2024, CFD received a final invoice from Contractor for \$10,072 for preventative maintenance and repair services from August 26, 2024 through August 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, because funds were originally certified in FY24 and because the Contractor cannot separate the invoice, the City agreed to authorize payment for the full invoice amount in FY25 and cancel the original certification for \$8,385 following the new payment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D)(1), the Director of Finance has issued a certificate, attached to this ordinance, verifying that a sufficient sum was appropriated and in the City Treasury for the purpose of paying such charges under the contract both at the time the contract began and at the time the attached certificate was issued; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to provide payment to Contractor for the City’s outstanding obligation of \$10,072 for charges related to preventative maintenance and repair services for hydraulic rescue tools used by CFD August 26, 2024 through August 28, 2024; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to make a payment of \$10,072 to Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5000x7259 for charges related to preventative maintenance

and repair services for hydraulic rescue tools used by the Cincinnati Fire Department from August 26, 2024 through August 28, 2024.

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

Section 3. 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 pay Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

**CITY OF CINCINNATI**  
**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**  
**THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE**

I, Karen Alder, Director of Finance for the City of Cincinnati, state the following:

WHEREAS, the City entered into a sole source agreement (contract no. 232S008552) with Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. ("Contractor") effective November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024, for hydraulic rescue tools and associated maintenance and repair services for the Cincinnati Fire Department ("CFD"); and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, CFD received a quote from Contractor for \$8,385 for preventative maintenance, which included potential costs for replacement items and travel; and

WHEREAS, CFD certified funds and entered a delivery order against the sole source agreement on June 12, 2024 in the quoted amount of \$8,385 but did not account for potential cost increases; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2024, CFD received a final invoice from Contractor for \$10,072 for preventative maintenance and repair services from August 26, 2024 through August 28, 2024; and


WHEREAS, because funds were originally certified in FY24 and because the Contractor cannot divide the invoice, the City agreed to authorize payment for the full invoice amount in FY25 and cancel the original certification for \$8,385 following the new payment; and

WHEREAS, Contractor therefore has not been compensated for the services it provided pursuant to the contract, in an amount of \$10,072;

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. As of August 26, 2024, and as of the date this certificate was executed, I hereby verify that the City Treasury held a sufficient sum that was appropriated and available for the purpose of paying for goods and services rendered under the City's contract with Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. This verification is conditioned upon and subject to Council's approval of an ordinance authorizing the drawing of a warrant in payment of amount due to Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. during this time period.

Signed,

  
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Karen Alder, Director of Finance  
City of Cincinnati

Date: 9/24/24



October 2, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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

202402113

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks Department: Then and Now Payment to Dell Marketing L.P.**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$4,800 from the Department of Parks General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x203x2000x7316 to Dell Marketing L.P. pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance, for outstanding charges related to the purchase of computer hardware used by the Parks Department.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the payment of \$4,800 from the Parks Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x203x2000x7361 to Dell Marketing L.P. pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance, for outstanding charges related to the purchase of computer hardware used by the Parks Department.

The City of Cincinnati has a master agreement (MA 107 MHEC-04152022) with Dell Marketing L.P. (“Dell”) to purchase various computer hardware, and the City had multiple purchase orders under this master agreement to purchase computer hardware from Dell. As a result of a misunderstanding regarding the appropriate purchase order and encumbrance to use for the purchase of computer hardware, the Parks Department attempted to pay a purchase order of \$4,800 for the purchase of computer hardware from the incorrect encumbrance, so the payment was not completed.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.41(D)(1), the Director of Finance has issued a then and now certificate, attached to this Emergency Ordinance, verifying that the City Treasury held a sufficient sum that was appropriated and available for the purpose of paying for goods and services rendered under the City’s contract with Dell Marketing L.P. both at the time the quote was issued and at the time the attached certificate was issued.

The Director of Finance is authorized to make a payment of \$4,800 from the Department of Parks General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x203x2000x7316, to Dell Marketing L.P. pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance, for outstanding charges related to the purchase of computer hardware used by the Parks Department.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay Dell for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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**AUTHORIZING** the payment of \$4,800 from the Department of Parks General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x203x2000x7316 to Dell Marketing L.P. pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance, for outstanding charges related to the purchase of computer hardware used by the Parks Department.

WHEREAS, the City has a master agreement (MA 107 MHEC-04152022) with Dell Marketing L.P. (“Dell”) to purchase various computer hardware, and the City had multiple purchase orders under this master agreement to purchase computer hardware from Dell; and

WHEREAS, as a result of a misunderstanding regarding the appropriate purchase order and encumbrance to use for the purchase of computer hardware, the Parks Department attempted to pay a purchase order of \$4,800 for the purchase of computer hardware from the incorrect encumbrance, so the payment was not completed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D)(1), the Director of Finance has issued a certificate, attached to this ordinance, verifying that a sufficient sum was appropriated and in the City Treasury for the purpose of paying such charges under the contract both at the time the quote was issued and at the time the attached certificate was issued; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to provide payment to Dell for its outstanding obligation of \$4,800 for the purchase of computer hardware by the Parks Department in May 2024; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to make a payment of \$4,800 from the Department of Parks General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x203x2000x7316, to Dell Marketing L.P. (“Dell”) pursuant to the attached certificate from the Director of Finance, for outstanding charges related to the purchase of computer hardware used by the Parks Department.

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

Section 3. 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 pay Dell for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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

**CITY OF CINCINNATI**  
**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**  
**THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE**

I, Karen Alder, Director of Finance for the City of Cincinnati, state the following:

WHEREAS, the City entered into a master agreement with Dell Marketing L.P. (“Contractor”) in 2022 for City departments to use for purchasing computer hardware; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department issued a purchase order for \$4,800 of computer hardware to Contractor on May 2, 2024, and Contractor sent an invoice for the purchase on May 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, through an oversight, the Parks Department attempted to pay the invoice through the wrong encumbrance for purchases from Contractor; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has not been compensated for the services provided, for the time period of May 2, 2024 through July 19, 2024, in an amount of \$4,800;

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. As of May 2, 2024, and as of the date this certificate was executed, I verify that the City Treasury held a sufficient sum that was appropriated and available for the purpose of paying for goods and services rendered under the City’s contract with Dell Marketing L.P. This verification is conditioned upon and subject to Council’s approval of an ordinance authorizing the drawing of a warrant in payment of amount due to Dell Marketing L.P. during this time period.

Signed,

  
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Karen Alder, Director of Finance  
City of Cincinnati

Date: 9/23/24

October 2, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

202402114

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

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – OES: Public Allies AmeriCorps Grant**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services from Public Allies AmeriCorps valued at up to \$120,000 to provide two full-time contracted positions to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services from Public Allies AmeriCorps valued at up to \$120,000 to provide two full-time contracted positions to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

This in-kind grant does not require matching resources or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

The City has already applied for the grant, but the in-kind services will not be accepted without City Council approval.

The establishment of a grant partnership between Public Allies AmeriCorps and the City is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181 - 186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to complete the grant agreement with Public Allies AmeriCorps by the October 15, 2024 deadline.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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## **EMERGENCY**

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**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services from Public Allies AmeriCorps valued at up to \$120,000 to provide two full-time contracted positions to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2023, Council adopted the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan (“Plan”) with its full list of recommendations set forth in Resolution 37-2023; and

WHEREAS, a grant is available from Public Allies AmeriCorps for in-kind services to provide the City with two full-time contracted positions to carry out key portions of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, this grant will allow the City to accelerate implementation of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require matching resources; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City has already applied for the grant, but in-kind services will not be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a grant partnership between Public Allies AmeriCorps and the City is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption” as described on pages 181 - 186 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 apply for and accept a grant of in-kind services from Public Allies AmeriCorps valued at up to \$120,000 to provide two full-time contracted positions to carry out key portions of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of the grant and Section 1.

Section 3. 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 complete the grant agreement with Public Allies AmeriCorps by the October 15, 2024 deadline.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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