

January 7, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202600032

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC): Appropriations for Golf Capital Budget

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 985x195x261947, “Golf Facilities Improvements,” to provide resources for building improvements, pavement installation, and irrigation enhancements at City-owned golf courses; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 985x195x261948, “Golf Equipment,” to provide resources for equipment acquisition for operating and maintaining City-owned golf courses, including but not limited to golf carts and agronomic equipment; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of \$4,179,267.75 from capital improvement program project account no. 985x195x251922, “Neumann Clubhouse Replacement,” to the unappropriated surplus of Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$4,179,267.75 from the unappropriated surplus of Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 985x195x261947, “Golf Facilities Improvements,” to provide resources for building improvements, pavement installation, and irrigation enhancements at City-owned golf courses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Municipal Golf Activities Fund 105 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 985x195x261947, “Golf Facilities Improvements,” to provide resources for building improvements, pavement installation, and irrigation enhancements at City-owned golf courses; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Municipal Golf Activities Fund 105 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 985x195x261948, “Golf Equipment,” to provide resources for equipment acquisition for operating and maintaining City-owned golf courses, including but not limited to golf carts and agronomic equipment.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance returns to source \$4,179,267.75 from the “Neumann Clubhouse Replacement” capital improvement program project account to the unappropriated surplus of Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860.

Due to changes in the project timeline for the Neumann Clubhouse Replacement project, funds are being reallocated to projects with more immediate needs.

Furthermore, the Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$4,179,267.75 unappropriated surplus of Park and Recreation Improvement Bond Fund 860 as well as \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Municipal Golf Activities Fund 105 to the newly established "Golf Facilities Improvements" capital project account to provide resources for building improvements, pavement installation, and irrigation enhancements at City-owned golf courses. Lastly, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Municipal Golf Activities Fund 105 to the newly established "Golf Equipment" capital improvement program project account to provide resources for equipment acquisition for operating and maintaining City-owned golf courses, including, but not limited to, golf carts and agronomic equipment.

On December 16, 2025, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Board approved the proposed funding for golf facilities improvements and equipment acquisition. Approval by the City Council is now required. Municipal Golf Activities Fund 105 receives no tax revenue and is completely self-sufficient.

Maintaining and improving City-owned golf courses in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" and strategy to "[d]ecrease mortality and chronic and acute diseases" as described on pages 181-185 and 187-188 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to acquire necessary equipment and implement various golf facility improvements.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

