

April 9, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council **202500734**

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

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Cincinnati Parks Foundation Donation for Lot 23 at Smale Riverfront Park**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of up to \$3,500,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to provide resources for permanent improvements to Lot 23 at Smale Riverfront Park; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252039, “Lot 23 Improvements,” to provide resources for permanent improvements to Lot 23 at Smale Riverfront Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$3,500,000 from Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252039, “Lot 23 Improvements,” to provide resources for permanent improvements to Lot 23 at Smale Riverfront Park.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept resources of up to \$3,500,000 from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to provide resources for permanent improvements to Lot 23 at Smale Riverfront Park. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the transfer and appropriation of up to \$3,500,000 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x252039, “Lot 23 Improvements,” to provide resources for permanent improvements to Lot 23 at Smale Riverfront Park.

On March 20, 2025, the Cincinnati Park Board accepted these resources from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation for the completion of Smale Riverfront Park Lot 23. Since the total estimated project cost is \$5,032,879, the Parks Department plans to use up to \$1,500,000 currently available in capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222001, “Smale Riverfront Park,” and up to \$172,215 currently available in capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x212005, “Smale Riverfront Design,” to cover anticipated costs of this project. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this donation.

Providing resources for improvements to Lot 23 at Smale Riverfront Park is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 207-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept and appropriate the donated funds so the City can enter into any contracts necessary to avoid project delays.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

